

Memorandum

To: Faculty Senate

From: Professor Janet Burke, Executive Secretary

Date: November 4, 1996

Re: Minutes: November 4, 1996 Meeting of the Faculty Senate

The Faculty Senate Meeting was called to order on Monday, November 4, 1996 at 3:30 PM in Pasteur 301. The following Senators were in attendance:

John Catalozzi, Education; Dominick Sama, Chemical & Nuclear Eng; Burton Segall, Civil Eng; Bodo Reinisch, Electrical Eng; Venkatarama Krishnan, Electrical Eng; John McKelliget, Mechanical Eng; Robert Parkin, Mechanical Eng; Laura Punnett, Work Environment; Robert Nicolosi, Clinical Lab Science; Vincent Pivnicny, Health; Cheryl Cox, Nursing; Pauline Ladebauche, Nursing; Connie Seymour, Physical Therapy; Eve Buzawa, Criminal Justice; Michael Carter, Economics; William Coughlin, English; Barbara Miliaras, English; Charles Ryan, English; Jonathan Liebowitz, History; Michael Jones, Legal Studies; Robert Innis, Philosophy; Jon Hellstedt, Psychology; Joseph Waterman, Psychology; Mitra Das, Sociology; Giampiero Pecelli, Computer Science; Dan S. Golomb, Earth Science; Thomas Kudzma, Mathematics; James Graham-Eagle, Mathematics; Mary Beth Ruskai, Mathematics; George Chabot, Physics; Gunter Kegel, Physics; Arthur Mittler, Physics; Irwin Shapiro, Management; Riaz Khan, OMMIS; Arno Minkkinen, Art; John Ogasapian, Academic Studies; Helen Jones, Library.

Agenda

I. Announcements.

Senate President Nicolosi made the following announcements: (1) Copies of an Informational Draft from the Task force on Academic Climate of the Council of Diversity and Pluralism were distributed at the attendance desk. Please direct comments to Professor Lindeke. This issue will come before the full Senate after it has been reviewed by the Undergraduate Policy Committee; (2) The Senate has invited President Bulger and Robert Karam, Chair of the Board of Trustees to meet with the Faculty at a Senate meeting. We are awaiting a reply; (3) Michael Jones is the chair of the Academic Governance Committee.

II. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting.

Professor Nicolosi called for a motion to accept the minutes of the October 7th Senate meeting. Professor Kudzma requested that the minutes be amended so that the last paragraph on page two regarding the discussion of announcement #7 reflect the following dates: September 23, 1996, the date of Chancellor Hogan's memo requesting Senate input in the evaluation of the Vice-Chancellors; and October 31, 1996 the date the evaluation was due. The minutes of the October 7, 1996 meeting of the Faculty Senate were accepted as amended.

III. Reports on Meetings

1. Board of Trustees Meetings and Inter Campus Council Meetings. Copies of Professor

Phelan's report on the October meetings of the Board of Trustees and the October meeting of the Inter Campus Council were distributed to all Senators with the meeting's agenda. Supporting materials are on file in the Senate office. Professor Phelan's reports are posted on the Gopher under the Faculty Senate file.

IV. Ad Hoc Program Review Committee.

Senate President Nicolosi, Chair of the Ad Hoc Program Review Committee made a brief progress report. The Committee met on Monday October 28th at 1:00PM in Dugan 217. Previous to the meeting the Executive Secretary contacted all departments that seemed to be effected by the Chancellor's recommendations and requested that they submit to the Senate office any materials that they would like the committee to consider in its deliberations. The following programs responded: Art; Math; American Studies; Mechanical Engineering; Philosophy; Clinical Laboratory Sciences. Copies of these materials were distributed to Committee members. The committee decided to focus first on the two programs most seriously affected: Art and American Studies. The heads of these two programs were invited to address the committee at its next meeting which is scheduled for Wednesday, November 13th in Dugan 217 at 2:30PM. The committee also requested clarification from Chancellor Hogan regarding the guidelines and criteria that he utilized. In addition the committee contacted the Continuing Education Division and verified that Continuing Education concurred with the decision to phase out the following programs: (1) A.S. Applied Chemistry, (2) B.S. Applied Chemistry; (3) A.S. Banking; (4) A.S. Criminal Justice; (5) A.S. Applied Mathematics.

Professor Minkkinen clarified that it is not the entire art program that is at issue, but specifically the B.F.A. degree.

Professor Minkkinen asked to address the Senate.

Professor Ruskai inquired about the status of a new program at the Masters level in regional social and economic development, since nothing about that program has been put forward to the Senate. She requested that the Ad Hoc Program Committee take this into consideration during its deliberations, and that the Executive Committee look into this. Both Professor Mittler and Professor Parkin indicated that neither the UPC nor the GPAC had received anything about this. Senate President Nicolosi indicated that he will pursue this.

Professor Minkkinen addressed the Senate. He read a document and then distributed copies of the document.(see attached)

V. Senate Standing Committees

1. Academic Governance. Workload Committee Election

Professor Michael Jones presided over the election of the Workload Reduction Committee. Ballots were distributed to each Senator at the beginning of the meeting containing the names of five Senators who have indicated a willingness to serve if elected. He called for additional nominations from the floor. There were none.

A motion was made and seconded to close nominations.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the nominations by acclamation

There was unanimous support for the motion.

2. Undergraduate Policy. Professor Mittler reported that the next meeting is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 15th at 2:30PM in Mahoney 215. The committee met on Oct. 16th and discussed a new program in Philosophy, general reading difficulties of students, the size of the BLA program, and changing the withdrawal date. Senators with input on these topics should contact Professor Mittler or a member of the committee.

3. Graduate Policy and Affairs. Professor Parkin presented the following resolution and clarified that this is not a new program but an option in an existing program.

RESOLUTION The Faculty Senate approves the Advanced Master of Science in Physical Therapy/Advanced Practice Option.

Questions regarding the program were answered by Dean Stecchi and Dean Hojnacki.

VOTE yes 31 no 0 abstain 1

4. Research and Development. Professor Laura Punnett reported that the committee met on Oct. 15th, and discussed faculty workload issues, and the TA allocations formula proposal from last spring. Additional topics will be discussed at the next meet, which is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 13th at 1:30PM in Ball 301.

5. Academic Resources. Professor Miliaras reported that the committee met on Oct. 29th and discussed the development of a faculty survey for academic resources. She reported that the issue came up that 2 years ago the Senate passed a resolution that students can not sign up late in the add/drop period without the instructor's permission. Currently, however students are doing this and telling the instructor that they have permission from the Registrar's Office. This needs to be investigated. The committee is also developing a procedure whereby computer needs could be satisfied in a uniform method. Dr. Wagner has agreed to meet with the committee and discuss this. The committee is also discussing security issues, and plans to meet with the administration to discuss this. The next meeting is scheduled for Nov. 15th at 4:00PM in Lydon Library.

6. Budget and Priorities Helen Jones reported that the committee met and prioritized items of business. She raised the following two items with the Chancellor at the October 21st meeting; (1) criteria for evaluation of centers and institutes; (2) ways to save money or generate new funds with a consideration of minimal standards for funding of departments. Senators should direct their comments to Helen Jones or a member of the committee.

Professor Minkkinen asked when the Senate will hear the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Program Review Committee. Senate President Nicolosi responded that this poses a problem since the recommendations are due to the Chancellor on November 25th and the next meeting of the Senate is scheduled for Dec. 2nd. Professor Ruskai asked for a point of order, asking how the committee can report to Chancellor Hogan without first reporting to the Senate. Professor Siegel, Senate Parliamentarian responded that a

committee can make a report to any entity in its own name as long as it doesn't say it's a Senate report, but this is risky.

Senate President Nicolosi responded that the Ad Hoc Program Review Committee had discussed this problem with the calendar deadlines and would try to get an extension of the November 25th deadline. Professor Krishnan stated that the committee is presently waiting for clarification from Chancellor Hogan regarding the criteria. Professor Innis commented that the Budget and Priorities Committee concern (reported by Helen Jones earlier in the meeting) regarding financial backing of departments is related.

Professor Ogasapian commented that given the time frame perhaps the Senate should consider a default position, namely that the Senate does not acquiesce to the recommendations of the Chancellor. Professor Ruskai restated her concern regarding the timetable and that the committee's recommendations must come to the full senate for discussion and approval. The following motion was made:

MOTION The Faculty Senate would like an extension of the November 25th deadline so that the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Program Review Committee can be submitted to the Senate for its approval.

Vote yes 30 no 1 abstain 0

It was also pointed out by Professor Ruskai that if the extension is not granted that the Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees

should inform the Board of Trustees that the Faculty Senate has not had sufficient opportunity to review this matter.

Professor Mittler pointed out that this is a request from the Chancellor for information, not something that we are sending to the Board of Trustees.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40PM.