

Minutes
General Faculty Meeting
November 17, 2005

The SPSU Faculty met in the Burruss Auditorium at noon on November 17, 2005, Faculty Moderator Mark Stevens presiding.

1. Quorum

The Moderator reported that quorum was present.

2. Approval of General Faculty Minutes

The faculty approved the Minutes of the General Faculty meeting of October 20, 2005.

3. Approval of Committee Minutes

The faculty approved the following committee minutes:

- Faculty Senate October 27, 2005
- Student Life, October 5, 2005
- Graduate Programs, September 29, 2005
- Undergraduate Curriculum, November 2005
- Undergraduate Student Status, November 1, 2005
- UITAC, October 16, 2005

The Faculty Senate minutes of October 13, 2005 were withheld for revision. The Moderator is looking into the posting of the Graduate Council minutes.

4. Approval of Fall 2005 Graduation List

The faculty approved the Fall 2005 graduation list

5. Approval of Summer 2006 Academic Calendar

After a lengthy discussion the faculty approved the summer 2006 Academic Calendar.

6. Vote for Bill Burnett's Faculty Council Position

The moderator requested nominations to fill Bill Burnett's position in the Faculty Council. The Faculty Senate will consider nominees when appointing a replacement at its December 1 meeting.

7. Importance of Handling the Diploma at Graduation

The faculty approved to continue the policy of giving the official diplomas at graduation.

8. VPAA's Comments

Dr. Szafran announced to the faculty that:

- The Construction Engineering proposal was sent to the Board of Regents. Other initiatives are at the department level. Dr. Szafran encourages faculty members to see their Department Chairs to get the complete list of initiatives.
- He has shared a document with the Faculty Senate to encourage discussion on the consolidation of different Faculty Evaluation forms into one.

9. President's Comments

President Rossbacher thanked the faculty for participating on events at the end of October. She also announced that:

- The SPSU Gala was highly successful
- The Goizueta Foundation has made available \$800,000 dollars for scholarships for Hispanic/latino students
- Siemens has donated \$ 225,000 for the Mechanical Engineering Technology program in support of academic programs
- A draft of the Strategic Plan should be ready by the middle of February 2006.

The General Faculty meeting adjourned at 12:50. The next meeting is scheduled for noon, Thursday, February 9, 2006.

Mark Stevens
Moderator of the Faculty

Zvi Szafran
Vice President of Academic Affairs

Carlos A. Ortiz
Secretary of the Faculty