Minutes of the CSBS Senate Meeting on 12/6/10

Present: Tim Strauss (Chair, Geography), Carol Weisenberger (History), Taifa Yu (Political Science), Cyndi Dunn (SAC), Gowri Betrabet-Gulwadi (SAHS), Jim McCullagh (Social Work), Philip Mauceri (Dean)

I. Approval of the minutes from 11/1/10

After some discussion, the minutes from 11/1/10 were approved with no changes.

II. Faculty award nominations

The senate nominated John Johnson (History) for the Regents Award for Faculty Excellence. The senate nominated Kristin Mack (SAC) for the Class of 1943 Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Chair Strauss noted that Kim MacLin has accepted the appointment as the CSBS representative to the University Teaching and Service Award Committee.

III. Curriculum process for spring

The senate set a deadline of Jan. 21 for the submission of departmental curriculum packages. The Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminology was granted an extended deadline of February 1 due to extensive reorganization of its M.A. programs.

IV. Agenda for January 24

The next scheduled meeting of the college senate is Monday, January 24. At that meeting, the senate will discuss nominations for the Lubker Award, set a schedule for curriculum review for the spring semester, and have further discussion of the proposed new award to recognize external organizations which have made significant contributions to learning opportunities for UNI students. Senator Betrabet-Gulwadi will not be present at that meeting. She noted that faculty in the School of Applied Human Sciences support the creation of such an award at either the college or university level and that it should be designed to have “meaning and traction” for the organizations receiving it.

V. Comments from the Dean

The renovations of Sabin Hall are complete and “exceed expectations.” All departments will be moved into the new building by the start of the spring semester. Faculty are encouraged to visit the classrooms in which they will be teaching and may borrow room keys from Holly if the classrooms are locked over break. Faculty using multi-media equipment should also check out an equipment key from Holly Bokelman. Dean Mauceri will consult with Mark Dobie and Tom Turner about scheduling faculty orientation sessions for the new equipment during the week prior to the start of classes. Regular classrooms will have computers installed. Seminar rooms will have a projector but no computer. Faculty who need to check out a laptop for use in the
seminar rooms should contact Mark Dobie. Dean Mauceri will investigate the availability of VCR units for faculty who need to show video tapes.

Dean Mauceri is preparing a new set of Dean’s Challenge Grants to be announced later this month with due dates of February 15. These will include grants for preparation of external grant proposals, research involving community engagement, innovative teaching, and possibly a fourth category for international research.

The university is concluding its search for a director for the Liberal Arts Core. Robert Dise and Deirdre Heistad are the finalists for the position. The new director will assume his or her responsibilities for the spring semester. The committee charged with reorganizing the LAC will be presenting several possible models to the campus in the spring for input and discussion.

The university is also conducting an external search for a director for the Office of International Programs. Dean Mauceri is serving on that search committee.

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cyndi Dunn