

SUNY / College at Old Westbury
Faculty Senate
Meeting Minutes -April 19, 2002

Present: N. Rosenthal, R. Colòn-Urban, J. Lloyd, K. Wood, M. Dolan, A. Bonnett, C. Wright, J. Llana, W. Shenouda, J. Edelson, M. Colaneri, I. Ahmed, A. Martinez, M. Teloki, A. Barbera, A. Frisken, M. Keizer, C. Hobson, M. Keefe, M. Crocitto, G. Snedeker, S. O'Connor

Visitors: R. Gonzalez, R. Welton, N. Sacks, C. Wardell, W. Lupardo, D. Stalker

1. Approval of April 5th Minutes

- a. Senator Dolan requested that page 2, items 5 and 6 be amended to more accurately reflect the discussion. Her comments are attached. Also attached to these minutes are copies of correspondence pertaining to the BPC that were omitted from the April 5th minutes.
 - b. Item 3c on page 2 should read, "The assigned budget for Academic Affairs *does not* include Professional Development and the First Year Experience. *It will be up to the VP to allocate money for these areas.*"
 - c. Three typographical errors were corrected on page 3. On line 16, ... the *major* issues...; on line 21, ...to get *rid* of the process...; and on line 34, ...the Chair voting *no* to break the tie
- The minutes were accepted unanimously as amended.

2. Chair's Report (Rosenthal)

- a. Revision of agenda - there will be no report from the President, but there will be a report from the University Faculty Senate
- b. We will take up the resolution on structure of the General Education Program at the next Senate meeting
- c. We will take up the revision of the bylaws regarding Chairs' representative to CAP during new business
- d. The Chair reported on the University Senate meeting.
 - i. Governance leaders are now observers, but are organizing to articulate better with Senate. Assessment was identified as a major concern. A resolution opposing reporting of statistics to Albany was discussed, and will be brought to the next Senate meeting.
 - ii. The University Senate called for nominations for standing committees - the deadline is April 30th. A list of committees and a nomination form are attached to these minutes. Contact N. Rosenthal if you are interested in serving.
 - iii. M. Dolan presented a report on budget practices. A copy will be available in the Senate office.

3. Report from the Academic Vice President (Bonnett)

- a. Dr. Bonnett announced that he will leave the AVP position during summer '02, and may be returning to teaching. He thanked a number of individuals for their contributions under his administration

- b. The master plan amendment for Accounting is to be presented to the Trustees next Tuesday; other masters degrees will follow (letter attached)
- c. Committees have met to select design teams for the Science Building Extension and Academic Crescent. The campus mailed a letter to the State University Construction Fund (SUCF) identifying the preferred firms (11 firms for the Academic Crescent, and 4 for the Science Building). The firms were not ranked, and the campus requested interviews with those short-listed by the SUCF.
- d. Two students, Jennifer Posner and Sunyata Smith, were honored with the Chancellors Excellence Award.

4. Senate Perspective on Graduation Time (Rosenthal)

Senators noted that a weekend ceremony was easier for working families to attend. If Sunday morning graduation cannot continue, Sunday afternoon was suggested as the preferred alternative. If graduation must be scheduled on Friday, it should end 3 hours before sundown to allow for religious observance. The Senate voted [18-0-1] to forward this position to the President.

5. Senate Membership (Rosenthal)

The Council of Chairs is now an administrative group, not a governance body, and should not have a representative on Senate. The Senate concurred [16-0-3]; the Chair will ask the Bylaws review committee to revise the Bylaws.

6. Report from the Office of Services to Students with Disabilities (Lupardo)

- a. Mr. Lupardo thanked faculty on the Disability Advisory Committee for their input and support. He also publicly thanked the volunteers working in his office.
- b. Progress in many areas - video library, Disability Awareness Week, accessible computer equipment, student club (AFA) - was noted. A summary of his remarks is attached.
- c. Mr. Lupardo appealed for additional support to address what he characterized as a crisis situation. The office has only one paid staff member, insufficient space and insufficient power for computers.

7. Questions/Comments

- a. Mr. Lupardo was commended for his extraordinary efforts. Senators noted that the Capital Plan addresses the serious needs of the Disability office, but remedies are several years off. Strategic Plan funds to address interim needs have now been cut.
- b. The SGA president noted that AFA has not been active in SGA and has an unspent budget. He encouraged students to advocate for their needs in SGA.
- c. M. Crocitto will inform Technology Committee about Technology needs for the Disabilities Office.
- d. R. Colon-Urban and G. Snedeker will work on a resolution expressing faculty support to address Disability issues

8. Report from the University Senate (Dolan)

- a. Provost Salins addressed the Senate. He reported that the SUNY Urban Teacher

Education Center (SUTEC) in NYC is now operational, and that the General Education Assessment Review (GEAR) Committee is reviewing campus plans. He reported on an academic technology initiative that was pitched to SUNY by a for-profit company that includes an on-line history course. Senators objected to this outsourcing of curricular development, and were assured by the Provost that this would not occur.

- b. The Chancellor spoke about the scandal at Old Westbury, and commented on the firing of the director and assistant director of the Construction Fund. He announced his intention to create a system-wide Strategic Plan; subcommittees of the Strategic Planning Committee will have faculty representation. M. Dolan will serve on the Resource Development subcommittee. In response to a question, Chancellor King assured Senators that senior administrative appointments on campuses were expected to be filled through search processes.

9. Comments / Questions

Senators asked for additional information on SUNY Connect. Information about this and a full report from the Senate are attached to these minutes

10. NYSERDA Report (Dolan)

We are now at the implementation stage for energy efficiency projects. A vendor has been selected, and there is a plan to turn the campus into a model of energy efficiency. The energy efficiency plan includes a requirement of open communication and responsiveness to campus constituencies. The plan also includes alternative energy demonstration projects on campus and connections to curriculum.

11. SGA Report (Teloki)

- a. The campus will participate in the April 28th March of Dimes Walkathon. The fund raising goal is \$2000
- b. Multicultural Day will be held during common hour on April 24th. There will be an international dinner at 6:00 PM
- c. Students have been complaining about being misadvised by faculty. After a discussion about the role of faculty and students in selecting courses, the Chair noted that the TLC has conducted advising workshops for faculty and will be asked to do so again next semester.

12. UUP Report (Colon-Urban)

The Senate watched a videotape of the de Russy interview that was aired on TV's O'Reilly Factor.

13. New Business

- a. Nominations are needed for ARPT. Nominees must be untenured, and *not* members of Teacher Education, Humanities and Languages, Math, Psychology or Biological Sciences. Nominations will be closed at the next Senate meeting.
- b. J. Edelson commended the Alumni Affairs office, specifically Penny Chin, for efforts in arranging the 1st alumni dinner for TEP graduates. It took place at Crest Hollow and was very successful.

14. Announcements

- a. There will be a SUNY conference on instructional technology at Oneonta 5/28 - 5/30. Some funds are available, and S. O'Connor will be making a presentation.
- b. There will be a retirement party for N. Rosenthal on May 10th after the Faculty meeting.
- c. There will be a picnic for the First Year Honor Society on April 26th (announcement attached).

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 PM