COMMITTEE: Faculty Governance Committee

MEETING DATE: October 13, 1999

PERSON PRESIDING: Henry Ferrell

ACTIONS OF MEETING:

Minutes of September 8th were approved as distributed.

The recommendation on procedures for approving faculty leaves of absence was deferred until the next meeting since Worthington was not present.

Joyce reported for the subcommittee on Appendix C. He reminded the committee that a report had been sent via email to all committee members. The subcommittee will reconsider its positions in light of the vigorous discussion and report next time.

Ringeisen reviewed some of the work that has been done in reference to faculty workload issues. Data is being gathered on how chairs are making decisions on how course loads and release time are being allocated. He will gather information on summer school policies and report it at the next meeting.

Ferrell reported that, as promised, Bob Thompson sent a handout to all committee members dealing with "Faculty and Staff Highlights." This information will be used to arrive at a policy on the evaluation of fixed-term faculty positions. Various complexities were mentioned and it was decided to pursue this topic at the next meeting.

The memo from Ringeisen on non-concurring recommendations was discussed. Some felt that faculty should not be told anything until the process gets to the last person in the chain of authority. Others believed that a faculty member should know at each stage of the process what the decision was. It was decided that an interpretation should be made by Killingsworth and Ringeisen. This interpretation will be presented at the next meeting.

Killingsworth and Ringeisen will also make an interpretation on the procedure for removing an item from the P&AD (see September 29th memo from Anderson). The outcome will be shared at the next meeting.

This very collegial meeting adjourned at 4:30.
Minutes by Christa Reiser