

Faculty Senate President's Final Report 2006-2007

In May of 2006, I took office as president and proposed to advance shared governance to the greatest extent possible. Early in my tenure, the opportunity to do so presented itself in the proposed changes to the Grievance Procedures for Faculty. Dr. Feldhamer and the Governance Committee had been working this issue with Chancellor Wendler, and I sat in on several meetings between the Chancellor and the Governance Committee, spoke with Dr. Feldhamer on several occasions, and whenever possible discussed this issue with Chancellor Wendler and Chancellor Dunn. The end result was the resolution that was sent to the Chancellor's office and, in conjunction with the Faculty Association contract, has been accepted. Although not entirely what many of us would have liked, its success will be determined over the next three years. I sincerely hope that it has raised the level of shared governance to a higher level. Time will tell.

Last fall semester, I took a resolution to the Board of Trustees regarding impending budget cuts. Our resolution urged the Board to spare cutting faculty and to look elsewhere to absorb the budget cuts that would be required. This semester, I took two resolutions to the Board. One was on the ethics test and the second was on the Illinois Veterans Grant.

I have participated in numerous Dean searches over the past year, the Chancellor Search, Plagiarism Committee and any number of conversations from a wide variety of faculty members here at Carbondale and Springfield as well.

In closing, I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve; it has been a pleasure, and you, Vish, Susan and Becky have made it so.