

Faculty Senate - Minutes for August 10, 2009

1. President Blanchard discussed the budget situation. Cuts of 6% or 8% are likely, but the President is hopeful that we will be able to protect existing positions. The possibility of furloughs will be discussed by the Board of Regents tomorrow. It is anticipated that there will be six furlough days for this academic year.

There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony at the new Magnolia dorm on Friday. An architect has been hired for the new Health and Human Services building. The back of the Administration Building is being renovated. The golf program received a final rejection from the PGA. A non-accredited golf management program will be started. The student cafeteria will be expanded.

Vice President Adler added that each furlough day is essentially a .38% salary cut, but there is no benefit cut for retirement contributions.

2. Committee assignments were made for the 2009-2010 year. Faculty were assigned to committees based on preferences, the needs of the committee, the expertise of the faculty members, Faculty Senate representation, and balance across the various schools.

3. We discussed the need for a reserved time slot on the Monday morning of planning week. This would give the Faculty Senate time to make committee assignments. A motion was made by Kathy Barnetson and seconded by Stephanie Harvey. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. Bonnie Simmons volunteered to serve as the secretary.

5. Meeting times for the fall were discussed. The best time appears to be Mondays at 5:00.

Attendance: Paul Shapiro, Carol Bishop, Keaton Wynn, Brian Adler, Cecilia Maldonado, Ru Story-Huffman, Bonnie Simmons, Kendall Blanchard, Stephanie Harvey, Julia Dorminey, Kathy Barnetson, Genie Bryant, Brian Smith, Anh-Hue Tu