

Memorandum

To: Faculty and Librarians

From: J. Burke, Executive Secretary, Faculty Senate

Date: April 7, 1997

Re: Faculty Senate Minutes, April 7, 1997

The Faculty Senate Meeting was called to order on Monday, April 7th at 3:30pm in O'Leary 222. 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; John Ting, Civil Eng; Bodo Reinisch, Electrical Eng; David Wunsch, Electrical Eng; John McKelliget, Mechanical Eng; Robert Parkin, Mechanical Eng; Carol Barry, Plastics Eng; Ross Stacer, Plastics Eng; Laura Punnett, Work Environment; Michael Ellenbecker, Work Environment; Pauline Ladebauche, Nursing; Connie Seymour, Physical Therapy; Eve Buzawa, Criminal Justice; William Coughlin, English; Barbara Miliaras, English; Charles Ryan, English; Peter Blewett, History; Jonathan Liebowitz, History; Michael Jones, Legal Studies; Jon Hellstedt, Psychology; Joseph Waterman, Psychology; Thomas Shea, Biology; Albert Kowalak, Chemistry; Giampiero Pecelli, Computer Science; Dan S. Golomb, Earth Science; Thomas Kudzma, Mathematics; Alan Doerr, Mathematics; Mary Beth Ruskai, Mathematics; George Chabot, Physics; Gunter Kegel, Physics; Arthur Mittler, Physics; Irwin Shapiro, Management; Riaz Khan, OMMIS; Philip Moss, Policy and Planning; Arno Minkinen, Art; John Ogasapian, Academic Studies; Helen Jones, Library

The meeting was chaired by Senate Vice President Ogasapian.

Agenda

I. Announcements.

Professor Ogasapian made the following announcements: (1) Election of Senators - Today was the established deadline for departmental election of Senators. Several departments have not responded. Dr. Burke will be in touch with the Chairs of those departments during the next week. If your department has not conducted elections please encourage your Department Chair to complete the process. (2) Senate Standing Committees - Information about Senate Standing Committees has been sent to all faculty. Please inform the Executive Secretary if you would like to serve on a Senate Standing Committee. If you are currently serving on a committee please inform your committee chair if you would like to continue serving next year.

(3) Summer Information - Once again the Senate office is gathering summer address information for Senators in the event it is necessary to hold a special meeting of the Faculty Senate during the summer. Please return your form ASAP. (4) May Senate Meeting - Prior to the May 5th Senate meeting there will be an organizational meeting of the 1997-98 Faculty Senate. This meeting will take place at 3:00PM in O'Leary 222. It will be followed immediately by the scheduled meeting of the 1997 Faculty Senate. Senators who will be serving on next year's Senate should plan to attend the 3:00PM

meeting. The agenda is brief and includes: approval of election of Senators; election of officers for the 1997-98 Faculty Senate; and nomination of candidates for the position of Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees. (5) Retirement Party - Professor Waterman has asked me to announce that the annual Retirement party for University employees will be held on May 9th from 1:00PM to 5:00PM at Jimmy's IV, in North Chelmsford. The cost is \$13.50 per person for a chicken or fish meal. Fliers will be in the mail soon. This year about twenty people are retiring.

II. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the March 3, 1997 meeting of the Faculty Senate were unanimously accepted as presented.

III. Reports on Meetings - Board of Trustees & Intercampus Council.

Professor Phelan reported on recent meetings of the Board of Trustees. He noted that regrettably he and several others were not notified that the April Board meeting had been moved to Boston because of the snow storm. Consequently he was not able to attend and there was no meeting of the Inter Campus council. Copies of his report were distributed at the beginning of the meeting.

IV. Senate Standing Committees

1. Academic Governance Professor Jones reported that Chancellor Hogan has agreed to put in writing a memorandum of agreement regarding reductions for the Senate President and Executive Secretary so that a By-laws revision will not be necessary. He also indicated that the committee has been asked to consider whether a Dean with an academic appointment can be counted in the number of faculty used to determine allocation of senators to a department. Professor Jones asked the Senate for its opinion on this issue.

Professor Blewett stated that Deans, while serving as Deans, are not counted in the union group so it seems they should not be part of the Senate group. Professor Sheff wisely suggested that Professor Jones consult the By-Laws on this issue. It was agreed that the Academic Governance Committee should study this and render a decision.

2. Academic Resources. Professor Miliaras reported that the committee plans to submit an annual report at the next meeting. The committee is concerned that its charge in the area of affirmative action is too broad. The committee is also concerned about the process of appointment to University committees in terms of affirmative action issues. Professor Waterman, Faculty Senate Representative to the University Athletics Committee reported on recent activities of the committee. He reported that the Tsongas Arena will be ready next fall, the baseball and football field in the spring of 1998, and that the new sports facility is at least two years away. He also reported on the successes of several athletic teams.

3. Undergraduate Policy Professor Mittler reported that the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 17th at 2:30PM in Olney 521.

4. Research and Development Professor Punnett presented the following resolution from the committee. She distributed a sheet containing background material.

RESOLUTION The Faculty Senate urges the University and the Faculty Union (MTA/NEA) to consider the issue of faculty workload in the next round of contract bargaining. Specifically, we urge that faculty workload credits be counted not only for student contact hours in formal courses, but also for supervision of student projects and theses, funded research, publications, and other scholarly activities.

DISCUSSION A question was raised whether faculty are currently getting credit for research activities. It was pointed out that credit is being given, but not always evenly to all faculty. Professor Miliaras stated that this issue touches on issues before the Academic Resources Committee. She stressed that equitable decisions should be made in every aspect effecting the faculty. It was suggested that the R&S committee determine whether UMass Amherst has such a policy.

VOTE YES 34 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0

5. Budget and Priorities Helen Jones indicated that she will report on the committee's deliberations regarding the last two resolutions on the agenda after they have been presented by the Graduate Policy and Affairs Committee.

6. Graduate Policy and Affairs Professor Parkin presented the following resolution from the committee.

RESOLUTION The Faculty Senate recommends that the existing Mechanical Engineering D. Eng. Degree be broadened to include participation of the Civil and Chemical Engineering Departments.

DISCUSSION It was pointed out that the title of the degree will remain the same, and that there will be no new options or financial burdens.

VOTE YES 37 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0

Professor Parkin presented the next resolution from the committee.

RESOLUTION The Faculty Senate recommends approval of a Teacher Certification Option in the Master of Music in Music Education offered by the Music Department.

DISCUSSION It was pointed out that this is teacher certification option not a certificate program. Up to this time teacher certification was obtained through the undergraduate program, but the state has now put in a two tier program. This change is a response to the state change.

VOTE YES 38 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0

Professor Parkin presented the next resolution from the committee.

RESOLUTION The Faculty Senate recommends approval of an Atmospheric Sciences concentration in the Environmental Studies Program leading to the Master of Science degree.

DISCUSSION It was pointed out that there is no duplication and no additional costs

involved. Regarding the question of numbers it was pointed out that the program is launching an intensive recruiting effort to increase the graduation numbers to eight to ten students per year.

VOTE YES 36 NO 1 ABSTAIN 1

Professor Parkin presented the next resolution from the committee.

RESOLUTION The Faculty Senate recommends approval of a Graduate Certificate in the Economic and Social Development of Regions offered by the Department of Regional Economic and Social Development.

He stated that the programs reflected in the last two resolutions on the agenda relating to the new department of Regional Economic and Social Development first appeared before GPAC in December. At that time suggestions and recommendations were made to the department for revisions in the proposals. The proposals were voted on at the last meeting in March and were supported by the committee.

Helen Jones read the following report from the Budget and Priorities committee regarding the last two resolutions on the agenda.

"The Committee had agreed that my summary of telephone and e-mail polling of the members was acceptable, since the full membership was only able to meet once on December 19th regarding this issue. Dean Kleniewski and RESD Department members gave presentations at the December meeting and also at another B&P meeting on March 5th.

The results of the polling were: For the certificate program: Yes -6, no -2, abstain -2. For the graduate program : yes -5, but two 'yes' votes were conditional upon annual review and evaluation; no -3; abstain -2. Two of the abstentions were occasioned by the present and future permanent negative impact on the library and librarians of the RESD Department's move to the 5th floor of O'Leary library.

Concerns expressed by various B&P members were (1) the need for further program and departmental development, (2) the move of 13 faculty at one time into RESD, (3) justification for the hiring of 13 faculty in light of the recent departmental standards applied to existing departments, and (4) projected workload and buyout standards".

DISCUSSION In response to questions from Senators it was pointed out by Dean Kleniewski that graduate and undergraduate courses will be offered late afternoon and evening, and during the day respectively in the same time frames as other college courses; and that faculty will not receive extra reimbursement for evening courses unless they are above and beyond the regular workload.

Professor Ruskai asked for clarification regarding some of the course numbers listed in the proposal. She also stated that although the proposal calls for no new resources she has heard rumors that office space is currently being made in the library for the new department at the cost of the library's book collection. Professor Miliaras indicated that she has heard similar rumors and stated that if true this is a terrible waste of library

materials. Ben Frankowiak, Director of Libraries responded that no books of any worth to the university are being destroyed or discarded. He stated that a substantial part of the collection on the fifth floor is from the 1960s when there were two separate institutions, thus the university has duplication of materials particularly from the period before the merger. He stressed that librarians are very carefully reviewing the collection. Professor Liebowitz stated that historians do not see old books as something of no value. It was suggested that the books that are no longer appropriate for the university's collection be donated to some needy group. Professor Sheff supported this and stated that he had seen large numbers of books being put in the dumpster. He stated that he was appalled at this.

The question was called.

Vote on calling the question YES 3

Discussion continued.

Professor Wooding presented a statement on the background and development of the program.

Dean Kleniewski make the following three points regarding the proposed program: (1) This program will broaden the university's commitment to the community. (2) In a no growth environment you need to reorganize your resources. (3) The importance of graduate education. In addition anyone who wants to teach in this department is invited to do so, and the faculty will be subject to the same rules as the rest of the faculty in the college.

Professor Tilly then briefly reviewed the document presented to the faculty regarding the program stressing the issue of demand for the program.

Professor Phelan reminded the Senate that this program came from the faculty, suggesting that they should be commended for their work which can serve as a model for future proposals. While there is a risk involved this is balanced by the fact that all programs are subject to review and evaluation as mandated by the Board of Trustees. Professor Ruskai expressed her concern as to whether this is a true interdisciplinary program, and her concern that it will become micro disciplinary. Professor Reinisch raised the question of whether the Senate is actually voting on the existence of the department since if there is no other program in the department than the one on the floor then if this program is denied there is no department. Professor Shapiro stated that the Policy and Planning Department, which initially seemed to be a good idea, had devastating consequences for the College of Management, which is just now recovering. He cautioned that approving this program is "opening a Pandora's Box". Helen Jones stated that library books are going into the dumpster and librarians are losing their offices. She suggested that the whole issue of Library resources and who determines how they are expropriated be studied by the Academic Resources Committee. Provost Wagner responded that Mr. Caulfield met with librarians last Thursday to respond to these issues and that a general consensus of agreement had been reached.

Professor Parkin addressed a process problem, namely that there is no clear mandate for how the Graduate Policy and Affairs Committee should conduct its reviews of new

programs.

Professor Ellenbecker suggested that this group of interdisciplinary scholars should be allowed to develop their own program.

Professor Sama indicated that the program should be approved or denied based on its merits and that any approval should be conditional subject to continued review by the Senate.

He also questioned the existence of demand for the program. He stated that he does not see a program of academic research, but rather a vehicle for promoting polemics.

Professor Punnett call the question

VOTE ON CALLING THE QUESTION Yes 21

Insufficient to call the question.

Discussion continued

Professor Hellstedt inquired how much longer the discussion would continue, indicating that this issue may require further discussion at another meeting. He stated that he sees common ground for this program and suggested that it be given a chance.

Professor Kegel made a Motion to Table.

VOTE yes 15

The motion to table failed.

Professor Ruskai moved that the resolution be sent back to committee. The motion was second.

Professor Sama asked whether a quorum exists.

A count was taken. A quorum did not exist. It was pointed out that discussion could continue, but no votes could be taken.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded.

VOTE yes 15 No 3

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25PM.