

## **Memorandum**

**To: Faculty Senate**

**From: Professor Janet Burke, Executive Secretary**

**Date: March 4, 1996**

**Re: Minutes of the March 4 , 1996 Meeting of the Faculty Senate**

The Faculty Senate Meeting was called to order on Monday, March 4th, 1996 at 3:30 PM 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.; Dan Golomb, Civil Eng; Venkatarama Krishnan, Electrical Eng; Ziyad Salameh, Electrical Eng; Robert Parkin, Mechanical Eng; Majid Charmchi, Mechanical Eng; James Huang, Plastics Eng; Michael Ellenbecker, Work Environment; David Wegman, Work Environment; Robert Nicolosi, Clinical Lab Science; Michael O'Sullivan, Health; Pauline Ladebauche, Nursing; Eileen Williamson, Nursing; Susan Reece, Nursing; Connie Seymour, Physical Therapy; Michael Carter, Economics; Charles Ryan, English; Barbara Miliaras, English; Jonathan Liebowitz, History; Peter Blewett, History; Michael Jones, Legal Studies; Robert Innis, Philosophy; Joyce Denning, Political Science; David Landrigan, Psychology; Giampiero Pecelli, Computer Science; Nelson Eby, Earth Science; Arthur Mittler, Physics; George Chabot, Physics; Eusang Yoon, Management; Riaz Khan, OMMIS; John Ogasapian, Academic Studies; Kay Roberts, Music Performance; Scott Fredrickson, Music Business; Helen Jones, Library; Margaret Manion, Library;

### **Agenda**

I. Approval of Minutes. The minutes of the February 5, 1996 meeting of the Faculty Senate were unanimously accepted as presented.

Professor Roberts made the following motion, which was seconded by Professor Denning.

MOTION To amend the January 22, 1996 Faculty Senate Minutes by deleting the following sentence from the last page of said minutes: "Professor Roberts supported the sense of Professor Rubinstein's proposal especially as it relates to the affected programs".

The Executive Secretary indicated that she had reviewed the tape of the meeting and that she had no objection to the motion.

VOTE YES 29 NO 0 ABSTAIN 2

II. Announcements and Reports on Past Business The Senate President made the following announcements:

1. Senate Elections. The election process for the Faculty Senate occurs during the Spring Semester. There are specific procedures outlined in the By-Laws of the Senate. Dr. Burke, Faculty Senate Executive Secretary, has sent a memorandum to all members of the faculty regarding the elections. Today she sent specific information about the election

process to Department Chairs. Some deadlines to keep in mind: March 25th - completion of the nomination process; April 1st - completion of elections; April 4th - results sent to the Senate office.

2. Senate Appointments. At the invitation of Chancellor Hogan, and after conferring with the Executive Committee, Senate representatives are being appointed to the Chancellor's Budget Committee, and the Chancellor's Council. Barbara Cocanour, a member of the Budget and Priorities Committee, is being appointed to the Chancellor's Budget Committee. Bill Phelan is being appointed to the Chancellor's Council. The Senate President also attends the meetings of the Chancellor's Council. In addition Professor Landrigan has been and will continue to attend the meetings of the Chancellor's Council.

3. Program Review Committee- At the last meeting of the Senate, a resolution was passed to establish a Program Review Committee, composed of two members from each of the following Senate Standing Committees: Undergraduate Policy, Graduate Policy and Affairs, Budget and Priorities, Research and Development. It was also stipulated that the committee be representative of the disciplinary breadth of the faculty, including at least one member from each college. The following faculty have been appointed to the committee: Gene Rogers, David Wegman, Riaz Khan, Will Traphagen, James Carifio, David Landrigan, Peter Blewett, Art Mittler. Helen Jones pointed out that the librarians were not represented on the committee and volunteered to serve. Dr. Burke will convene the committee.

Margaret Manion moved that a member of the Academic Resources Committee be appointed to the committee. There was unanimous support for the motion.

Professor Wegman asked for clarification regarding the mission of the committee. He was informed that the committee is not designed to make specific recommendations about restructuring, but rather to make recommendations about the restructuring process.

4. Academic Resources Committee. Retirement List. A copy of the retirement list was distributed with today's agenda. Senators were asked to report any errors or additions to either Professor Waterman ext. 3970 or Professor Burke, ext 3413.

### III. Reports on Meetings

1. Board of Trustees. Professor Phelan reported on the February Board of Trustees meeting. Copies of his report were distributed to the Senators with the meeting materials.

2. Inter Campus Council. Draft minutes of the Inter Campus Council Meeting of February 7th were distributed with the meeting materials. Professor Phelan commented briefly on the meeting. Professor Phelan called attention to the Council's support of legislation designed to enable faculty to be appointed as voting members of the Board of Trustees.

### IV. Senate Standing Committees

1. Academic Governance. Professor Burke presented the following By-laws revisions and indicated that they are informational only and will be discussed and voted on at the April

meeting of the Senate. Printed copies of the existing By-laws and the proposed changes were distributed at the beginning of the meeting.

RESOLUTION The Faculty Senate approves the following By-laws amendment. Page 3, Under IV Types of Action, Paragraph II. Delete "When appropriate, resolutions shall be submitted to the Board of Trustees through the Chancellor of the University". Delete "Board of Trustees" in the last line and replace it with "President's Office for further consideration." Delete Paragraph 3, "When any matter is under consideration for action by the Board, it shall remain the responsibility of the Chancellor of the University to ensure that the Board is cognizant of relevant decisions taken by the Faculty Senate on that matter."

RESOLUTION the Faculty Senate approves the following By-Laws amendment. Under VIII Executive Committee, page 8 line 20 and ff, delete line 21 " the Executive Committee shall meet with the Chancellor and other appropriate members of the administration (i.e. Vice-Chancellors and/or Deans)" and replace it with " The Senate President and the Executive Committee shall meet with the President of the University and/or a designee from his office".

The question was raised regarding the Senate's authority to make these By-Laws revisions without the concurrence of the Chancellor and the President. Professor Phelan responded that the committee had considered this issue and determined that these revisions could be made. Senators were encouraged to address their questions and concerns regarding these revisions to members of the Academic Governance Committee before the next Senate meeting, when they will be voted on.

2. Undergraduate Policy. Professor Mittler indicated that there was no new business from the committee. Professor Landrigan asked whether the committee had received any information regarding new departments. Professor Mittler responded that the committee had not. Senate President Nicolosi informed the Senate that he has met with Vice-Chancellor Wagner and Dean Roberts regarding this issue and that it is his impression that the procedure will be debated by the Faculty and that there would be hiring of new faculty to replace faculty lost to the new departments. Several Senators expressed their concerns. Professor Wegman requested that a formal report be made on this issue at the next Senate meeting. It was agreed that Vice-Chancellor Wagner would be asked to attend the April meeting of the Senate to report on the possible formation of a new department and to answer questions on this matter.

3. Graduate Policy and Affairs - Professor Salameh presented the following resolutions:

RESOLUTION The Faculty Senate approves the adoption of a Graduate Certificate in Energy Conversion.

In the discussion that followed Professor Krishnan indicated that the proposed curriculum for this certificate should be amended to include a course in probability. Another Senator pointed out however that this amendment would be inappropriate since the certificate has been approved by the committee, and since there is no policy restricting students from taking this course.

Professors Liebowitz and Miliaris raised concerns about the quality of the certificate programs that seemed to be proliferating. They were assured that these are quality programs that attract students, and that the courses involved are existing courses. Professor Krishnan made a formal motion to include a course in probability in the certificate, but immediately withdrew the motion, and indicated that he will take his recommendation to the certificate program planners.

VOTE Yes 40 No 0 Abstain 1

RESOLUTION The Faculty Senate approves the adoption of a Graduate Certificate in the Foundations of Business.

There was a brief discussion regarding the proliferation of certificates.

The question was called

VOTE yes 37 no 0

VOTE on the Resolution

yes 37 no 1 abstain 3

RESOLUTION The Faculty Senate approves the adoption of a Graduate Certificate in VLSI & Microelectronics.

VOTE Yes 40 no 0 abstain 1

4. Budget and Priorities - Profess Landrign announced that the March 14th meeting of the committee has been postponed until March 21 in C1. He commented briefly on the budget and presented the following resolutions:

RESOLUTION The Faculty Senate notes and commends progress toward greater involvement of the Faculty in the University budgeting process. Three examples warrant recognition:

Cooperative work among the Telecommunications Forum, the Forum's Web Committee, Dean Moloney, Provost Tripathy, and Chancellor Hogan is resulting in the installation of a new Web server.

Through the efforts of the Migration, Email, Infrastructure, and other committees working cooperatively with Dean Moloney, Provost Tripathy, and Chancellor Hogan, much needed improvements to the computer and networking systems which serve the University appear likely in the near future.

The Chancellor has requested that a member of the Faculty serve on his Budget Team. The Faculty Senate resolves that the representative be nominated from the Budget and Priorities Committee.

In the brief discussion that followed the presentation of the resolution, Professor Landrigan stressed the importance of the work of the Telecommunications forum and encouraged faculty to get involved.

VOTE There was unanimous support for the resolution.

RESOLUTION The Faculty Senate applauds the Administration's progress in attempting to fund the Teaching and Learning Initiative for the University. The Senate urges that the funding of this initiative be augmented with funds allocated to better enable the Faculty to use modern technology in delivering the curriculum to students both on and off campus.

Professor Landrigan briefly explained that the resolution was congratulatory.

VOTE Yes 34 no 0 abstain 1

5. Academic Resources Margaret Manion announced that the next meeting of the committee will be on Friday, March 8th at 9:30 in the Multimedia room in Lydon Library.

6. Research and Development. Professor Eby distributed copies of a report from the Committee, entitled, " Report of Future of Research Services" and presented the following motion:

MOTION The Faculty Senate accepts the report "Report of Future of Research Services" prepared by the Research and Development Committee. The Executive Secretary of the Faculty Senate shall send this report to the Chancellor.

VOTE There was unanimous support for the motion.

The Meeting was adjourned at 4:40pm.