

Chair's Report
Full Faculty Meeting 2-11-05

- Regret that minutes of 10-1-04 went astray. It has been difficult to keep track of paperwork without a Senate Office secretary.
- Changes to today's agenda: Janice Haynie, Vice President for Student Affairs, will speak instead of Facilities Director Sal Ciavarella, who was unable to attend.
- Welcome to colleague Dr. Patrick O'Sullivan as the new Academic Vice President and Provost of the College.
- There has been a transition in the leadership of First Year Experience program. Nancy Sacks, who has built up a remarkably successful program since taking the position in Fall 2001, is stepping down. Matt Foglino and others in the Student Government Association are organizing a farewell dinner for Dr. Sacks on Feb. 15 at 8:30 p.m., following the induction ceremony for the First-Year Honors Society. The administration has expressed commitment to continuing and building the FYE program. A new director is to be named soon.
- Directly after today's meeting, at 3 p.m., TLC is hosting a presentation by Runi Mukherji, who will be speaking on her work on the social service needs of the South Asian immigrant community. Everyone is welcome to attend, learn, and enjoy the "light and healthy" refreshments organized by TLC chair Alireza Ebrahimi and his committee.
- The Senate Chair has met with A Ebrahimi to develop Faculty Senate website.
- The EC has met with the AVP to discuss strategic planning for the campus that will embrace all areas, academic reorganization, enrollment, Budget and Planning, Space, facilities (HVAC) Curriculum, and presumably also advising, FYE program, Honors program, and other areas.
- Faculty are glad to see that the SEMPRA energy project is now underway. This project was initiated five years ago by Maureen Dolan working in collaboration with NYSERDA. We look forward to further progress in implementing the Campus Capital Plan, developed in 2001-2002 in a college-wide effort chaired by Dr. Dolan and facilitated by a team of architects, engineers, and educational planners retained by the SUNY Construction Fund.
- It is regrettable that the trees in the Atrium were chopped down. Alumni have fond memories of them as the setting for commencement receptions, and many members of the campus community admired and enjoyed them.

--Caroline G. Sawyer