

Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting
December 12, 2006

Present: P. Bacdayan M. Baum L. Bianco D. Boerth
D. Borim L. Brodeur E. Carreiro K. Kelly-Curran
E. Fisher D. Georgianna P. Gibbs J. Griffith
A. Hausknecht B. Jacobskind Y. Kim A. Klobucka
G. Koot S. Krumholz R. Laoulache W. LeBlanc
S. Leclair H. Michel A. Mollo S. Peterson
D. Rancour F. Sousa S. Sousa E. Winiarz

Excused: B. Barnes D. Bergeron K. Gramling R. Kowalczyk
N. O'Connor F. Scarano S. Scott K. Stokesbury
H. Xu

Absent: B. Bouchard L. Cheng A. Costa P. Currier
A. Gunasekaran O. Khalil A. Klimt
K. Langley J. Leffers K. Manning B. Notaras
G. O'Rielly P. Owens B. Singh L. Sun
L. Travers M. Zarrillo

Guests: C. Howe, R. Panofsky

Meeting called to order at 3:40 PM

Announcement- the faculty retirement association is trying to get a list of retirees. They hold a monthly luncheon and program as a way to keep retirees' connected. They are also trying to keep plaque updated. Going to host a retirement dinner to honor faculty who are leaving. Want to work with Senate to be certain they include all retirees. Contact x8020. MaryEllen (Morelli) Defrias.

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1. Motion to accept minutes; E. Fisher moves, E. Carreiro seconds. Correction 2.5.d. Mollo not Jackobskind. 2.5 "Motion" is misspelled. Motion carries.

2. Senate Steering Committee Report

2.1 Update on ROTC vote

Letter from Chancellor responding to our motions on ROTC. Senate had voted to allow students to register through Peoplesoft; Chancellor accepted. Senate also voted that they not be allowed to

teach classes physically on this campus. Chancellor has asked us to reconsider.

Discussion followed. Some of the significant concerns are:

*ROTC as excluding homosexuals. Seems that they are moving toward bringing it on as a full-fledged program. If they are already on campus, how should we address this? Is this an issue on principal? If we don't discriminate and they do, they shouldn't be on campus.

*ROTC was once on campus and the Faculty Senate voted to remove it from the campus. About 10 years ago we were told that students really wanted it, so we said students could be part of ROTC at Providence College.

*Just because it is on campus, doesn't mean we endorse it for credit.

*Need to protect the earlier decision that this doesn't count in gpa; hesitancy to accept it as an academic offering.

*Is the issue who teaches the course?

Motion made to direct steering committee that we remain adamant that this be transfer credits only, however we don't wish to deny students the opportunity to avail themselves of courses taught on this campus by Providence College faculty when and if space is available.

P. Gibbs moves; D. Boerth seconds.

Discussion on motion. Offer amendment—after "adamant" add "that ROTC not be an academic program on this campus". Accepted as friendly amendment.

Amendment that courses only taught on nights and weekends or early morning prior to 8AM. This was considered unnecessary as it was the subject of the earlier Senate vote. Amendment withdrawn.

B.Jacobskind moves to call question; E. Fisher seconds. Motion carries.

Main motion carries with one absention; two nays.

2.2 Grievance update:

An email from Panofsky stated that none of the parties will participate in the grievance process, but that they will contact arbitrators. D. Georgianna says this is just their opinion, and not a decision in any way.

2.3 Proposed meeting with Dean Costas about name change

S. Leclair sent a memo to the Dean asking for a meeting. Informal response from the Dean was that he couldn't meet until he consulted his superior, and that since the Federation is involved, there is a good chance that no administrator will attend.

2.4 Center evaluations

Letter sent to Provost; as of today there has been no reply.

3. Committee Reports

3.1 Ethical Standards Committee

This semester they have been spent doing nuts and bolts; R. Panofsky has managed to fit the plagiarism policy within the existing policy.

Two other things committee is thinking about: 1) how to educate students; 2) pros and cons of faculty tools for identifying plagiarism.

As to the latter, the fundamental debate is about the relative value of the available services. Decision will continue to be faculty's, but this provides useful and constructive learning experience.

Motion to adjourn made by L. Bianco, seconded by B. Jacobskind

Meeting adjourns at 4:55 PM