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Minutes Faculty Senate Academic Affairs Committee April 3, 2008

Present: Kim Bartel, Joe Brooks, Tim Dittmer, Krystal Noga, Sura Rath, Marla Wyatt and Carolyn Wells.

Absent: Tim Englund, Dan Neighbors and Danielle Howard.

Guest(s): None

Meeting was called to order at 3:18 pm by Chair Kim Bartel

Minutes from the February 28, 2008. Minutes approved with amendments.

Unfinished Business –

Grade Inflation – Carolyn did a tremendous amount of work since the last meeting putting together data. Kim talked with Tracy Terrell regarding this subject as well. She gave Kim a book "Current trends in Grades and Grading Practices in Higher Ed". Kim suggested inviting Tracy to one of the committee meetings. Carolyn explained how she obtained the data for the GPA averages. The data doesn't show there to be a lot of variance over the last 15 years, but a significant difference in averages between departments. Narrative comments from departments on how they control grade inflation. The committee asked that Craig Johnson and Tracy Terrell be invited to future meetings. Carolyn will get data for as many additional departments as possible. She will send the data to Tim Dittmer to do additional statistical analysis.

Catalog charge – Kim put together a draft of a faculty survey regarding catalog use. She is working with Jesse Days to try and put together this survey. The committee reviewed the draft and provided suggestions to Kim.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Next meeting April 10 at 3:15 p.m.