

- C. The Faculty Development Leave Policy is in the hands of the Faculty/Staff Welfare Committee and the Strategic Planning and Budget Committee. It has already been presented to the Deans.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Committee Reports: none
- B. Shared Governance Committee Reports:
 - 1. Senator Blose reported that the Strategic Planning and Budget Committee is looking at requests for funding and at building a new strategic plan. They have created eight new committees to work on this issue.
 - 2. Senator Makowski reported that the Shared Governance Committee has established room 318 in Bibb Graves as a meeting room. If any committee needs any clerical work, there will be a student worker available.

Senator Makowski also reported that ACUFP would meet at the Higher Education Day. They are sponsoring an hour long event at the judiciary room at the state house. Legislators who deal with education will address the group from 9:30 until 10:30. If faculty would be interested in giving credit for attendance, see Senator Makowski to get a sign-in sheet for the students set up.

- C. Senator Webb encouraged attendance at the campus wide meeting during the candidate visits for the Vice-President for Student Affairs position.
- D. Senator Blose of the Academic Affairs Committee presented the revision to the Withdrawal Policy (See Attachment A) and catalog version of the Withdrawal Policy (See Attachment B). Issues with the date of withdrawal and the status of the student when they withdraw were discussed. Senator Richardardson moved the following amendment to the withdrawal policy which would read:

Withdrawal from a Course. Students who wish to withdraw from a course during the registration period will receive a grade of RW (Registered Withdrew) for the course. **After the registration period, a student may withdraw from a course with a grade of “W” up to and including the Friday that falls one week after the designated midterm date. After this deadline, the student must initiate the withdrawal process by obtaining the permission and signature of the instructor.**

NEW BUSINESS: none

ADDITIONAL ISSUES:

- A. Vice-President Newson thanked the University for the Support of the Speakers and Concert Series. This first year we heard from Fred Gray and Rick Bragg. He requested suggestions for the coming year.
- B. The Strategic Planning process will use eight committees with an email coming which will give the committee assignments. The work will be completed by the end of the semester. The entire faculty will be given the opportunity for feedback.
- C. Vice-President Newson is seeking the support from the academic community to change the Assistant Vice-President for Academic Affairs to Associate Vice-President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Graduate Studies. This change in title and duties will not result in increased cost. It will allow us to have a representative at the Graduate Council meetings in Montgomery and a facilitator of the graduate programs. He invited the faculty to call if they had a question concerning this proposal. Although John Wakefield has been attending most meetings, we are the only institution that does not have a regular member at the Graduate Council meeting in Montgomery.

Senator Thorne moved the meeting be adjourned. Senator Roden seconded. The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.