Minutes
College of Education Faculty Council Meeting
Wednesday- February 25, 2009
9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Dean’s Conference Room
COED 205

Members Attending: Mary Lynne Calhoun, Adam Harbaugh, Jim Bird, Scott Kissau, Richard Hartshorne, Jeff Passe, Michael Green

Members Not Attending: Kok-Mun Ng, Brenda Romanoff, Tina Heafner, Kelly Anderson

1 Call to Order – Dr. Passe called the meeting to order.
   a. Approval of January 28, 2009 Minutes – Minutes were approved.
   b. Remaining Spring Semester meeting dates: April 8, & May 6.

2 Dean’s Report – Dean Calhoun - Budget is the main concern. The Dean thanked the faculty for working on the fall schedule regarding part-time faculty funding, raising the number of seats in classes and reducing the number of sections.
   - The State projection is grim. Worse case scenario is a 17% state budget shortfall with a possibility of furloughs
   - The University is planning for (but nothing’s definite yet) a 7% permanent cut in budget
   - There may be additional grant funding available through the federal stimulus package (e.g., NSF; Teacher Quality grants)

3 Part-time Faculty Report – Michael Green – discussed the Part-time Faculty report and discussed different aspects of it. The Report shows that this College is in good shape but also made some recommendations. Dr. Green made the motion that the Faculty Council accept the report and ask the Dean to develop a plan for implementing the recommendations. Dr. Harbaugh seconded the motion. Motion carried. Dean Calhoun will study the report and come back to the Faculty Council with a plan. Dr. Green’s committee will be involved in further planning. Dr. Green will make a report to the College at the April meeting.

4 Discussion of departmental feedback concerning three proposals presented as 1st Readings at 2/13/09 COED faculty meeting. Proposals included 1) candidate statements, 2) committee criteria, and 3) expansion of College Review Committee - Group Discussion – The Council discussed the proposals and it was felt that 2) Committee criteria be revised to change committee membership requirements from “tenured” to post-reappointment. Dr. Passe will send out the revised proposals and the College will vote on these at the March meeting.

5 Other Business – Graduate Faculty Criteria - According to the new Guidelines, each Department must endorse the Criteria before the College votes. Dr. Green has made some recommendations but he has not yet received feedback. He will contact Bruce Taylor and Jeanneine Jones at the Dean’s suggestion and offer his support to revise the document so that
there is clarity and precision. The Dean will be kept informed so that at the March meeting it will be presented to the College, the Departments which have not yet voted will break out to vote on the Criteria and then the College will have a final vote.

6  Adjournment – the meeting was adjourned at 10:15.

Next Faculty Council Meeting:

Wednesday, April 8, 2009
9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.