

Governing Council Minutes

7 September 2007

1:30 pm

Meeting was called by Mike Sturdivant

Members present: Mike Sturdivant, Dan Kostopoulos, Ron Luckow, Caroline Hunter, Chris Robbins, Alex Cooper, and Charles Mullins. Members absent: Danny Moix, Alaine Martaus, Eric Green, and Joe Spradlin.

Old Business: There was one mistake to the minutes from 10 August noted. It was corrected and the minutes were approved after a recommendation to do so.

New Business:

- I. Mike Sturdivant updated the Governing Council on the progress of going through the handbook and distinguishing between policy and procedure. He went over his meetings with the Faculty Affairs committee, Diana Arms, Bill Currier, and Kay Provus. He also explained that according to Janet Hugo, “[p]olicy is how we conduct business. The procedure would be the step to accomplish that.”
- II. Next, Mike Sturdivant outlined three potential changes to the Student Handbook. The first was to raise the number of credits required for a focus from 1 ½ to 2 ½. The second was to do away with the focus altogether. Still, a third proposal was to create a Humanities focus. There was significant discussion about all three and the general consensus was that doing away with the focus was the best of these proposals. However, all agreed that no action should be taken without input from faculty, staff, and students. There was also discussion as to which committee would handle such an issue: Curriculum Review or Student Handbook. It was agreed that both committees should be involved by having them form a subcommittee with members from both committees

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 pm.

Submitted by Dan S. Kostopoulos, Secretary.

Approved: Date _____