**Faculty Senate Meeting Agenda**

**May 1, 2009, Ferrell Hall 305**

**1:30 till 4:00**

1. Call to order at 1:35 PM.

2. Reading of the minutes March 6 and Apr 3, 2009;approved by vots.

3. Approval of the agenda.

4. Reports:

A. Standing Committee reports: Educational Policies Committee. 20 minutes

B. Promotion and Tenure

C. Faculty Personnel

D. Retention

Additions, Questions and Responses to electronically submitted reports.

 I. President Carter. 20 minutes

II. Vice President Byers. 10 minutes

 III. BOG Report-Dr. Smith. 10 minutes

 IV. ACF Report- Dr. Collins 10 minutes

5. Comments from the vice-chair Aaron Settle: 10 minutes

Elections for Executive Committee, Introduction of new senators

 Old Business

 a. New Senators take office

 b. Other Items.

 4. **New business:**

 a. **Safety Committee; Dr. Tom Guetzloff:** Dr. Guetzloff discussed the need to make important changes to the structure and function of the Safety Committee; The committee will have 3 year terms, and the makeup of the committee must be structured to eliminate a turn over of membership issue that arises if all term expire simultaneously, thus a “staggering” of 3 year term starting dates (and ending) must be instituted. This will also allow the Safety Committee to begin each Fall semester with an early initial meeting date, enabling the committee members to begin their important work immediately, without missing a significant portion of the semester. Also, Dr. Guetzloff proposed placing within the scope of the Safety Committee issues of Shelter in Place protocols and concerns; general health concerns such as responses and needs associated with “swine flu” and other potential outbreaks; as well as campus crime issues.

 A motion was made to send these potentially codified changes made to the Safety Committee be first sent to the Constitution, Bylaws and Handbook Committee for their review and response. This motion was seconded and passed by vote: **The Constitution, Bylaws and Handbook Committee shall consider these proposed changes made by the Faculty Senate in terms of the proper process and a mechanism for implementation: The membership and term of service to the Safety Committee should be a set of staggered, individual 3 year terms arranged to avoid large scale loss of membership due to term expirations coinciding on the same semester. The scope of the committee should be expanded to include a focus on the Shelter in Place program, General Health issues such as flu outbreaks, prevention and responses, and campus crime issues.**

b. Bayer Crop Science

c. New Safety protocols for Chemical releases?

d. Other Items.