Faculty Senate Planning & Operations Committee March 5, 2001 Meeting

Present: Marcia Barrett, Carol Donovan, Bill Keel, Michael Triche

Renovation Schedule

A copy of the University Major Renovation Schedule has been distributed to all committee members. Jeff Neighbors, director of facility planning and compiler of the document, is scheduled to come speak at the next committee meeting.

At this point, committee members expressed a few general concerns about the document:

Has there been any communication with the various divisions about the renovation schedule?

With certain classes, it will be difficult to relocate to another location (special equipment needed, etc.).

It can be a hardship for people in one department to be scattered all over campus during a renovation.

This will be discussed in more detail after we speak with Jeff Neighbors.

ACHE Faculty Workload Issue

Bill Keel has mounted ACHE's draft of the data dictionary for faculty unit workload onto the Senate website. It can be found under Miscellaneous Documents. Concerns with the document as it is are:

It is possible to identify individual faculty members from data collected.

Workload is represented entirely by credit-hour instruction and is not representative of real workload. Faculty would probably prefer to report additional information. As it is, it looks as if instruction is the only function of a university.

This is an unfunded mandate and will place a burden on institutions to collect the data.

Standards for assigning percentage of workload to classroom instruction vary among divisions. Uniform reporting standards would need to be defined and implemented.

Inclusion of teaching assistants in the data collection process is not part of the legislative mandate.

Bill Keel agreed to draft a proposal for discussion at the Steering Committee meeting.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be April 3.