

NAIT
University Division Membership Meeting
Thursday October 25, 2007 7:30 am

1. Welcome & Call to Order:

President Barry David welcomed members present. Division directors and other officials were introduced. Barry stated that University president position moves from a 1-year to 2-year term beginning this year.

Barry changed the order of the agenda and skipped to item 6 President's Report.

2. Appointment of Recorder:

Sam Guccione graciously accepted to record minutes

3. Review and approval of minutes:

There was an error in the November 16, 2006 minutes. The motion that reads: Realign divisions "reasons" should read "Realign division *regions*. Moved/Seconded (didn't get names) to change order of agenda and review and approve minutes.

In an off agenda remark about the above, Barry described the reasons for the realign of divisions. Regions 5 and 6 will be combined into a new Region 5, which will also include international members. Concern was expressed about the status of the Region 5 division director. There was no elected director so was an easy process to accomplish.

4. Review and approval of agenda:

Not accomplished.

5. President's Report:

Barry identified the people who were selected to division appointments.

Outstanding Industrial Technology Professor for 4 of the 5 regions were selected and will be honored at the banquet on Friday night.

The division awarded two mini-grants of \$250 each. The grant requirements were changed from the two present requirements of 1) first time presenter and 2) first time attendee, to require either 1 or 2 for the grant.

At last year's division executive committee meeting, it was decided that the University Division would sponsor three workshops. Barry identified the workshops and their division presenters.

Barry discussed the division listserv and the fact that there has not been much if any correspondence from the university division. Barry encouraged use to use the listserv more for communication between the president, division directors, and members.

Realignment of the divisions. No further discussion.

External Performance Review Evaluator Pool: There is a need to have a group of people who can do external promotion and tenure reviews. Barry described the EPREP proposal he created with Charles Patrick and Ali Kashef. See attached. He asked for comments, corrections, etc. Masshia Gholam described how this is used at his university and that it is working well. Discussion took place and the following was decided: 1) it was decided to include certifications as a part of the biographical sketch and 2) limit the bio sketch to 200 words.

In general, the members thought this proposal was a very good idea. Some discussion of whether the list should have more than or less than 30. Members agreed that 30 should be the appropriate size but no less. The list will include each person's university affiliation. The institution name and type, such as research, teaching, etc., will be included.

Action:

Motion/Second (Ben Nwoke/Scott Amos) to accept the EPREP proposal as amended. Motion Passed.

Elections 2008:

There are positions that need to be filled: Division directors from Regions 2, 4 and new 5 are opened for 2008.

Scott Amos thanked the directors and all for the nominations this year. It was a very good year.

It was suggested we contact people here at the convention over the next few days to be possible directors, because attendance at the convention indicates they have some interest in NAIT.

6. Discussion and Action Items:

Executive Board discussed why do we, the University Division, exist. That is, what is the value of the University Division? There are so many divisions and focus groups at the present time that it makes it very hard to be involved in and attend division committees, etc. There was discussion about having an Academic Division, which could be a combined University, Community College, and Student division.

Action:

Motion/Second (Ben Nwoke/Mark Miller) that the following divisions be consolidated: University, Community College, and Student into an Academic Division. Academic issues would include such topics as the common core, accreditation, and research.

Motion Passes with one dissenting vote.

7. Summary

None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 am.