**University Council Minutes**

**Monday, January 30, 2012 (3:30 – 4:10 pm)**

D. Moodie, Chair of University Council, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

**Members in attendance:** D. Moodie, Faculty Senate; J. Jones, Faculty Senate; C. Coronado, Administrators’ Senate; L. Lawhorn, Administrators’ Senate; D. Chimeno, Staff Senate; P. Barnes, Staff Senate; R. Wilson, SGA; R. Hedgepeth, SGA; C. Amlaner, Deans’ Council; K. Tudor, Chairs’ Representative; Ken Harmon, Provost.

**Guests:** Jenifer Duggan, Culinary Services; Susan Stockdale, Sharon Pearcey, Chairs Council.

The minutes for the December meeting were approved.

**Old Business**

**Future of Food Advisory Committee (Jenifer Duggan).** Jenifer Duggan presented a proposal of removing the Food Advisory Committee from the list of University Standing Committees as published in the 2011 – 2012 Faculty Handbook. The proposal is recommending an open forum for input (background on separate handout). One goal was to obtain more student attendance and/or input where currently there has not been any for several months. Ronald and Rosalyn commented as to the lack of awareness for desired participation and that the open forum might not be the best way to accomplish this participation. Suggestions to solicit direct student input via social medias (Facebook, Twitter, etc.) and attendance at the SGA might be helpful.

**Making the Chairs Council a formal part of the consultative process in shared governance (Sharon Pearcey, Keith Tudor, and Susan Stockdale).**  Discussion by Sharon, Keith and Susan was presented regarding the flow of information to and from the Senate. Most often, Chairs are asked to implement policy but do not have a voice in its creation. After input from this body, a suggestion was made that maybe there should be a representative on the Faculty Senate since it seems to be a main conduit for information. Ideas are to be brought back to the University Council in order that this important issue is not dropped.

**The splitting of the Faculty Handbook – awaiting HR action.** Doug commented that this item is tabled awaiting HR action.

**Other Business.** There was no other business for discussion.

D. Moodie adjourned the meeting at 4:10.

Respectfully submitted,

Francine Devine