

State University of New York College at Old Westbury
Full Faculty Meeting
February 11, 2005

Attendees:

Approval of Minutes: Minutes for last Full Faculty Meeting has not been located. Senate has been without a Faculty Secretary since last October.

Chairs Report: (Caroline to attach)

President's Report:

International Partnership Luncheon will be held Wednesday April 13, 1 - 4 pm, at the Crest Hollow Country Club. The speaker will be former President Bill Clinton. This is an important initiative in continuing efforts to provide increased exposure for Old Westbury and raise money for students and faculty.

As part of his five-year review, the President met with outside evaluator Dr. Steven Portch, who says we should work toward having enrollments soar in the next several years.

President has met with the president of Northport Bank in efforts to grow OW, and raise money.

We are looking to grow School of Education under leadership of Dr. Mattai. We are looking to grow this school; we are working to grow this school. We are glad to have P. O'Sullivan as AVP and Provost.

Faculty have asked for report on AV. This will be available soon. Will also provide schedule of rotation of classes etc. This should be available later this month. Walkways, pathways and aprons will be addressed. This will cause some disruptions, but timetable and notification will be provided as early as possible. We are working to create an online site where people can track what has been done and see the schedule of what is going to happen. Architects have been chosen; they will be meeting with students and faculty to get ideas about the renovation of AV. It will be next year before the reconstruction starts. Given past problems with student dorms, he said that he wanted to proceed more carefully.

The Academic Vice President is looking into ways to strengthen faculty and improve salaries and sabbaticals.

Retention rate: we are striving to raise it from current levels to 50% by 2010, There needs to be some flexibility in length of time to graduation. Four-year graduation rates may not be appropriate for our students.

Admission numbers are good, with applications up by 15% for the Fall. We are optimistic about a corresponding increase in admissions.

President reported that he has been very involved in generating more money for the College.

As for the trees: SEMPRA was doing work on the air handlers in the ceiling, and they could not get to them because of the trees. The air handlers need to be relocated to the catwalk. It was not possible to trim the trees to the level where they needed to be for the work to be done. Was it necessary to notify the campus community about this work? Probably not; nevertheless he extended apologies that faculty had not been notified or consulted.

President stated that he would have to leave during this meeting to attend the memorial Service for Ozzie Davis which was being held at the Abyssinian Baptist Church, and asked for faculty understanding.

President said that he appreciated getting mail from the community, but stated that he preferred regular "snail mail" to email.

President announced that Interim Director of First Year Experience was L. Anker. Announced that R. Gonzalez was getting married soon

AVP Report:

Thanked President for having confidence and trust in him and appointing him to this position.

He stated that he had met with a number of people about the academic calendar, but given the holidays, the semester needs to start before Labor Day to meet the time and schedule requirements.

There are a number of accreditations that are moving along, especially NCATE. CAP and the Arts and Sciences departments are very involved and good progress is being made. Soon Middle States Periodic Review will start. J. Walsh and A. Barbera are co-chairs. Committees (subject to Approval from Dr. Butts) are being formed. First-Year Experience to be headed by L. Anker. Stated that he was delighted about this. Dr. Sacks had put together a great program, and he was confident that L. Anker would be a great replacement.

In meeting with Senate Executive Committee, CAP, and Council of Chairs, he realized that 2010 is five years away and there are a number of targets that must be hit by then:

1. Increase enrollment to 5000.
2. Three schools: Education, Business and Arts and Sciences. This is a change that is important to enhance image and also necessary to grow enrollment.
3. BPC and CAP are also going have very important roles to play to realize these goals, and to accomplish academic reorganization.

We need to have student-centered focus, and keep asking ourselves, did we help students? Touch their lives? Change them. Asked for faculty help in engaging in these efforts.

Report from Facilities Director J. Haynie (for Ciavarella)not present

Healthfirst Appeal: A. Rodriguez not present

Teaching for Learning Center:A. Ebrahimi

First Spring presentation today in Multipurpose room of Student Union.

Dr. Mukherji to speak about South Asian Immigrants in New York.

Senate website is up: www.facultysenate.net

Aim is to upgrade teaching and learning on campus. Planning is underway for full day seminar. Hope to have representation from all departments on campus. Thanked A. Frisken for help in putting together three seminars even though she is not on the committee. Many faculty have come to TLC with questions about technology. Have scheduled meeting with AVP to address these issues.

Report from UUP Chapter President: C. Franco

Budget for 2005-2006. For the first time there is a request for a budget increase, which is much better than a flat budget. Even though enrollment has increased dramatically over a 10 year period, there is been a loss of 1000 faculty lines. If budget is not supported, we could lose 1,700 faculty lines. The tuition increase is to make up budget deficit, if we do not get this, we will lose faculty lines. Some legislators oppose increase, but if we do not get this we will be in trouble. Union has been sponsoring TV and media ads to encourage legislators to address budget. Until we get enrollment increase to make us self sufficient, we will need legislative support to continue functioning. Encouraged faculty to call telephone lines to Assemblypersons Bruno or Lavalley, or Governor Pataki. Calling is more effective than letter campaigns.

Feb. 1 was UUP Legislative Luncheon. 100 legislators came and they were encouraged to support SUNY. Parents of students will pressure legislators

NTSUT Higher Education Lobby Day is Feb 28, and Mar1. We need more people to get involved in lobby efforts. There are limits to having the same people lobbying all the time.

Q. What is the Union's position on small, regular tuition increases, rather than sudden large increases?

A. Union opposes tuition increases but we know realistically that we must have them and we would prefer a planned process that decides the increases.

Q. What proportion of our budget is State-funded?

A. About 27%.

Old Business: None

New Business:

L. Anker thanked faculty for overwhelming support. It is a source of pride for us that the majority of Freshman Seminars are taught by full-time faculty. Teacher Education and Mathematics are offering Freshman Seminars. This is very important.

Film Festival flyer will be coming to mail boxes. Feb 16 first film, 'Mr. & Mrs. Iyer'.

M. Kinane: Wednesday Feb. 23, 10:50 Common Hour is Presidents Honor Convocation. Speaker is an exemplary speaker on race, culture, and society. Flyer with monthly calendar of activities will be sent shortly. Please encourage students to attend.

L. Whitten: Black History Month: Dean Wayne Edwards, Chair. We have a full program. K.Velsor will present on the Underground Railroad. Film series starts Feb 16. Please help publicize this program with students. Email sent to faculty. Please print out and post.

J. Spadaro: Reebok commercial was shot on campus. Faculty should have been notified. Why are we making deals with companies that have very exploitative child labor practices in Bangladesh, Pakistan, etc.? I object to the Administration making deals like this without consultation with faculty.

D. Papademas: Will post materials on the speakers at the UN in March and April. Encourages faculty to explore UN website. Faculty who are interested in working on UN-related projects should contact her.