

University Senate Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2003
Student Center-221

Senators in Attendance: Jim Abbott, Herb Appelson, David Applebaum, Bryan Appleby-Wineberg, Lorin Arnold, Joe Bierman, Greg Biren, Lori Block, Bruce Caswell, Julia Chang, Jay Chaskes, Eric Constans, Steve Crites, Joanne Damminger, Joe Davey, Gini Doolittle, Tom Fusco, John Gallagher, Kathy Ganske, Dorie Gilchrist, Jim Haugh, Judy Holmes, Gabriela Hristescu, Karlton Hughes, Martin Itzkowitz, Frances Johnson, Lee Kress, Phillip Lewis, Janet Lindman, Mary Marino, Mark Matalucci, Ellen Miller, Janet Moss, Pat Mosto, Bela Mukhoti, Terry O'Brien, Joe Orlins, Julie Peterson, Anne Phillips, Robi Polikar, Karen Siefring, Edward Smith, Sonia Spencer, Robert Sterner, Cindy Vitto, Barbara Williams, Faye Zhu

Not in Attendance – Represented by Alternate: Eric Milou represented by Marlena Herman, Robin McBee represented by Susan Browne, James Newell (in T&R reviews) represented by Mariano Savelski, Eileen Stutzbach represented by Nick Schmelz, Skeff Thomas represented by Susan Bowman

Not in Attendance: Carl Calliari, Diane Hughes, Olcay Ilicasu, David Klassen, Kristyn Kuhlman, Denyse Lemaire, Jeff Maxson, Stuart McGee (in T&R reviews), Charles Schultz, Sandy Tweedie, Hal Vogel, Tricia Yurak

-The committee is examining the issue of pass/no credit and will probably have a resolution prepared by the time of the next Senate meeting.

LEARNING OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT: Anne Phillips, Chair

-The committee has met twice and is scheduled to meet with the Provost on October 22nd.

-In conjunction with the Middle States Periodic Review Report due next year, the committee is collecting reports from each department and college, due on or before November 3rd.

-When Rowan must submit a final report to Middle States five years from now, every department will be able to complete its part if we take time now to address the periodic review report. Anne urged anyone having questions regarding the departmental reports to contact her or the LOAC College representative. Members of the committee have met with Deans and chairs.

-The committee continues to seek a replacement for Barbara Sjostrom to serve as assessment coordinator.

RECRUITMENT, ADMISSIONS & RETENTION: Jay Chaskes, Chair

-The committee held its first meeting on October 9th.

-The committee has examined the issues being reviewed by last year's committee, and will continue to look at these issues while also setting this year's priorities.

-Two priorities the committee plans to address this year are (1) recruitment of minority students and how that process takes place both here and elsewhere; (2) better coordination of retention initiatives. (This issue is also being addressed by the Enrollment Management Committee; Jay will chair the subcommittee looking into better coordination.)

RESEARCH & TECHNOLOGICAL RESOURCES: Garbiela Hristescu, Chair

-The committee held its first meeting on September 30th.

-The committee is reviewing an updated Web policy and hopes to forward comments to Tony Mordosky, Associate Provost, before the policy comes before the entire Senate. There is a link to the revised Web policy on the Senate homepage, so senators are encouraged to read through the policy and address comments to Tony Mordosky.

-Faculty are advised to review our current policy because many of us may be in violation of policy without realizing that there are guidelines for faculty web pages. For example, web pages for classes should be ADA compliant.

STUDENT RELATIONS: Lorin Arnold, Chair

-The committee held its first meeting on September 24th.

-There is continued discussion regarding faculty and students engaging in actions related to moral or political issues and how the University responds to absences for such engagement. The committee will also be discussing the racial flyers that have been distributed on campus.

-The next committee meeting will be held on October 29th.

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS: Rob Sterner, Chair

-There will be a committee meeting on October 27th.

-The committee will discuss athletic facilities, and ways to involve more faculty in athletic events.

-The committee would also like faculty to know that the majority of the current student athletes hold a high GPA.

-Rob encouraged anyone having any questions or wanting to submit ideas to please contact him.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES: Julie Peterson, Chair

-Julie is currently looking for someone to replace John Gallagher on the Academic Policies and Procedures Committee.

-Jay Chaskes requested that a representative from the Office of Admissions be assigned to the Recruitment, Admissions & Retention Committee.

well have been a real incident, but it was apparently blown out of proportion by sorority sisters who issued flyers warning of a "skinhead" group dangerous to black students.

- The President urged senators to inform him of any information they might receive regarding this problem or any suggestions for better ways of handling the situation. He is trying to be sensitive to the perception that this may be evidence of a larger underlying problem and therefore does not merely want to smooth things over.

-There has been a call from the Governor's office to reorganize the research universities. There are two Vagelos commissions, one having initiated the report calling for a reorganization of the state research universities, and the