

**SUNY College at Old Westbury**  
**Faculty Senate**  
**Meeting Minutes –April 5, 2002**

**Present:** N. Rosenthal, R. Colon-Urban, M. Dolan, M. Barrett, J. Llana, W. Shenouda, J. Edelson, M. Colonari, I. Ahmed, A. Martinez, M. Teloki, C. Robson, A. Barbera, A. Frisken, M. Keizer, C. Sawyer, S. Mahmoud, C. Hobson, M. Keefe, M. Crocitto, T. DelGiudice, G. Snedeker, A. Bonnett, L. Davis, M. Marquez Bell

**Visitors:** R. Gonzalez, C. Wardell, M. Feder-Marcus, J. Walsh, N. Sacks, M. Rankin, C. Jones.

**1. Approval of Minutes**

The March 15, 2002 minutes were accepted unanimously.

**2. Chair's Report (N. Rosenthal)**

- a. There will not be a report by the President. President Butts is in China.
- b. At the Executive Meeting with the President on March 18, 2002 the topics discussed included: BPC, Capital Plan, and Commencement dates/times.

- Regarding the commencement time, the senate's concern was the need for at least three hours leave time to get home. President Butts has consulted with various local religious groups and they were satisfied with the time arrangements, however he promised to pursue the matter further. Denton Watson has requested time to address Faculty Senate at the next Senate meeting for further discussion on commencement issues.
- In response to more detail on the BPC other items discussed were the makeup of the sub committees and kinds of materials that were available.
- There will be a report on the Capital Plan (M. Dolan) before the BPC discussion.

- c. Report from the Old Westbury Foundation Meeting (R. Colon-Urban)  
The Old Westbury Foundation met on March 20, 2002 and a summary of the meeting follows:

- President C. Butts addressed similar issues as he did in his report to Faculty Senate (3/1/02)
- Mr. Brown spoke on projected activities such as the International Luncheon, Alumni Appeal, and reintroduction of Continuing Education, in addition to an Equestrian Center that will be developed by the OWF. Future proposed activities include a Polo Match.
- Mr. Davis went over financial statements.
- Mr. McMillan then presented a resolution to award a Faculty Development grant in the amount of \$10,000 dollars to

support clinical trials. Questions were raised as to the lack of advertisement or guidelines by the OWF thus denying the participation of other faculty. The resolution was tabled until guidelines are developed.

**3. Report from the Academic Vice President (A. Bonnett)**

- a. An external review is presently being done on the Psychology Department, Mathematics and Industrial Labor Relations have already taken place.
- b. American Studies, Comparative Humanities and PES departments collaborated in designing a Social studies proposal that has been submitted to the State for approval
- c. The assigned budget for Academic Affairs included Professional Development and the First Year Experience Program.
- d. Committees were appointed for the Academic Crescent Project and the Science Building Improvements and they will recommend among other items architects for these projects.

**4. Motion presented by the Academic Policy Committee (A. Barbera)**

This resolution (attached) which has been in practice for the past eight years and approved by the Academic Policy Committee needs the approval of faculty for continued implementation. The motion passed (18-0-0).

**5. Capital Plan (M. Dolan)**

The capital Plan workgroup met on March 21<sup>st</sup> and discussed the summary of the Capital Plan 2002-2003. This plan prioritizes Maintenance and a Plan Adaptation Project at a cost of 105 million dollars of which the campus will receive 40%. Consultants to the Capital Plan provided a copy of their report and this will eventually be at the Faculty Senate Office. The report shows photographs, assessment of conditions and provides a narrative of what needs to be done.

**6. Discussion and vote on resolution of faculty participation on the Budget and Planning Committee**

- a. Ground rules were established by the Chair of Faculty Senate setting limited times for discussion Each speaker will be given two minutes to make a first comment with subsequent comments by the same person for one minute. The discussion would end at 2:15 PM at which time a vote would be taken on the resolution. Maureen Keefe was designated as time keeper.

*( Resolved that the Faculty Senate will not continue its participation on the Budget and Planning Committee.)*

- b. A summary of the discussion follows:

- Len Davis as Vice Chair of the BPC presented to the Senate at the request of the President a set of parameters for effective budget and



planning process. He distributed a package( see attachments) which explained the goals and responsibilities set forth by the President.

- The Chair of Faculty Senate then read letters from two members of the BPC who could not attend this meeting. Rita Buttermilch proposed continuing. Robert Hoyte also supported continued participation and noted differences in style and believed they could be overcome with diplomacy.
- Aubrey Bonnett urged faculty to continue participating on the committee .
- Other members of the BPC expressed their views:  
It was noted that there had been no meetings since January 31<sup>st</sup> and that the BPC Chair had not received information about budget work or formal set of activities and budgets. Also whatever was on paper was not working as envisioned and unfair to attribute it to disrespectful faculty.

A senator noted that the mayor issues were process issues.

Another senator believed that he would not be involved in cutting jobs and that there was the issue of style that we could come together and work the chemistry.

- Other senators commented :  
That it was not that we wanted to get of the process but that the participation within the BPC had to take place within the framework of governance. The operation of the BPC by a subgroups was not agreed to by the Senate and subgroup had never reported to the BPC , nor had the committee seen a completed budget.

Another suggestion was to interface the subcommittee and report back to BPC. If it could be articulated and expressed , then there would be a basis to drop the resolution.

At this point, the Chair asked for a vote to table the resolution, explaining that the resolution would appear when someone wanted it to. The vote was 6-8-4.

The Senate asked to extend the time to continue the debate, the vote was 7-7-0, the Chair voting yes to break the tie and thus end the discussion.

⌈ The vote was taken and the resolution defeated (5-12-1). ⌋

7. **SGA Report ( M. Teloki)**

Several announcements were made: Diversity Day on April 24, faculty were asked to encourage students to vote and to support the Senior Class in their request to wear hoods in graduation.