

UNIVERSITY SENATE MINUTES
March 5, 2010: 1:45 pm, Rowan Hall Auditorium

ATTENDEES: Smitesh Bakrania, Joe Basso, Mark Berkey-Gerard, Lori Block, Kate Boland, Gregory Caputo, Joe Cassidy, Bruce Casw18ja08po,

ii. Update on the late/hardship withdrawal issue

- b. Technological Resources And Curriculum Committee - Resolution recommending that the Computer Competency Exam be dissolved and computer competency requirement suspended until an effective model for defining and assessing computer competency is adopted (page 8) – first reading. Take this info back to departments for discussion. A joint resolution by both the Technological Resources Committee and the Curriculum Committee. Estimated cost of administering the exam for students entering fall 2010 is \$50,000. Joel Crichlow agrees that the current computer competency exam is flawed but suggests that we not dissolve this test until we have something better designed to take its place. Others questioned w0 0.f240s that

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. Reorganization – has been endorsed by Board of Trustees and announced on Rowan Announcer.
2. Cost Center Model Update – rules regarding how the Cost Center Revenue for Distribution can and cannot be spent must still be developed. By the new model, all departments will make more money than by the old model. It will take 8 students enrolled to break even for an undergraduate class and 5 students to break even for a graduate class. Classes may still be run with lower enrollment, but that is a departmental decision.
3. Medical School Advisory Committee Update
4. Campus Master Planning Committee (page 4)
5. Informal Open Forums (page 5)
6. RU Safe Zone Training - There will be two seminars held on March 10th in the Chamberlain Student Center, Eynon Ballroom 11:00 -11:45 am AND 12:00-12:45 pm on Safe Zone training. All faculty

Master Planning Committee membership
17 appointments and 3 at-large

1. Mike Harris, co-chair
2. John Hasse, co-chair
3. Finance – Joe Scully
4. Pres Office – Tom Gallia
5. Campus Aesthetics chairperson
6. SGA appointment
7. Engineer faculty
8. Planning faculty
9. Sustainability Council faculty
10. AFT Rep
11. CWA Rep
12. Athletics appointment – Joy Solomon
13. Facilities appointment – Kevin Muldoon
14. Dean appointment by administration
15. University Senate appointment
16. Medical School appointment
17. Institutional Effectiveness appointment
18. At-large seat
19. At-large seat
20. At-large seat

Charge:

The Provost, the AFT, and the University Senate cordially invite the University community to informal monthly gatherings to discuss the following:

If we were building an independent University from scratch – from day one – what would it look like? Let's start a conversation about administration, financial & academic resources, as well as facilities and infrastructure of such a University. Bring an open mind and your ideas.

Friday March 5th, 3:15 – 4:15pm: Library 226

Resolution Permitting GPA Forgiveness for Poor Performance During the First Year

WHEREAS, for a variety of reasons, some freshman undergraduate students perform very poorly when they first come to the University and end up leaving with a weak academic record;

AND WHEREAS, such students may wish to return later, having matured or otherwise resolved the issues that caused their earlier poor0 103.39tc 1009 620.62 0 0 50219.250 0 0.2400000 36.01009 634.54cm BT 50 0 0 500 Tm /

procedures governing academic performance problems that are resolvable by the student through a relatively minor correction or temporary hiatus. These other policies and procedures include:

- Retaking a course to improve the grade
- Academic probation
- Academic dismissal
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TECHNOLOGICAL RESOURCES AND CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Resolution recommending that the Computer Competency Exam be dissolved and computer competency requirement suspended until an effective model for defining and assessing computer competency is adopted

WHEREAS, The use of technology is highly prevalent in secondary education which has evolved significantly since the original design of the Computer Competency Exam ten years prior;

WHEREAS, the vast majority, 98% - 99%, of incoming freshman and transfer students pass the Computer Competency Exam, an average of 41 students have completed the Computer Literacy course for the last two years;

WHEREAS, the Computer Competency Exam is difficult to keep current as the adoption of new technology happens more rapidly than the current model can sustain (i.e. current exam assesses MS Excel 2003, MS Word 2003, Windows XP, and Internet Explorer 6);

WHEREAS, the Computer Competency Exam only measures aptitude in the Microsoft Windows platform. It does not accommodate a diversity of operating systems such as Mac OS, Linux, nor others;

WHEREAS, the definition of computer competency at Rowan University is ambiguous;

WHEREAS, there is no body responsible for defining and assessing computer competency;

AND WHEREAS, the expenditures for the exam has more than doubled in the last three years, FY09 total cost of \$45,000;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Computer Competency Exam is dissolved;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the computer competency requirement is suspended;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a task force for Computer Competency is established. This body will be responsible for:

- ✦ defining the college level computer/technological competency specific to program of study
- ✦ designing and implementing an effective model for assessing computer/technological competency

University Budget and Planning Committee Report

February 19, 2010

Submitted by Bruce Caswell

1. The Senate Chair of the UBPC, Bruce Caswell, attended the Board of Trustees' Finance Committee meeting on January 10th. As of December 31, 2009, the budget for FY 2009-2010 showed a surplus of \$12,612,829. This surplus is due to the elimination of the across-the-board increase, the employee furloughs, an unexpected increase in fall enrollments, an unanticipated number of vacant positions, and other miscellaneous. This surplus brings the university reserve fund to approximately \$45 million.
2. The UBPC met with the Provost on February 9th at which time the provost suggested a task for the committee—a review of the “non-permanent” budget for Academic Affairs. The Provost provided copies of these budgets for the last three years as well as faculty load data for those three years. The Provost indicated that all divisions of the university were performing such reviews and that the UBPC might want to be involved in these other reviews as well.
3. The committee met again February 19th to discuss the Provost's suggestion. The committee decided that the historical scope of the committee has been university-wide and not limited to academic affairs. The committee also decided that the historical role of the committee has been to review the budget proposals and reports of others university-wide. Consistent with the UBPC's historical mission, the committee instructed the Senate Co-Chair Caswell to ask of President Farish that the committee be charged with reviewing and commenting on the reports of other groups tasked with unit analyzing the non-permanent budgets of th