

## Winthrop University Faculty Conference

December 3, 2010

2 pm Whitton Auditorium, Carroll Hall

### Minutes

I. The meeting was called to order at 2:00; the faculty voted to do business in the absence of a quorum.

II. The minutes from the October 8, 2010 meeting were approved as distributed.

#### III. **Report from the Chair** Marsha Bollinger

Dr. Bollinger reported on the November Board Meeting, including several Board Committees and the Full Board meeting. She reviewed the five resolutions that were passed; see the [Board of Trustees web site](#) for more information. Dr. Bollinger also reported on the November SACS Steering Committee. She stated that we received the SACS Off-Site Committee Report - Preliminary Findings of Compliance.

#### IV. **Report from the President** Anthony DiGiorgio

Dr. DiGiorgio began by announcing the blending of the campus tree lighting with Rock Hill's Christmasville. The President updated the faculty on where Winthrop is currently. He stated that economic recovery is slow at the Federal, State and Regional levels. At the Federal level, things are uncharted and precarious. At the State level, Unemployment, Social Services and the Criminal Justice System are all in the red. Dr. DiGiorgio stated that South Carolina's unemployment had stabilized at eleven percent. On the topic of Readiness Winthrop, Dr. DiGiorgio revealed that Winthrop was going to put things in "market terms" so everyone understands. Dr. DiGiorgio concluded his report by discussing campus development challenges. He stated the possible use of the Coca Cola factory for the Design. He also said that the Bookworm may be used to house Archives in the future.

V. **Report from the VP for Academic Affairs** Dr. Moore was ill and unable to attend the meeting.

#### VI. **Committee Reports**

Academic Council Dave Pretty

Dr. Pretty presented materials for information only. Please see the [agenda and materials](#) for details.

Personnel Committee Siobhan Brownson

The faculty voted for an individual to serve on Judicial Council.

Rules Committee Mark Mitchell

The faculty voted to place Article IX – Section 4 of the Faculty Conference Bylaws on the agenda for the March 11, 2011 Faculty Conference meeting. Recommended changes can be found in the [agenda and materials](#) for this meeting.

University Life Matthew Manwarren

A written report was provided with the [agenda](#).

University Priorities

Scott Huffmon

Dr. Huffmon reported that the document provided with the [agenda](#) would be updated and posted to the Faculty Conference webpage.

Roles and Rewards Committee

Beth Costner

Dr. Costner reported that the Committee was still in the editing stage. The Committee is to present the document to Faculty Assemblies on January 28. The document will be presented for vote at the March 11 Faculty Conference meeting.

SACS Report

Karen Jones, Pat Graham

Winthrop is doing well with the Reaffirmation process. The preliminary findings of the off-site team on the Compliance Report were reviewed. The conference was reminded that the QEP is now the "Global Learning Initiative."

TALONS Report

Cheryl Fortner-Wood, Tim Druieke

Tim Druieke reminded the faculty that this semester marks Banner's first end-of-term use. He also stated that Banner Finance is up and running and Human Resource Banner should be fully functional by July 1. More updates to come.

**VII. Unfinished business**

Academic Freedom definition

Rebecca Evers

The Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee requested the endorsement of the following statements provided with the [agenda](#). The statement was not endorsed. The Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee were asked to clarify the use of the terms "public citizens" and "private citizens."

**VIII. New business**

There was no new business.

**IX. Announcements**

The registrar announced grading deadlines for the semester.

**X. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 3:44.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dr. L. Mark Lewis