

**FACULTY SENATE STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2007 – 3:00 PM – 206F SHELBY HALL**

APPROVED MINUTES

ATTENDING: Karen Steckol, Clark Midkiff, Lowell Baker, Marcia Barrett, Carolyn Cassidy, Margaret Garner, Martin Evans, Shane Street, Mathew Winston

GUEST: Cresandra Smothers, Dialog

The minutes of the Faculty Senate Steering Committee meeting held December 12, 2006 were approved.

Vice President Karen Steckol, filling in for President John Vincent, opened the meeting noting the senate's term ends in less than three months. Committees were urged to bring major issues to fruition before April.

In the past a grace period was given faculty members to change **grades**. A grade is locked in once it has been submitted in the new system. A faculty member now fills out a change of grade form with three or four copies to be processed adding time and expense. Methods are being researched to change this situation.

In discussing the hiring of a new **football coach** and his salary, it was pointed out that the Athletic Department is self-supporting. It also supports all other sports other than basketball. Also discussed were the tax status of the NCAA and Athletic Department donations. The contribution to academics by the Athletic Department was cut significantly when the Athletic Department Capital Campaign began. The discussion of advantages of a successful football program at an institution included the points that student enrollment and donations increase.

Vice President's Report – (*Karen Steckol*) No report.

Secretary's Report – (*Clark Midkiff*) No report.

Academic Affairs – (*Marcia Barrett & Martin Evans*) The process of accessing student transcripts and files was discussed. The recommendation of the Steering Committee is to request the Provost make certain the process complies with legal requirements.

Faculty Life – (*Steve Shepard & Lowell Baker*) No report.

Financial Affairs – (*David Arnold & Jeanette Vandermeer*) No report.

Research & Service – (*Shane Street & Clark Midkiff*) The Provost has agreed that faculty should have representation on the **Intellectual Property Committee**. The Intellectual Property Committee now functions with four people from the Office of Research. The Provost also agreed that faculty members should not be excluded from negotiations of intellectual property

rights. Other methods are being discussed to give an impartial review of the intellectual property rights process.

Faculty & Senate Governance – (*John Mason & Douglas Lightfoot*) No report.

Student Affairs – (*Carolyn Cassady & Karen Burgess*) No report.

Legislative Agenda – (*Margaret Garner*) Hinton Mitchem has been elected Senate pro tem.

Meeting adjourned 4:10 PM