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FACULTY SENATE Minutes

DATE: March 18, 2005

TIME: 1:00 PM

PLACE: D502, School of Dentistry

Attending: James Fitchie, Ruth Burgess, Margaret Drake, Becca Pearson, Olga McDaniel, Mahmoud Salem, Kathy Gregg, Christina Barlow, Cheryl Hardy, Honey East, Judy Leavitt, Laverne Grant, Sheila Davis, Jonathan Fratkin, William Lushbaugh, Virginia Segrest, and John Kermode.

1. While a quorum was assembling, Dr. William Lushbaugh gave a presentation on the Blackboard program for online support for classes. He also discussed other computer “waves of the future”.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting, February 18th, 2005 were approved unanimously.
3. As part of our discussion of the Institutional Review Board (IRB) John Kermode discussed his attendance the previous day of the Jackson Cancer Research Interest Group. He said that the IRB expects to have another clerical person soon which should help with shortening the time for IRB approvals for research.
4. Our question time for Dr. Dan Jones will be next month. The questions we had assembled from our discussion last month are:
 - What concrete steps are being taken to reverse sagging faculty moral?
 - How quickly can a meeting and dining area be set aside for faculty as an initial step towards establishment of a wellness center?
 - How can the Institutional Review Board processes be streamlined and made less time consuming?
 - Is there a remedy for faculty course loads which preclude research and writing?
 - What does Dr. Jones want from the faculty senate? How do we fit in with his plans?

- Would input from the Faculty Senate help Dr. Jim Hutchins do his job of faculty development? Could we have an update on his program? How can we provide Dr. Hutchins with more faculty feedback?
- Why are more administrative positions being created while faculty positions are unfilled and retired faculty are not being replaced?
- Can we get support in developing a Faculty Senate website which would include a place for Faculty Senate Minutes to be viewed?

9. The meeting adjourned at 2:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Drake
Secretary.