

## **Memorandum**

**To: Faculty and Librarians**

**From: J. Burke, Executive Secretary, Faculty Senate**

**Date: May 5, 1997**

**Re: Minutes Faculty Senate Meeting May 5,1997**

The Faculty Senate Meeting was called to order on Monday, May 5, 1997 at 3:30PM in O'Leary 222. The following Senators were in attendance:

John Catalozzi, Education; William Phelan, Education; Dominick Sama, Chemical & Nuclear Eng; Burton Segall, Civil Eng; Bodo Reinisch, Electrical Eng; Ross Holmstrom, Electrical Eng; David Wunsch, Electrical Eng; John McKelliget, Mechanical Eng; Robert Parkin, Mechanical Eng; Ross Stacer, Plastics Eng; Laura Punnett, Work Environment; Michael Ellenbecker, Work Environment; Robert Nicolosi, Clinical Lab Science & Health; Cheryl Cox, Nursing; Sheila Perrault, Nursing; Connie Seymour, Physical Therapy; Eve Buzawa, Criminal Justice; Michael Carter, Economics; Barbara Miliaras, English; Charles Ryan, English; Peter Blewett, History; Jonathan Liebowitz, History; Linda Saitz, Language; Michael Jones, Legal Studies; Robert Innis, Philosophy; Hai B. Pho, Political Science; Jon Hellstedt, Psychology; Joseph Waterman, Psychology; Levon Chorbajian, Sociology; Thomas Shea, Biology; Albert Kowalak, Chemistry; Stanley Israel, Chemistry; Thomas Costello, Computer Science; Giampiero Pecelli, Computer Science; Dan S. Golomb, Earth Science; James Graham-Eagle, Mathematics; Alan Doerr, Mathematics; George Chabot, Physics; Gunter Kegel, Physics; Arthur Mittler, Physics; Charles Feeney, Accounting; Irwin Shapiro, Management; Riaz Khan, OMMIS; Philip Moss, Policy and Planning; Arno Minkkinen, Art; John Ogasapian, Music Business; Scott Fredrickson, Music Business; John Callahan, Library; Helen Jones, Library

### **Agenda**

**Minute of Silence** - Professor Nicolosi called for a minute of silence in respect to Professor Robert Griffin, recently deceased, member of the English Department.

#### **I. Approval of Minutes.**

The minutes of the April 7, 1997 meeting of the Faculty Senate were unanimously accepted as presented.

#### **II. Announcements and reports on past business.**

Senate President Nicolosi made the following announcements: (1) The Organizational Meeting of the 1997/98 Faculty Senate was held at 3:00PM today. At that meeting the election of Senators for the 1997/98 Faculty Senate was approved. Professor Robert Nicolosi was elected Senate President, and Professor Robert Parkin was elected Vice-President. Professor William Phelan was nominated for election to the position of Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees. Ballots for this election will be mailed to all faculty by Wednesday, May 7th . They should be returned ASAP to the Senate office where they will be counted on Monday May 19th at 3:00PM. (2) Senate Awards. Senate President Nicolosi thanked the members of the Senate for their efforts on behalf of faculty governance and expressed special appreciation to the members of the Executive

Committee who have also chaired the Senate Standing Committees during the year. He also thanked Professor Richard Siegel, Senate Parliamentarian for his invaluable assistance. He presented a certificate of appreciation to Professor John Ogasapian in recognition of his service as Senate Vice-President. Professor Nicolosi concluded by thanking Professor Janet Burke for her contributions as Senate Executive Secretary. (3) Approval of Senate Standing Committees. The Executive Committee has met and approved the list of membership for Senate Standing Committees for the 97/98 academic year. Every effort has been made to encourage faculty participation. The list presented to the Senate for approval meets the requirements of the Senate By-Laws. Professor Nicolosi called for a motion to approve the appointments to Senate Standing Committees as listed.

**MOTION** The Faculty Senate approves the appointments to Senate Standing Committees as printed in the handout.

In response to a question from Professor Corbajian regarding the appointment of administrators to some Standing Committees Professor Burke indicated that in those cases the Senate By-laws stipulate such appointments.

**VOTE YES** unanimous

Professor Nicolosi requested that present committee chairs convene meetings of the new committees for the sole purpose of electing committee chairs for the next academic year. Professor Nicolosi reminded the Senate that the By-laws stipulate that those elections must be conducted by secret ballot.

**Announcements Continued:**

(4) Academic Resources Committee. Professor Nicolosi informed the Senate that since the April Senate meeting, the Academic Resources Committee has had several meetings to discuss the issues raised at the last Senate meeting regarding the library. The Committee will make its report with recommendations at today's meeting.

**III. Senate Standing Committees**

1. Graduate Policy and Affairs Professor Parkin presented the following resolution which was on the floor when the April Senate meeting was adjourned.

**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.

**DISCUSSION**

Professor Phelan urged the Senate to judge the resolution on its own merits, and not to confuse it with other issues. He indicated that he supports the resolution because of his confidence in the abilities of the faculty involved, and because the program fills a need as documented in the materials presented. Professor Sama stated that the vote should be based on the rationale of the program as listed on page three, item two of the supporting materials. He stated that he does not think that these programs are important academic

investments. Professor Hellstedt reminded the Senate that he spoke in favor of the program at the last Senate meeting. Since that time he has met with members of the Graduate Program Committee in the Psychology Department, which is one of only two graduate programs in the College of Arts and Sciences on the humanities side. The Graduate Program Committee in the Psychology Department supported his speaking on behalf of the new program. He also stated that the Senate vote should be on the merits of the proposals, and expressed his believe that there is a need for the new program. He concluded by suggesting that the new program would be strengthened by the addition of a practicum program to the course of studies. Professor Eve Buzawa, Chair of the Criminal Justice program, which is the other Graduate program in the College on the humanities and social sciences side also expressed support for the proposals. A Senator indicated that because the issue is divisive and entangled with other issues, there should be a secret ballot for voting on the two resolutions.

MOTION To vote on the resolutions with a secret ballot.

VOTE (on the secret ballot) YES 30 NO 12 ABSTAIN 3

Ballots were distributed.

The question was called.

VOTE (on calling the question) YES 33 NO 6 ABSTAIN 2

VOTE ON THE RESOLUTION

YES 31 NO 15 ABSTAIN 2

Professor Parkin presented the next resolution.

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

DISCUSSION There was no discussion and no objection to calling the question.

VOTE ON THE RESOLUTION YES 27 NO 20 ABSTAIN 1

Professor Parkin presented the next resolution. Background information regarding the resolution was distributed with the Senate agenda.

RESOLUTION The Faculty Senate recommends approval of the new concentration entitled: "Cleaner Production and Pollution Prevention" from the Department of Work Environment.

There was no discussion.

VOTE YES 43 NO 0 ABSTAIN 1

Professor Parkin presented the next resolution. He indicated that the resolution had been changed from that printed on the meeting agenda.

RESOLUTION The Faculty Senate endorses the following statement: WHEREAS library materials are an essential part of education, the Graduate Policy and Affairs Committee, the Undergraduate Policy Committee, and the Academic Resources Committee protest the destruction of the collection housed on the fifth floor of the O'Leary Library.

Professor Nicolosi reminded the Senate that as announced earlier in the meeting, the Academic Resources Committee has been holding meetings on this issue and will be making their report later in the meeting. He suggested that discussion and action on this resolution be deferred until the Academic Resources Committee has made its report. There was no objection.

2. Research and Development Committee. Professor Punnett presented the following resolution. Background materials regarding the resolution were distributed with the meeting agenda.

RESOLUTION Recognizing that the number of Teaching Assistants (TAs) in each department is a major determinant of the number of master's and doctoral students who enter and graduate each year, the Faculty Senate recommends that:

- (1) Allocation of TAs to departments across the University be made consistent with strategic plans for the size of graduate programs in each department.
- (2) a committee be appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Provost, to include at a minimum the Provost, the Dean of the Graduate School and the Chair of the Senate Research and Development Committee,
- (3) that this committee develop specific numeric targets for each department with a graduate program,
- (4) the chancellor develop a plan to substantially increase TA support consistent with funding available at other Doctoral I/Research II Universities.

## DISCUSSION

Professor Sama suggested that the focus should not be exclusively on graduate programs, but should also consider the needs of undergraduate programs. He proposed several priorities in addition to the size of the graduate program. He also commented on the membership of the committee and suggested that the deans, the head of the library, and the Chair of the Senate committee on Academic Resources be included. He also suggested that the specific numeric targets mentioned in the resolution should be submitted to the Senate for approval. Professor Reinisch stated that the proposal does not limit the membership of the committee. He called attention to the supporting documentation which indicates that the current situation needs to be improved. Professor Israel stated that the purpose of the resolution is to form a group to develop a logical framework to decide what resources should be allocated to TAs and a logical framework with which that allocation can be made, a situation that does not exist at the present time. Professor Shea reminded the Senate that the resolution does not address several important points about TAs and part time instructors. Professor Sama returned to the point that the Deans should be members of the committee, and that undergraduate programs should also

be addressed. Professor Punnett stated that the point of the resolution is to be able to make strategic decisions about where there will be support for programs. Professor Miliaras commented on the issue of part time faculty and urged that there be support for the hiring of faculty in Assistant Professorships.

VOTE YES 34 NO 7 ABSTAIN 3

3. Undergraduate Policy Committee. Professor Mittler reported that there was no new business.
4. Budget and Priorities Committee. Helen Jones reported that there was no new business.
5. Academic Governance. Professor Jones reported that there was no new business. The committee has determined that a Dean with an academic appointment can not be counted in the number of faculty in a department for determination of senators.
6. Academic Resources Committee. Professor Miliaras summarized the committee's deliberations regarding the recent issue involving the library. She stated that several meetings were held specifically to address the library question. She expressed the Committee's distress at the destruction and loss of books from the library. She cited the following issues that arose during the committee meetings: "(1) Failure of the administration to notify the faculty that books were to be destroyed and space was to be seized; (2) failure of the administration and the librarians charged with the job of 'culling the collection' to take proper measures to assure the integrity and the security of the humanities and social science collection; (3) the seemingly apparent failure of the administration to establish proper protocols, methodology and procedures for assuring that faculty privilege and obligation is neither abrogated nor diminished." Professor Miliaras reported that Ben Franckowiak informed the committee that the editing of the library collection ceased on April 7th 1997; that the culled books are now stored in the basement of O'Leary for faculty perusal; and that perhaps 700 books had been destroyed and that two or three duplicate copies of the Loeb Collection had been inadvertently destroyed. Professor Miliaras stated that several faculty spoke of their admiration for the librarians' professional competence and the traditional courtesy that they extend to faculty and students alike as well as their ability to make decisions about the culling of outdated textbooks, however in a crisis situation such as we have just gone through only knowledgeable faculty could make decisions about scholarly, literary or trade texts.

Professor Miliaras then informed the Senate regarding recommendations that the committee would like to put before the Senate at some point in the future, perhaps in the form of resolutions. These recommendations are: "(1) the Faculty Senate decries the apparent arbitrary and capricious manner by which the humanities and social science collection of O'Leary Library was put in jeopardy and condemns the precipitous and apparently willful disregard of faculty privilege and responsibility that this action entailed as these privileges and responsibilities are defined by the Faculty Senate By-laws. " (2) The Library sub-committee of the Academic Resources Committee should be reconvened. She indicated that the sub-committee should be composed of professional librarians, faculty, and a member of the administration. Professor Miliaras also indicated specifics of those appointments. (3) The Committee "commends the courageous action of

the librarians who apparently may have placed themselves in professional jeopardy in alerting the Senate to the administration's decision to make changes in the library collections or destroy the library collections and appropriate valuable student and faculty study space on the fifth floor of the electronic library." ... "We also commend the members of the humanities and social studies faculty who sounded the alarm regarding the administration's action and alerted and provided documentation to their fellow faculty to the dimensions of the administration's action." (4) The committee "condemns any action by any member of the administration or faculty who attempts to intimidate the reputation, professional standing or freedom of conscience in exercising their professional or civic duties as protected by the first and fourteenth amendments and guaranteed by article 15 of the union contract."

Professor Nicolosi thanked Professor Miliaras for her report and called for nominations to the library sub-committee. Several nominations were made from the floor. Professor Miliaras suggested that the committee did not need to be formed at this meeting. Professor Burke reminded the Senate that this was the last meeting of the year, and it would be prudent to take action now so that a committee could be in place. The following motion was made:

MOTION The Senate authorizes the Chair of the Academic Resources Committee to make these appointments at a later date.

VOTE unanimous support

Professor Nicolosi suggested that the Senate return to the resolution from the Graduate Policy and Affairs Committee that was presented earlier in the meeting.

RESOLUTION The Faculty Senate endorses the following statement: WHEREAS library materials are an essential part of education, the Graduate Policy and Affairs Committee, the Undergraduate Policy Committee, and the Academic Resources Committee protest the destruction of the collection housed on the fifth floor of the O'Leary Library.

Professor Nicolosi called for discussion. There was no further discussion. A vote was taken on the resolution.

VOTE YES 40 NO 0 ABSTAIN 2

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50PM.