

University Senate

Minutes

Bozorth Auditorium

November 28, 2005

SENATE MEETING ATTENDANCE: November 28, 2005

IN ATTENDANCE: Herb Appelson, David Applebaum, Joe Bierman, Lori Block, Luis Brunstein, Larry Butler, Bruce Caswell, Jay Chaskes, Joe Coulombe, Kevin Dahm, Richard Earl, Carol Eigenbrot, Robert Fleming, John Gallagher, Kathy Ganske, Dorie Gilchrist, John Hasse, Karen Heinz, Vasil Nhatyshin, Judy Holmes, Elisabeth Hostetter, Cristine Iftode, Frances Johnson, Candace Kelley, David Klassen, Lee Kress, Christopher Lacke, Phillip Lewis, Yuhui Li, Eric Milou, Esther Mummert, Bob Newland, Anne Phillips, Robi Polikar, Tanya Santangelo, Dan Schowalter, Karen Siefring, Mickey Smith, Marian Stieber, Don Stoll, Pay Alexy Stoll, Eileen Stutzbach, Maria Sudeck, Susan Taber, Skeff Thomas, Sanford Tweedie, Mary Beth Walpole, Michael Weiss, Barbara Williams, Cathy Yang, Tricia Yurak, Hong Zhang

NOT IN ATTENDANCE-Represented by ALTERNATE: William Carrigan represented by Scott Morschauer, Mary Marino represented by John Cassidy, Mark Matalucci represented by Bonnie Wilson, Yusuf Mehta represented by Joe Orlins

NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Greg Biren, Roberta DiHoff (due to death in family), Ihsan Isik, Brenda Marlin, Ellen Miller, John Pastin, Kathleen Small (College of Ed moving to new building), Rob Sterner

- I. Agenda approved.
- II. Minutes of University Senate meeting of Oct. 10, 2005 approved with correction.
- III. President's Report, **Bruce Caswell** (separate page.)
- IV. Committee Reports
 - A. Academic Policies and Procedures **Susan Taber** reported that the committee has been working on the "Grade Grievance" policy. The Provost has informed the committee that the attorney general has clarified that faculty must inform students before submitting grades which would be changed due to plagiarism or other forms of cheating.
 - B. Campus Aesthetics/Environmental Concerns **Skeffington N. Thomas** (attached)
 - C. Career Development **Lee B. Kress** New proposal deadlines are posted on the web.
 - D. Committee on Committees **Frances S. Johnson** Roberto Madero has agreed to serve as the LAS member on the Career Development Committee. The Committee is looking for a Budget Committee replacement.
 - E. Curriculum **Eric Milou** The following proposals were submitted for approval.
 1. The move of Rowan Seminar to the Office of the Provost was approved as was the
 2. Special Education Endorsement.
 3. The third item, or the Public Affairs Track for the MA in Public Relations was retabled to permit the PR program and the Political Science Department an opportunity for additional discussion.

VOTES

F.	SCC #	College	Department	Change Requested
	05-06-900	Interdisciplinary		Move Rowan Seminar from CLAS to Office of Provost
	05-06-303	Education	Special Education	Graduate Endorsement in Special Ed - Revision of MA track II due to state regulations
	04-05-210	Communication	Public Relations	Public affairs track for MA in public relations - was tabled by Senate on 3/28/05

Intercollegiate Athletics **Christopher J. Lacke** no report.

G. Learning Outcomes and Assessment **Donald Stoll** no report.

H. Professional Ethics and Welfare **Barbara Bole Williams** related that the Committee is proposing a Task Force to look into a "University Wide Honor Code". The Committee plans on an organizational meeting of three Senate Committees which have an interest in this issue.

I. Promotion **Sanford M. Tweedie** (report attached)

J. Recruitment, Admissions, and Retention **MaryBeth Walpole** no report.

K. Research **Robi Polikar** The NSFSG Proposal was circulated for discussion and approval at the 12-12-05 meeting.

L. Technological Resources **Vasil Hnatyshin** (attached report)

M. Sabbatical Leave **John Gallagher** reported that with the number of applicants, this year's process would be competitive.

N. Student Relations **Lori A. Block** Issues have come to the attention of the committee. 1. Cell phone proposal is being discussed. 2. Academic "Code of Conduct" has been changed without appropriate consultation with the Senate. 3. Medallion costs have been unilaterally raised to \$300.00. The banquet has been done away with. (written report also attached)

O. Tenure and Recontracting **Tricia J. Yurak** (see attached report)

P. University Budget and Planning **Robert S. Fleming** (report attached)

Q. Ad Hoc Constitution Committee **Karen T. Sieftring** Three Open Hearings have been held. The revised Constitution will be posted on the Web site at the end of January.

R. Master Planning Committee **Joe Orkins** Sazaki is awaiting feedback from the campus community. The firm consultants will present three alternative plans in January to the Master Plan Committee.

S. Academic Planning Subcommittee of Master Planning Committee **Sanford Tweedie** There is currently an attempt at "demystifying" the planning document produced by

the Academic Affairs Council.

V. Old Business

- A. Resolution on Academic Freedom **David Applebaum** moved and passed.
(attached)

VI. New Business

- A. Research Committee Resolution: **Robi Polikar** Non-Salary Grant Guidelines presented for review and discussion at 12-12-05 meeting.

VII. 11:45 AM Open Period President Farish

President. Farish reported on a proposed “Bond Issue” in the amount of 2.7 billion dollars. He said that there has not been a “General Obligation Bond” since 1988 and that 12% of our operating budget is taken up with debt service. He believes that the timing is good for passage this year.

Concerns regarding Affirmative Action continue to be expressed on campus. In terms of hiring, affirmative action is “effectively dead”. The ruling from the Attorney General’s Office is that race and gender cannot be used in hiring.

David Applebaum noted that academic freedom and tenure are under attack. President Farish believes that tenure is necessary.

VIII. Motion to adjourn made and approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS on SEPARATE PAGES

Career Development
Curriculum
Campus Aesthetics and Environment
Library
Tenure & Recontracting
University Budget & Planning

WRITTEN COMMITTEE REPORTS (compiled)

Academic Policies and Procedures, Susan Taber

The AP&P committee met on November 16. This is a brief report of the issues considered:

- a. Is a policy needed for banning cell phones in class? We are not proposing a cell phone policy at this time. We feel that instructors can inform students at the beginning of the semester that cell phones should not be used during class. They can do this verbally or include a statement on the syllabus.
 - b. Modifications to the Academic Dismissal, Probation and Suspension Policy (passed by the Senate in 2004) that have been proposed by the Academic, Dismissal, Probation, and Suspension Committee. The Academic Policies and Procedures Committee has many concerns about the proposed modifications and their potential effects. In addition there are several aspects of the policy which need to be clarified. We will convey these to the Vice-Provost and continue discussions with her office before bringing any revisions to the Senate.
 - c. Clarification of the Academic Honesty Policy. We discussed the differing interpretations of the policy as it is written. We affirm that it is the right of the faculty member to assign grades and the right of the student to appeal. We agree that the policy needs to be clarified and are working on a draft to make the policy clearer for both students and faculty.
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Promotion, Sanford M. Tweedie*

All of the College Promotion Committees have been formed or are in the process of being voted on by faculty within colleges. Applicant folders, as well as external evaluators' assessments for those applying to full professor, are due to department committees by December 9.

Technological Resources, Vasil Hnatyshin *

Second meeting was held on 10/31/05. Summary follows:

1. Invited speaker Neil Toporski who gave an overview of the current state of TEC classrooms and plans for the future.
2. Computer Competency Test -- following up the progress of obtaining new software for Computer

III. President's Report, **Bruce Caswell** (handout.)

- B. Approval of nomination of Karen McGee-Sauer to Women's Studies advisory board. #

- xB. Senate response to administration's changes to Budget/Planning Committee

- B. Need to organize follow-up to last spring's resolution on military recruiting.

- A. The Provost Search Committee has been officially announced with Cindi Hasit as chair.
 - 1. Senate President will solicit suggestions for interviewing candidates.

- B. Senate response to administration's changes to Budget/Planning Committee

