

Memorandum

TO Faculty and Librarians

FROM: D. Eberiel, Executive Secretary, Faculty Senate

DATE: October 4, 1999

RE: Minutes: October 4, 1999 Faculty Senate Meeting

The Faculty Senate Meeting was called to order on Monday, October 4, 1999 at 3:30 PM in Lydon Lounge. The following Senators were in attendance:

Juan Rodriguez, Education; James Rome, Electrical Eng; Michael Fiddy, Electrical Eng; Robert Parkin, Mechanical Eng; Carol Barry, Plastics Eng; Aldo Crugnola, Plastics Eng; Thomas Shea, Biological Science; Garth Hall, Biological Science; James Canning, Computer Science; Bodo Reinisch, Earth Science; James Graham-Eagle, Mathematics; Ann Marie Hurley, Mathematics; Alan Doerr, Mathematics; George Chabot, Physics; James Egan, Physics; Art Mittler, Physics; Eugene Rogers, Clin Lab Science & Health; Robert Nicolosi, Clin Lab Science & Health; Nina Coppens, Nursing; Barbara Mawn, Nursing; Carole Pearce, Nursing; Sue Bergmeier, Physical Therapy; Sean Collins, Physical Therapy; Arno Minkkinen, Art; David Hirschel, Criminal Justice; Michael Carter, Economics; Joe Zaitchik, English; Charles Ryan, English; Liana Cheney, History; Joseph Garreau, Language; Russell Karl, Legal Studies; Jeffrey Gerson, Political Science; Daniel Egan, Sociology; Valerie Kijewski, Management & Marketing; Riaz Khan, MIS; Richard Slapsys, Library

I. Announcements- Senate President Parkin made the following announcements:

A. Attendance policy: According to the Faculty Senate Bylaws: "A Faculty Senate seat shall be declared vacant upon an affirming vote by the executive Committee when the following condition occurs: The senator is absent without just cause from two consecutive Faculty Senate or Executive Committee Meetings. In the event of a vacancy...., the President of the Senate will inform the Academic Governance Committee Chairperson in order to facilitate the committee's monitoring of the election process." This is being stressed so that departments are represented appropriately in Faculty Senate.

The above was read by R. Parkin, President of the Faculty Senate.

There were no comments.

B. Vacancy to the Gen. Ed. Committee- Has to be filled by a member of the Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences- E-mail was sent to all faculty regarding this.

There were no nominations from the floor.

II. Approval of the Minutes- 5/3/1999, 5/3/99 (organizational).

Motion to accept, moved and accepted -- Unanimously

III. Reports of Meetings-

A. Board of Trustees/Intercampus Council- Professor Carter-

Handout was given to all as they signed in-

Professor Carter emphasized:

1. Trustees recognize importance of each of the campuses.
2. The trustees try to run the University like any major corporation.
3. Access to the Board improving and they are listening.
4. Meetings are well run. Many of the issues brought up have been well researched and all present understand all nuances
5. They are interested in consolidating functions concerning administrative activities on all campuses.

B. InterCampus Council (ICC)- Parkin - The ICC is an important voice of all of the sister campuses of the University as it provides an opportunity for representatives to pass on information about what is occurring on the individual campuses as well as to express specific concerns. There is also representation from the Board of Trustees at these meetings. Amherst has provided some of the impetus for getting input to the Board of Trustee using the ICC.

C. Faculty Union- Professor Parkin-

Not much went on that deserves much attention today. Parking improvements have been made, and the new contract is done - Dr. Nicolosi was recognized- He asked whether the topic of non tenured Research faculty was addressed- Dr. Parkin replied that he had been at their meeting for 2.5 hr's and had to leave for a previous commitment. The topic hadn't been taken up before he left.

IV. Senate Standing Committees-

A. Academic Governance- Professor Hurley- The committee hadn't met yet.

B. Undergraduate Policy Committee- Professor Mittler-

Professor Liebowitz reported on the this topic-

1. Shortened add/drop period was voted and approved.
2. Two students and one faculty member are needed for the Gen. Ed. Committee to function at full capacity-
3. Concerns have been raised with development Gen. Ed. legislation The committee will be addressing the following soon:
 - (a.) Dept certification that the effect of Gen. Ed. course(s) is/are damaging their major

(b.) Procedure for how departments present proposed courses to the Gen. Ed. Committee- Professor Liebowitz will be speaking to all Dept chairs and colleges within next month or so on the requirements relative to critical thinking skills. More information to come-- Web site up soon.

Dr. Mittler announced the next UPC meeting:- 10/18 @ 3-4:30PM - Topics to be covered include monitoring Gen. Ed. courses and distance learning.

C. Graduate Policy and Affairs Committee- Professor Reinisch- Their first meeting was on 9/13. The next meeting will be on 10/12/99 @3:30PM in Alum. Hall 103

D. Research & Development Committee- Professor Chabot for Professor Punnett- No report at this time.

George Chabot announced that next meeting will be in Alum 103 on 11/15 @ 1:15- Two resolutions will be presented at the next executive committee meeting for consideration at the next Faculty Senate meeting. The committee was working on a mission statement for committee- President Parkin asked Executive Committee to convene after the Faculty Senate meeting.

E. Academic Resources Committee- Professor Gerson- This committee has not met yet.

F. Budget and Priorities- Professor Ryan- no meeting has been scheduled - He asked that all members meet briefly today. He met with Joe Caufield on improvements over the summer- On South, classroom improvements have been in Weed Hall and McGauvran. On North, improvements were made in Olney and Olsen. Improvements are being made in Pasteur now. -In the Spring, the 4th floor of Southwick will be worked on- Plans are in place to work in the Engineering Building after that.

V. New Business- None.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30PM