

Memorandum

To: Faculty Senate

From: Professor Janet Burke, Executive Secretary

Date: December 2, 1996

Re: Faculty Senate Minutes, December 2, 1996

The Faculty Senate Meeting was called to order on Monday, December 2, 1996 at 3:30 PM in Pasteur 301. The following Senators were in attendance:

John Catalozzi, Education; William Phelan, Education; Dominick Sama, Chemical & Nuclear Eng; James Sheff, Chemical & Nuclear Eng.; Burton Segall, Civil Eng; Bodo Reinisch, Electrical Eng; Ross Holmstrom, Electrical Eng; Robert Parkin, Mechanical Eng; Laura Punnett, Work Environment; Michael Ellenbecker, Work Environment; Robert Nicolosi, Clinical Lab Science; Sheila Perrault, Nursing; Pauline Ladebauche, Nursing; Connie Seymour, Physical Therapy; Eve Buzawa, Criminal Justice; Michael Carter, Economics; Barbara Miliaras, English; Charles Ryan, English; Jonathan Liebowitz, History; Michael Jones, Legal Studies; Robert Innis, Philosophy; Hai B. Pho, Political Science; Jon Hellstedt, Psychology; Joseph Waterman, Psychology; Mitra Das, Sociology; James Graham-Eagle, Mathematics; Alan Doerr, Mathematics; Mary Beth Ruskai, Mathematics; George Chabot, Physics; Gunter Kegel, Physics; Arthur Mittler, Physics; Charles Feeney, Accounting; Irwin Shapiro, Management; Riaz Khan, OMMIS; Arno Minkinen, Art; Scott Fredrickson, Music Business; Kay Roberts, Music Performance; Helen Jones, Library

Agenda

I. Announcements

Senate President Nicolosi announced that Robert Karam, Chairman of the Board of Trustees has accepted the Senate's invitation to attend a Senate meeting and is present at today's meeting. Mr. Karam will make a brief presentation and answer questions. In order to provide time for this Professor Nicolosi requested that the agenda for the day's meeting be amended to place Mr. Karam's presentation as item IV on the agenda, and to move the Standing Committee reports to item VI. There was no objection to this request. President Nicolosi also announced that Professor Michael Jones would be acting as Senate Parliamentarian for the day's meeting.

II. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting.

The minutes of the November 4, 1996 meeting of the Faculty Senate were unanimously accepted as presented.

III. Reports on Meetings

Professor Phelan, Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees, reported that the next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Wednesday December 4th on the Worcester campus. Committee meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, December 3rd. Professor Phelan will attend these meetings and report on them at the next meeting of the Faculty Senate. Professor Phelan's reports are posted on the Gopher System under the Faculty Senate file. He can be reached at X4610 or electronically at

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IV. Robert Karam, Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Karam addressed the Senate and answered questions from Senators. Issues included his background and service to public higher education, restructuring, and athletics and the new arena for the Lowell campus. Mr. Karam responded to questions about the need for a common calendar for the campuses, and the problem of achieving parity of nomenclature between the campuses. He supported Professor Sheff's suggestion that Lowell should strive to be known as "Lowell" as Berkeley is in the California system. Professor Punnett raised the issue of infrastructure issues especially as they relate to sexual harassment and affirmative action pointing to what she saw as inadequate staffing in these areas. Mr. Karam stated that sexual harassment would not be tolerated, that the university supports affirmative action, and if there are special problems they should be brought to the attention of the appropriate University officers. In response to a statement from a Senator that was critical of the Chancellor Mr. Karam affirmed his strong support for Chancellor Hogan. Professor Parkin referred to the financial concerns of our students, which make it necessary for them to work many hours while in school, and cited a program at some medical schools in which tuition is forgiven to students who remain in the state and work in their field for a period of time after graduation. He asked about implementing such a program for our students. Mr. Karam responded that he is open to ideas to relieve the financial burdens of students and understands these problems since he had to work himself while in school.

V. Ad Hoc Program Review Committee

Copies of the committee's report were distributed at the beginning of the meeting. Senate President Nicolosi summarized the committee's report. He then called for Professor Minkkinen to update the Senate regarding the B.F.A. program.

There was a discussion of the committee's report. Professor Ruskai indicated that she objected to bullet one in the preamble. Professor Nicolosi reminded the Senate that the preamble including bullet one received the support of the Senate last year. Professor Innis suggested that bullet three should replace bullet one.

Regarding the Professor Nicolosi called upon Provost Wagner to clarify some of the issues regarding program review. Dr. Wagner informed the Senate that Chancellor Hogan is not going to present recommendations to the Board of Trustees on Wednesday as previously planned. Instead he will make an interim set of recommendations. His final recommendations will be out at a later date. Regarding the B.F.A. degree Dr. Wagner reported that open meetings were held on campus, and that a consultant was contacted. After these deliberations Chancellor Hogan concluded that the B.F.A. program should be maintained and that the B.A. program in Art should be phased out. Dr. Wagner stated that some conditions have been attached to this recommendation, namely the following: (1) "that a close cooperative arrangement with the Computer Science Department be formalized in order to service the regional student demand for computer graphics"; and (2) "development of a totally new visual arts degree program which will serve students, the university, the discipline and society within a social/economic culture that is rapidly changing. The new program curriculum should incorporate a strong foundation in the humanities and social sciences in conjunction with courses designed to develop applied

skills."

American Studies program, Dr. Wagner reported that an agreement is not concluded, but that "it is recommended that the B.A. American Studies, which has been an interdisciplinary program in Humanities/Social Sciences in the College of Arts and Sciences not attached to any one academic department, be relocated to a 'quasi-department' in Humanities and Social Sciences for an evaluation period of 3 years. The 'quasi-department' is to be structured as deemed most appropriate by the Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences. It shall consist of not less than four faculty to serve without interrupting their present department affiliation. In their capacity as a 'quasi-department' faculty they are to provide the intellectual and professional breadth, depth and academic guidance for this program. It is further recommended that the university seek authority to modify the present degree title to B.A. in American and Regional Social and Economic Studies so as to accurately reflect the need to examine regional development in order to fully understand national development."

Dr. Wagner reminded the Senate that the Board of Higher Education has set new standards regarding graduation minimums, and that this poses problems for some programs.

Professor Ruskai referred to Chancellor Hogan's recommendations which suggested reorganizing American Studies into the new program in Regional Social and Economic Development. She asked Provost Wagner to address the issue of this new department, which has not come before the Senate. Dr. Wagner indicated that the issue of a new department was negotiated with the faculty union and that new degree programs will come before the Senate. Professor Shapiro stated that the core of this new department comes from a department that was imposed on the College of Management. Provost Wagner disputed this statement citing faculty from other departments that will be members of the new department in Regional Social and Economic Development.

It was agreed that the Ad Hoc Program Review Committee would meet again and review its report in light of the Senate discussion and revised recommendations from the Administration.

Senate President Nicolosi reminded Senators that it was 5:00PM and asked whether they would like to continue and considered the committee reports and resolutions or defer these until the next Senate meeting. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting and delay consideration until the next meeting of the Senate.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00PM.