FACULTY SENATE
Wright State University - Lake Campus
November 8, 2002

MINUTES OF MEETING

Members Present:  Joe Cavanaugh  Robert Hiskey  Alex Pittman
                  Anita Curry-Jackson  Ron Kremer  Jim Schwartz
                  Colleen Fawcett  Roger McDermott  Ken Strickland
                  Humphrey Gill  Mindy McNutt  John Wolfe

Guests:  Thomas Knapke

Call to Order:  Faculty Senate President Robert Hiskey called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m.

Approval of Minutes:  Strickland made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Schwartz pointed out that Pittman’s name was misspelled. With that correction, the minutes were approved unanimously.

Dean Report:  Dean Curry-Jackson stated that a study of the facilities has been undertaken. The plan calls for remodeling the auditorium for use by student services. Using a handout, Dean Curry-Jackson presented possible scenarios of the project.

Scenario #1 proposes a connector from Dwyer Hall to Ternary Laboratory. In response to a question by Cavanaugh, Curry-Jackson stated that the connector may have study space included. Pittman was concerned that the plan eliminated the south exit door of the library. Gill pointed out that this plan actually reduces classroom space. In reply to a question by Fawcett, Curry-Jackson stated that the present student services area would become a conference room and office space for non-faculty personnel. Kremer stated that it was positive to move student services to the front of the building.

Scenario #2 had the same plan for student services, and a larger (10,000 square feet) connector. Meeting rooms would be housed in the connector. McNutt pointed out that the present auditorium contains 2,400 square feet. In reply to a question by Wolfe, Curry-Jackson replied the connector would probably be one story. She noted that maintenance would be moved out of the areas adjacent to the cafeteria.

Scenario #3 called for remodeling of the auditorium to a capacity of 230 seats, an addition housing student services, and a 5,550 square feet connector. In response to a question by Wolfe, Curry-Jackson replied that the student services area would be at the new entrance.

Scenario #4 proposed the connector, a remodeled student services area, and construction of a new 250 seat auditorium. Wolfe pointed out that there was no real change in this scenario, and therefore, no purpose.

In response to McDermott, Curry-Jackson stated that the project will be driven by available funds. Scenario #1 has been eliminated. Cavanaugh stated that a second story on the connector would offer a better chance to manage growth. Knapke stated that another scenario would be to add more square footage to the connector in
scenario #3. Curry-Jackson stated that there will be additional meetings with the consultants on November 21st. She noted that science faculty have expressed concerns about the renovations.

Curry-Jackson reminded Senate of the memo of 11/1/02 concerning faculty employment outside the university.

There is a salary pool for making adjustments to faculty salaries which may not accurately reflect market value or years of service. The faculty member must initiate the request.

Curry-Jackson also reported that a strategic planning session will be held November 15th, chaired by Robert Sweeney and Jacquie McMillan. She urged faculty to give considerable time and input to Goal #2. She also emphasized Goal #3A.

Associate Dean’s Report:

Hiskey presented the Associate Dean’s report. Schumm encourages faculty to peruse the new General Education courses. He is currently reviewing check sheets for specific degrees to ascertain conformance.

WSU-LC Committee Reports:

Curriculum – McDermott reported that the latest revision of the bylaws has been completed. Faculty should receive a copy today or Tuesday, and have about two weeks to review the document. A paper ballot on the approval will be forthcoming. McDermott stated that if faculty has major disagreements, they should discuss them with committee members or vote no. The committee will then advise Dr. William Rickert of the vote. McDermott thanked everyone who had worked on this project.

Governance and By-Laws – Kremer reported that there will be a vote on adoption of the bylaws.

Library – Pittman reported on course packs and promised more forthcoming information.

Petitions – Wolfe reported that two petitions were resubmitted and approved. There was some confusion on the membership of the petitions committee, and who the chair is.

Old Business:

Curry-Jackson reminded faculty to provide academic feedback to students prior to the drop-date. She requested that the tutoring option be placed on syllabi.

Wolfe pointed out the more than 20 students with identified disabilities attend WSU-LC. He is unable to keep lists to share with faculty, and students often do not share this information with the instructor. Hiskey requested that Wolfe draft a policy on the matter.

New Business:

New business concerned possible changes in Faculty Senate meeting times as the class schedule changes.

In response to Cavanaugh, Curry-Jackson state she has written a memo requesting the schedule include a block of free time.
Knapke reported on an excellent visit by President Goldenberg. He visited local industries including Dannon and Precision Strip.

Knapke also discussed the recent, successful trip to Japan. In December there will be a meeting with the Japanese trade representative at the Lake Campus.

Strickland urged everyone to attend the Art’s Council’s Jazz Concert, Saturday evening. Wolfe also urged everyone to attend the Moscow Boys’ Choir, December 1, at Holy Trinity Church in Coldwater.

Curry-Jackson reported that the men’s and women’s basketball teams were victorious last evening.

Strickland reported that the Rotaract Club will be serving pizza and pop in the cafeteria, Wednesday, November 20, at noon. They will be assisting with the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Christmas Party in December, and will deliver Goodfellow boxes in St. Marys, Christmas Eve.

Adjournment: McDermott made a motion to adjourn. the motion was seconded by Wolfe. President Hiskey adjourned the meeting at 11:47 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kenton E. Strickland
Acting Secretary