

Memorandum

To: Faculty Senate

From: Professor Janet Burke, Executive Secretary

Date: October 5, 1998

Re: Minutes: October 5, 1998 Faculty Senate Meeting

The Faculty Senate Meeting was called to order on Monday, October 5, 1998 at 3:30 PM in the Faculty Lounge Alumni Hall. The following Senators were in attendance:

William Phelan, Education; Juan Rodriguez, Education; James Sheff, Chemical & Nuclear Eng; Dick Kalluri, Electrical Eng; Robert Parkin, Mechanical Eng; Carol Barry, Plastics Eng; Michael Ellenbecker, Work Environment; Laura Punnett, Work Environment; David Hirschel, Criminal Justice; Michael Carter, Economics; Charles Ryan, English; Joe Zaitchik, English; Jonathan Liebowitz, History; Peter Blewett, History; Linda Saitz, Language; Jane Freimiller, Philosophy; Jeffery Gerson, Political Science; Joseph Waterman, Psychology; Jon Hellstedt, Psychology; Jean Pyle, RESD; Raymond Gumb, Computer Science; Bodo Reinisch, Earth Science; Alan Doerr, Mathematics; AnnMarie Hurley, Mathematics; Arthur Mittler, Physics; Gunter Kegel, Physics; Robert Nicolosi, Clinical Lab Science & Health; Eugene Rogers, Clinical Lab Science & Health; Nina Copens, Nursing; Joyce Wells, Nursing; Sue Bergmeier, Physical Therapy; Charles Feeney, Accounting; Sanhphill Kim, Management; Riaz Khan, OMMIS; Paula Telesco, Music ; Rosita Sands, Music; Helen Jones, Library; Richard Slapsys, Library

Agenda

I. Invited Guest : Provost Wagner

Senate President Nicolosi invited Provost Wagner to address the senate. Dr. Wagner cited the many physical improvements that have been made to the campus and those that are still under construction. He mentioned changes in the campus, parking system, signage, building and grounds improvements. In discussing the reallocation of resources, particularly as they related to faculty 03 positions he raised the issue of class scheduling, and the idea that a return to the Monday Wednesday, Friday and Tuesday, Thursday schedule might be advantageous. Provost Wagner indicated that he would like the Senate to study this for possible implementation in the Fall of 1999. He also called attention to the issue of faculty instructional workload suggesting that an alternative to the present system would be for workload to be managed and measured by departments rather than by individual faculty as it currently is. He invited the Senate to study this issue and to forward its ideas to the Chancellor. Provost Wagner concluded by noting that fundraising and development are exceeding targeted amounts for the year.

Dean Kleniewski Senate President Nicolosi invited Dean Kleniewski, Co-Chair of the General Education Task Force to briefly update the Senate on the work of the Task Force. Dean Kleniewski distributed a handout summarizing the work of the Task Force. She reviewed the membership of the committee and its work, and briefly interpreted the handout and responded to questions. She indicated that a formal version of the Task Force's proposals will be distributed to Senators before the next Senate meeting.

II. Announcements.

Senate President Nicolosi made the following announcements: (1) Senate office. A reminder -The Office of the Faculty Senate is located in Alumni Hall, Room 101; (2) Dates of Senate Meetings. The materials for the day's meeting contain a list of meeting dates, times, and locations for the Full Senate and the Executive Committee for the academic year; (3) Senate Parliamentarian. Professor Richard Siegel has been appointed Senate Parliamentarian for the 1998/99 academic year. (4) Election Results, Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees. In an election conducted last Spring among all the faculty, Professor William Phelan was re-elected Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees. (5) New Business. Following a long established Senate procedure, new business should be referred to the Executive Secretary, who will refer the business to the appropriate Senate committee. (6) Senate Guests. The Executive Committee would like to invite a special guest to each meeting of the Senate. Senators were asked to indicate their suggestions for invited guests to members of the Executive Committee or to Dr. Burke.

III. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

The Minutes of the May 4, 1998 meeting of the 1997/98 Faculty Senate were unanimously accepted as presented.

The Minutes of the May 4, 1998 Organizational Meeting of the 1998/99 Faculty Senate were unanimously accepted as presented.

The Minutes of the May 27, 1998 meeting of the Faculty Senate were unanimously accepted as presented.

IV. Reports on Meetings

1. Board of Trustees Meetings (May/June and August 1998) Professor William Phelan's reports on these meetings were distributed to all members of the Senate with the Senate agenda. Senators who have questions about his report can contact him through Email or voice mail.

2. Intercampus council - Copies of the minutes of the June and August meetings were distributed to Senators at the Attendance table.

V. Senate Standing Committees

1. Academic Governance Senate President Nicolosi announced that Professor Thomas Shea was elected Chair of the committee. Professor Nicolosi thanked Professor Michael Jones for his service as chair of the committee for the past three years. Professor Phelan introduced the following proposed By-laws revision (copies were distributed to Senators at the attendance desk), which will be discussed and voted on at the November meeting. The purpose of the revision is to create the position of Associate Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees. Phelan noted that if the revision is passed there will be an election at the November Senate meeting to elect an Associate Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees. Senators were instructed to direct their comments regarding this By-laws revision to Professor Thomas Shea, Chair of the Academic Governance Committee.

RESOLUTION: The Faculty Senate recommends the following By-laws revisions.

Section VI. Officers .
Page 6, Line 12 and ff.

Delete:

The Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees shall be a Senator nominated by the Faculty Senate and elected annually by the entire faculty and librarians using a secret ballot.

Replace with:

The Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees and one Associate Faculty Representative to the board of Trustees shall be Senators nominated by the Faculty Senate and elected annually by the entire faculty and librarians using a secret ballot.

Section VI. Page 6, Line 22

Delete:

In the event of a vacancy in the office of Vice-President, a special election shall be held at the earliest opportune time to fill the vacancy.

Replace with:

In the event of a vacancy in the offices of Vice-President, Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees, or Associate Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees, a special election shall be held in the Senate at the earliest opportune time to fill the vacancy. In the event that the Faculty Representative resigns during a given year, the Associate Faculty Representative assumes the office of Faculty Representative.

Section VIII. Executive Committee, Page 8, Line 7 & 8

Delete: The Executive Secretary of the Faculty Senate shall be an ex-officio (non-voting) member.

Replace with: The Executive Secretary of the Faculty Senate and the Associate Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees shall be ex-officio (non-voting) members.

2. Undergraduate Policy Committee Senate President Nicolosi announced that Professor Art Mittler was re-elected Chair of the committee. Professor Mittler announced that the next meeting of the committee is scheduled for Thursday, October 8th at 3:30PM in Alumni Hall 103. There was no new business from the committee.

3. Graduate Policy and Affairs Committee Senate President Nicolosi announced that Professor Robert Parkin was re-elected Chair of the Committee. Professor Parkin announced that the next meeting of the committee is scheduled for Tuesday, October 13th at 3:30PM in Alumni 103. Agenda items include (1) Review of the academic appeals procedures for graduate students;(2) Policy regarding change of major upon entry to graduate school; (3) Procedures for grade change requests.

4. Research and Development- Senate President Nicolosi announced that Professor Laura

Punnett was re-elected Chair of the committee. The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for Tuesday, October 13th at 12:30 in Alumni Hall 103.

5. Academic Resources - Senate President Nicolosi reported that Professor Jean Pyle was re-elected chair of the committee. The committee is working on an older resolution to provide space for faculty events and also renovation of Allen House and classroom renovation. The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for Tuesday, October 6th at 8:30AM in Alumni 103.

6. Budget and Priorities- Senate President Nicolosi announced that Professor Charles Ryan was elected Chair of the committee. He thanked Professor Costello for chairing the committee last year. The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for Monday, October 26th at 3:30PM in Alumni Hall 103. There was no new business from the committee.

VI Ad Hoc Committee re Administrative Announcement #23

The Executive Committee met on July 1, 1998 to make recommendations concerning the proposed merger of the College of Fine Arts and the College of Arts and Sciences. As indicated in the Senate By-laws these recommendations will be : "considered at the next full Faculty Senate meeting and either ratified, rejected, or amended."

RECOMMENDATION of the Executive Committee

The Faculty Senate does not oppose the merger of the College of Fine Arts, but is concerned regarding the implementation of the merger.

The Faculty Senate Suggests that in the Fall Semester of 1998 a committee of faculty (appointed by the Faculty Senate) and administrators be formed to make recommendations regarding the structure and functioning of the proposed college; including but not limited to a consideration of the possibility of a reconfiguration of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Senate President Nicolosi reported that at the September 21st meeting with Chancellor Hogan and the Executive Committee. Chancellor Hogan indicated that he supports all of the Senate's recommendations regarding Administrative Announcement #23 including the recommendation of July 1, 1998. Professor Nicolosi then called for discussion and vote on the July 1, 1998 recommendation.

DISCUSSION

There was no discussion

VOTE YES 33 NO 3 ABSTAIN 6

Professor Nicolosi announced that individuals volunteering to serve on the Merger study committee should contact Professor Burke.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30PM