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Members Absent: M. Arvanigian, M. Barakzai, O. Benavides, D. Blum, A. Burke-Doe (excused), M. Busteed, D. Ferris, S. Fulop, E. Garan, S. Geringer, J. Gilbert (excused), A. Heaney, T. Kubal, M. Li (excused), J.P. Moncayo, S. Moreman, N. Pewewardy, F. Ringwald, M. Sanchez, D. Smith, R. Statham (excused), S. Vandiver (excused), R. Vaughn (excused), J. Wang, M. Watney, L. Weston, L. Williams (excused).

A meeting of the Academic Senate was called to order by Chair Botwin at 4:10 p.m. in the University Center, Room #200.

1. Minutes. MSC to approve the Minutes of 2/26/07.
2. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda as distributed.
3. Communications and Announcements.
  - A. Provost Echeverria announced the following: Dr. Karen Carey has been named Dean of the Graduate Division. The search for Associate Vice President for Academic Personnel has been completed and Jeannette Redd Williams has accepted. All of the interviews for other Dean positions will be completed in the next two weeks.

The RTP files are currently under review, and commended the quality of the faculty as evidenced in their files.
  - B. Dr. Omolayo commented on the tragedy at Virginia Tech and encouraged us to consider and take seriously safety issues on campus.
  - C. There was a moment of silence to reflect in the tragedy on the Virginia Tech campus.

D. Chair Botwin attempted to show a video produced by the Accessible Technology Initiative but experienced technical difficulties. It will be shown at the next meeting of the Senate.

4. New Business.  
There was none.

5. Policy on Promotion (APM 327) – Personnel Committee.

Considerable discussion ensued regarding the meaning and limits contained within the statement at the end of Section II. B. on p. 327-3: “Only achievements while a probationary or tenured faculty member at this university shall be considered for promotion.”

Friendly Amendment to insert the following sentence at the end of Section II. B. on p. 327-3: “In the case of scholarly and creative activities in progress, academic departments will have the discretion to determine what qualifies under this paragraph.”

The following substitute Friendly Amendment was suggested: after “this university” in the last sentence in Section II., B. on p. 327-3, the following parenthetical phrase should be inserted: (as recommended by the faculty in the department). Therefore, the sentence should read, “Only achievements while a probationary or tenured faculty member at this university (as recommended by the faculty in the department) shall be considered for promotion.”

MSC to approve Policy on Promotion (APM 327)  
as amended and forward to the President  
for approval.

6. Policy on Repeating Classes (APM 233) – Academic Policy & Planning Committee.

MS to send the policy back to Executive Committee  
because there is a Statewide subcommittee charged  
with addressing aspects of this policy.

Motion withdrawn.

MSC to postpone further discussion of the document  
until the next meeting.

MSC to adjourn at 5:21 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Academic Senate will be announced. An Agenda will be distributed prior to the meeting.

Submitted by:

Kathie Reid  
Vice Chair  
Academic Senate

Approved by:

Michael Botwin  
Chair  
Academic Senate