ATTENDEES: Eberhart, Hitzman, Gardner, Greivel, Griffiths, Miller, Reimanis, Sacks, Scales

APOLOGIES: Spear, Steel, Dorgan,

QUESTS: Maureen Durkin—Policy Project
         Alexandra Newman—Operations Research Degree
         Tom Boyd—Dean of Graduate Studies

Eberhart, Senate President, called the meeting to order and welcomed the guests.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Minutes of November 9, 2010 Faculty Senate meeting were approved.

COMMENTS FROM GUESTS:
   A. Maureen Durkin gave the Senate an overview of the Policy Project which includes moving broad issues not specific to the faculty from the Faculty Handbook. The faculty voted to endorse the effort.

   B. Alexander Newman reviewed the proposed Operations Research Program under the Interdisciplinary PhD program approved earlier fall. Scales was concerned about the math requirements for the program. It was agreed that those advocating for the program would submit additional documents, including an assessment plan, for the Senate’s review during the first meeting of January.

BUSINESS:
   A. The Graduation list for those receiving advanced degrees in December 2010 was approved.

   B. There was discussion of the memo from Mike Dougherty regarding the raises to the faculty and administration in the previous year. Approximately 35% of the academic faculty received raises—many more than was assumed to be the case.

   C. Eberhart presented the library’s request for a new procedure to approve the impact of new programs on the Library. This issue will be considered further at another meeting.

   D. The minor in Underground Construction and Tunneling was approved.

   E. The Budget Committee reported that the increased out-of-state enrollment may not be accompanied by an increase in tuition as these students are receiving a larger portion of the scholarships.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
The next Senate meeting will take place on December 14, 2010 in Hill Hall room 300.