Present: Tim Strauss (Geography), Chuck Holcombe (History, Vice Chair of the Senate), Cyndi Dunn (SAC), Andy Gilpin (Psychology; Chair of the Senate), Ga-Young Choi (Social Work, Secretary of the Senate), Kristi Rose (Military Science), Elaine Eshbaugh, (SAHS), Ramona McNeal (Political Science), Brenda Bass (Interim Dean).

I. Approval of minutes from Monday, March 3rd meeting.

Elaine Eshbaugh makes a motion to approve the minutes and Ramona McNeal seconds. Minutes are approved without changes made.

II. Update on Faculty Committee Elections.

The election process will start this week. Andy Gilpin will electronically send out solicitations for faculty committee election.

III. Request for Emeritus Faculty Status for two professors:

i. Dhirendra K. Vajpeyi, professor at the Department of Political Science

ii. Gene M. Lutz, professor at the Department of SAC and the Director of Center for Social and Behavioral Research (CSBR)

- Ramona McNeal nominates Dhirendra K. Vajpeyi for Emeritus Professor Status. A brief comment from McNeal followed: The nominee started faculty position at UNI in 1960s, was a chair of the Dept. of Political Science for 12 years, edited numerous books, and has been actively involved in committees.

The Senate votes to approve Dhirendra K. Vajpeyi for the title of Emeritus Professor.

- Cyndi Dunn nominates Gene Lutz for Emeritus Professor Status following a brief comments: Gene Lutz started to work at the UNI in 1973. He created the CSBR in 1988. Lutz is very knowledgeable about UNI and has contributed to several committees throughout his tenure at UNI.

Elaine Eshbaugh seconds the nomination and the motion carries.

- The procedure of approving the requests for Emeritus Faculty status upon the CSBS Senate’s approval includes: 1) The CSBS Senate Chair will write a brief paragraph about the contributions the above two professors have made to UNI. 2) Then, the report will be signed by the CSBS Dean, and 3) it will move up to the University Senate.
IV. Comments and Announcement from the Dean

1) Efficiency Study
   • After this week’s interviews with the Board of Regents, we will have a better sense about the efficiency study process.
   • According to the open forum held on April 7, academic programs will not be examined in-depths until fall.
   • Dean Bass plans to talk more about the efficiency study in next Senate meeting once she gains more information after the interviews with the efficiency study staff.

2) Staff & Faculty Reception
   • Staff & faculty reception is scheduled on Tuesday, April 22, 3:30pm-5pm at Georgian lounge.
   • Recently tenured faculty, retirements of staff and faculty as well as Purple and Old Gold students will be recognized at the reception.

3) Open House
   • A recent Saturday Open House held on March 29th had the second largest number of participants including guests and prospective students. A total of 584 (182 high school students, 55 transfer students, and 347 guests) visited the Open House. November 13th meeting was the biggest in size with a total of 832 participants combining 261 high school students, 58 transfer students, and 513 guests.
   • Dean appreciates faculty who participated in the recruitment activities that also took place on Fridays and Saturdays.
   • Dean will bring more information regarding applications to UNI in relation to the Open House activities in a future meeting.

V. Adjournment

Elaine Eshbaugh moves for adjournment. Ramona McNeal seconds, and motion passes.

Meeting adjourns.

Next meeting will be on April 21.

Respectfully submitted,

Ga-Young Choi