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We began at 1:10 p.m. There was not a quorum. Adelle Sanders introduced her guests.

1. Provost's Report
IRB is trying for full membership before HLC visit. Chris Easley is moving ahead with planning for the retreat.

2. Diane Dates Casey
Casey introduced Eric Wignall who is the new director for the Center of Online Teaching and Learning. There will be a reception next week. Casey then shared with Senate two policy updates:
Policy 66: Interim Policy. This is in review process, not for approval. It concerns how to get information on the TV monitors around campus. People should take their information to Public Affairs, such as Open House, Program or College-related news.
Policy 65: This concerns web-based publications, such as blogs and wikis. There was discussion on censorship, who posts information on the web, such as syllabi, the format of syllabi (such as short form) and ownership of material.

Lyon called the meeting to order at 1:45 when a quorum of members arrived.

3. Approval of minutes
Minutes from February 15, 2006 were approved with changes to policies committee: “Automated degree” sentence and “The proposal” sentence removed.

4. Committee Reports
University Curriculum Committee (Muhammad)
RNUI—three coming forth in April in COE and CHP

Academic Program Review Committee (APRC) (Winicki)
No report.

Educational Policies Committee (Tymkow)
Policy 2: needs a considerable amount of work because of online implications.
Online Survey Policy: sent back for clarification. They are working on policy review inventory.

Bargaining Unit (Katz)
No report. (FYI: I met Marsha in the hall at 2:50, shortly after we adjourned. She had a report, but Senate had just adjourned.)

Executive Committee (Lyon)
Elections to be held in April; ballots will be distributed in March. Concerning the issues Andrews suggested for a white paper, Senate Executive Committee thought about surveying the faculty about their concerns instead.

University Assessment Committee (Wojcik)
The committee is finalizing recommendations for the alumni survey.

IBHE Advisory Council: (Wojcik)
Council met at Northeastern Illinois State University in January. They discussed student debt and issues of teacher preparation. They met at St. Francis College of Nursing, Peoria, in February, and spoke about aligning multiple groups to communicate the needs of higher education to legislators.

New Business
1. Catalina Ramos, Director of Latino Center for Excellence
Ramos told Senate about Grant assistance for students and faculty to enhance teaching techniques. A retreat will be held, in conjunction with Morton College, April 13 and 14, at Grand Geneva Resort in Wisconsin. Incentives are an overnight stay. Chicago School of Professional Psychology will present seminars such as reflective teaching, language proficiency, and building language communities. A brochure will be coming out soon. This opportunity will be offered to full-time professors; they can bring significant others. Thirty can come from GSU and 20 from Morton College. No details were given about selection process.

2. Revising By-laws about summer meetings. With the 10-month contract, the Senate does not meet in July or August.
3. Rudloff brought up his concern about GSU's move to get rid of Eluminate and replace it with Horizon because it does not work. He has written an email to Casey and the Deans expressing his concern. He will send Lyon a copy of the email and feels the faculty should be involved in the decision-making process. We need the proper tools to do our work. Sanders added that the new version of WebCT does not work well either. A motion was made to send a list of concerns to the faculty, such as the survey we are currently developing. Then we can prioritize our concerns and discuss them with the new president. After discussion, the motion was seconded and approved.

4. Klomes brought up 2 items to be taken to executive committee: 1) syllabi that are placed on the web can be easily pirated; would like consideration that our syllabi not be placed on the web or only an abbreviated form; 2) there are now two retreats proposed for April 13th, one for the entire Senate, APRC, UCC, one for the executive Senate and Board. Suggest talk to Michael about schedules.

Old Business
None.

Adjournment
The meeting was dismissed at 2:45 P. M.