

Minutes
Faculty Forum
March 15, 2006
2:00-3:30pm
Dolan Auditorium

1. Ernie DeZolt called the meeting to order and gave an invocation.
2. The minutes were approved with two editorial corrections from Dick Horwath.
3. Ernie DeZolt handed the floor over to Garry Homany from the Business office, who announced that on March 30 at 3:30 in Dolan Auditorium there would be a presentation about sexual harassment and personal liability. There will be a guest speaker for this, Cindy Ann Thomas.
4. Ernie DeZolt handed the floor over to Paul Shick, FFEC member and author of the proposed constitution for the Faculty Governance Assembly. Paul announced the “game plan” for the passage of the constitution, which includes voting to send out the proposal for a vote of the full faculty (a majority of those voting would be needed to pass). If the proposal passes, at that time amendments would be proposed by the Handbook committee, which would require a majority of all faculty with voting rights in favor to pass. Paul then began the discussion of the controversial parts of the constitution
 - a. Dick Horwath suggested that we include an explicit prohibition of proxy voting at Faculty Council meetings. After some discussion, it was decided that this was a good idea. Discussion of the divisional representative structure and the quota for untenured faculty ensued. Discussion of potential At-large decisions and the inclusion of a By-law about the ordering of divisional and at-large elections ensued. We discussed the language of the faculty meetings (and timing), the form of voting, term limits, and limits to the number of committees that faculty may be on. All changes are reflected in the proposed FGA constitution.
5. The meeting was adjourned, having taken straw polls of the major issues but without a quorum to decide to send out the proposal to a vote of the faculty.

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