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Faculty Senate: June 1, 2012 1st Session (May Meeting continuation)

Members Present and Represented (by proxy): M.A. Adams, J. Anderson, A. Branton, D. Daves, D. Conville, K. Davis, J. Ding (M. Naquin), D. Douglas (A. Branton), M. Dugan, D. Fletcher, S. Reischman Fletcher, L. Flynn, T. Hartsell, L. Iglesias (A. Branton), D. Lunsford, M. Lux, M. Naquin, W. Odom (K. Greene), S. Oshrin, R. Press (K. Greene), T. Rehner, K. Shelley, A. Sevier, C. Sirola, P. Smith, L. Story, D. Tingstrom, T. Zelter.

Absent: L. Agler, R. Buchanan, K. Dillon, M. Elasri, A. Haley, D. Masterson, C. McCormick, C. Meyers, L. Nored, S. Piland, J. H. Shin, J. Wiggert

Guests: B. Powell, T. Laird, R. Maddox, E. Kemp, K. Reidenbach

Recommence May meeting: 2:00PM

1.1 Other Business (from May meeting)

1.1.1 Presentation of Resolution to Dr. Saunders

1.1.2 President's Report

- President Rehner summarized the year's achievements during the academic year 2011/2012: made progress in keeping strategic planning as a concern; highlighted tenure as a value; participated in creating a policy on classroom conduct; committee on strategic enrollment now has faculty senate representative, Coast Guidelines were addressed; issue of salary raises to address compression have been an issue of concern; Faculty Senate has been supported by Provost Wiesenburg and many academic deans; endorsed multiyear contracts for clinical faculty; endorsed a mentoring program for faculty; two resolutions in support of Russ Willis and Dr. Saunders were presented; Barnes and Nobles textbook purchasing process was explored and revised; Faculty Senate election process was streamlined; engaged in review of the Faculty Handbook policy on emeritus status and evaluation of chairs; Faculty Senate representatives served on the administrative search committees for VP of Administrative Affairs and influenced the selection of the Athletics Director.
- Year's surprises included the recognition that the university is "ours"...faculty outlast administrators. Changes in administration, positions of president and provost in particular.
- It has been a privilege to serve in being Faculty Senate president. The position is unique, and more enjoyable than expected. Grateful for the opportunity to be senate president and the opportunity to work with the FS executive committee.
- Last words: this is "our" place, we need to take every seat offered, we need to move our influence forward, make the most of the influence that we do have.
- Recognized and thanked the seven senators rotating off of Faculty Senate for their service and challenged the new senators to be active members. Challenged the entire senate to keep their eyes and ears open and be involved when opportunities arise especially in ongoing administrative searches, as we look for a diverse pool in selection process for the new president.

2.0 Officers Reports (continued)

2.1 President-elect

Mary Anne Adams presented a resolution to President Rehner thanking him for his service to Faculty Senate and all his contributions to the Senate as president and his eight years as a FS senator. Appreciation gifts were presented.

3.0 Adjournment of May meeting and 2011/2012 Faculty Senate year.