

Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting  
February 1, 2005

Present: M. Anderson M. Baum D. Bergeron D. Boerth  
E. Carreiro L. Cheng P. Currier Q. Fan  
E. Fisher D. Georgianna P. Gibbs  
J. Griffith B. Jacobskind F. Karakaya  
Y. Kim R. Kowalczyk  
S. Krumholz K. Langley S. Leclair J. Leffers  
K. Manning J. Marlow N. O'Connor S. Peterson  
F. Scarano S. Scott J. Stauder K. Stokesbury  
E. Winiarz M. Zarrillo

Excused: L. Bianco K. Gramling A. Hausknecht G. Koot  
H. Michel D. Prentice D. Rancour M. Roy  
S. Sousa L. Sun

Absent: B. Barnes D. Borim A. Gunasekeran O. Khalil  
P. Szatek L. Travers H. Xu

Guests: D. Lee A. Costa W. Mitchell R. Panofsky  
K. Payton J. Schaaf D. Zekin

S. Leclair called the meeting to order at 3:40.

1. J. Griffith moved to accept the minutes of December 13, 2004.  
E. Fisher seconded. Motion carried.

2. Senate Steering Committee Report

2.1 Despite attempts by the Steering Comm. to schedule meetings with the Chancellor, no meetings are currently scheduled. Last semester FSS didn't meet with Chancellor, but met once with Provost, once with representative of Provost

2.2 Administration forwarded a policy they had already put in to effect on the awarding of Posthumous degrees

2.3. Program review by curriculum committees

i. New policy for creating programs sent to FSSC by the

Provost. After review the FSSC said they believed that the existing policy was fine and didn't need revision. Despite the position of the FSSC, the policy has been put in place.

ii. Two proposals have moved forward to the Board of Trustees without the review required by . . .

Once again the FSSC is concerned about the administration's failure to confer with the Faculty Senate around issues directly related to our purview—matters relating to education.

Extensive discussion followed about the role of the Senate, the role of faculty generally in relation to the creation of new programs, majors and departments, and specifically what action the Faculty Senate should take in response to programs sent forward to Board of Trustees. Of specific concern to many was the MPP proposal which was not approved by the College Curriculum Committee, and was never properly reviewed by the University Curriculum Committee. (The other program put forward was the creation of a Department of Artisanry. This program was approved by the college, the UCC and the Federation.)

Motions were made, amended and withdrawn as the Senate attempted to find a satisfactory way to respond to the Administration. The desire expressed was to note our concern in a responsible manner, caution the Trustees about acting on program issues that had not had proper review, and continuing to attempt some degree of collegiality. Much of the discussion centered around who would be contacted when. It was stated that it is important, if we are to have any chance of impacting the outcome, to act quickly (the Trustees may be acting on these proposals within the next week or two). Others were concerned that we notify all parties so that it does not appear we are being irresponsible.

S. Krumholz moved to send a letter to the Board of Trustees noting our concern that the proposal(s) before them were not properly reviewed. And that a letter will be sent to the Chancellor simultaneously informing her of the letter sent to the Bd. of Trustees, noting that we would rather not have taken this course of action, but given the timing this was the only responsible route. This motion was seconded by P. Currier. Motion carried.

2.4. Commencement process - S. Leclair reiterated the changes to the Commencement which had been discussed last spring. It appears that not much has happened to implement the changes. Departments need to move on this quickly, but more information is needed.

S. Leclair asked for a motion to skip two committee reports and go straight to Finance report. B. Jacobskind moved, J. Griffith seconded. Motion carried.

3. D. Zekin reported on budget. (Attachment A). He encouraged anyone interested in the budget to join the Budget Review Board.

Highlights of the presentation:

- Operating margin -close to break even
- Financial cushion - much better than two years ago
- Unrestricted from -9mill to -2mill
- Enrollment head count - number for budget purposes; expect a 4.78% enrollment increase from fy 05 to fy 06
- Revenues; state appropriation down to 33%. All state appropriations are in salaries.

4. J. Schaaf requested that she report for the Gen Ed Committee as she had already submitted a report (sent to Senators via email), now Attachment B. J. Schaaf didn't request that the Senate take any action, simply that they are open to the changes.

B. Jacobskind moved "the Faculty Senate receives the proposals from the Gen. Ed. Comm. and agrees they are an improvement for gen. ed. in theory but we are concerned about the pragmatics of their implementation." J. Griffith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 5:35.