The Faculty Senate met on Wednesday, March 8, 2006 in the Matador Room in the Student Union Building, with President John Howe presiding. Senators present were: Johnson, Perry, Davis, Gallegos, Boros, Carr, Drager, Dunham, Grair, Grappendorff, Grass, Hart, Howe, Myles, Niwayama, Rahnama, Schaller, Smucker, Toda, Bremer, Ritchey, Agnello, Klinker, Olivarez, Collins, Lakhani, Thompson, Blum, Reifman, Kreidler, Spurrer, Whitfield, Chambers, Oskam, Durham, Garner, Geibar, Meek, Alvarado, Ellis, Marbrey, Mayer, Morse, Hernandez-Sheets and Smith. Senators excused were: Brooks, Doerfert, Kvashny.

I. Call to Order. President John Howe called Meeting #259 to order at 3:23 pm, March 8, 2006.

II. Recognition of Guests. President Howe recognized the following guests: Vice Provost James Brink, Provost William Marcy, Past Faculty Senate President Gene Wilde, Faculty Assistant to the President Mary Jane Hurst, Parliamentarian Clarke Cochran, Liaison from the Staff Senate Rebecca Owen, Associate Vice Chancellor Lynn Denton, Kathy Austin, Interim Dean CVP Jonathan Marks, Kathy Kinney.

III. Approval of Minutes. Minutes of Meeting #258 brought forward for approval by President Howe. Minutes approved.

IV. Invited Guests: [1:47-46:00]


President Howe and Senator Garner discussed the processes of the election details. Ballots were distributed to the members and a runoff election was conducted for the office of Secretary. Biographical sketches of each of the candidates were provided with the meeting agenda. The results of the elections are as follows: President, Jim Smith; Vice President, Shane Blum; and Secretary Christine Alvarado.

President Howe thanked the work of the Nomination Committee and Patty in developing a slate of candidates for each office.

b. Faculty Status and Welfare [1:07:23-1:07:35]

Senators Smucker announced the committee has met and begun working on a review of faculty benefits.

c. Liaison Report [56:12-1:07:18]

i. Senator Perry, Liaison to the University Parking Services Advisory Committee

Senator Perry mentioned the University Parking Services Advisory Committee did meet and future meetings will be held once each long semester and once during the summer. The Committee has several upcoming initiatives that include expectant mother parking, motorist assistance program, entry station upgrades, and motorcycle parking program to just name a few. The meeting agenda, University Parking Services organizational chart, committee briefing, and details on the stork parking for expectant mothers and the motorist assistance program are included in the appendix of the minutes.

ii. Rebecca Owens, Liaison to the Staff Senate. [1:07:40-1:08:39]

Liaison Owens indicated the Staff Senate has decided not to support the Fall Break as presented by the Student Senate and they did not provide alternatives to their proposal. They will be happy to work with the students on a plan that is acceptable to everyone.

VI. New Business [1:08:41-1:11:08]

a. Early Tenure and Promotion. [1:08:59-1:11:08]

President Howe asked Provost Marcy to address the recent tenure and promotion judgments, especially those cases where promotion was awarded but not tenure. Provost Marcy indicated the candidates were judged on a case by case basis and promotion and tenure may be awarded independently as they have separate criteria and separate ballots.


a. President Howe announced

i. The Presidents Excellence in Academic Advising Award packets must be submitted to the Provost’s office by 5 pm on March 31st.

ii. Town Hall “Meet the Presidents” Address is March 23 at 5:15 in HS 169 with a reception to follow in the Canyon Room.

b. Announcements regarding the Board of Regents’ Meeting

i. No final plans have been made regarding the search committee for the next Chancellor.

ii. Regent’s approved the tuition increase at the Health Sciences Center and a reduced increase in tuition on the main campus.

iii. President Whitmore has suggested a 2% raise in the budget.

c. Reception in the Faculty Lounge following the meeting.

VIII. Adjournment. Meeting was adjourned at 4:46 pm.