

Chair's Report 12-17-04

On Agenda: Two items for Old Business

Resolution on MR II by SGA

Resolution on the AV sponsored by H&L

Re minutes: AVP's MR II reports attached to 12-3 minutes reflect incorporation of information on communication with Governance.

1. Faculty Senate Executive Committee (EC) met on 12-6 and 12-13.
2. Met with the BPC 12-17 at 10 a.m. Report on Capital Plan (construction projects) submitted by Tom DelGiudice will go out with today's minutes.

EC submitted a memo to BPC requesting documents and reports to Senate. Will also circulate with today's minutes.

3. OSSD. Plea from W Lupardo that recommendations and resolutions have not been acted on. EC is scheduled to meet with AVP next week (Wed. 12/22) to discuss and then take up with the President.
4. President Butts offered to meet with the EC 12-8, but we had to decline, owing to teaching commitments.
5. Report on Chancellor's visit:
 - At a breakfast in the Student Union, with a full catered buffet, Chancellor King gave a Powerpoint presentation on the SUNY system and took questions. Later in the day, he went to a meeting in Manhattan where, according to news reports, he did not propose a tuition increase.
 - Visit to Academic Village. After seeing leaking sewage pipes, black mold, leaks, a room with excessive heat that cannot be turned off, and gaping ceiling holes, Chancellor King pronounced the Academic Village "the worst building he has seen in the SUNY system," (there are some buildings he has not seen). He had visited the building before, but he said he had not been aware that the building housed the majority of classes and the majority of faculty offices. At the Chancellor's meeting with the College Foundation, Bill Kimmins reported on current plans to improve the AV.
 - In a short but engaged meeting with 12 faculty members, including the Senate Chair and Vice Chair/ University Senator, the Chancellor explained how the College's commitment for fund-raising would be established. He will look at the institutions we have indicated as peers in Mission Review II and hold us responsible for raising half the difference between their external funding and ours. In an earlier meeting with the College Foundation and College Council members, he had stressed that external funds would have to be raised to meet campus needs, as the state was not going to increase its contribution.
5. In the meeting with faculty, the Chancellor stated that the President's Five-Year Review was complete for him to read and discuss with the President, but he had not done so yet. He acknowledged faculty concerns about retention, administrative bloat,

and morale, and said he understood the need for improvements to campus administration and leadership.

6. Three applicants for the Faculty Senate secretary position were interviewed, but none met our standards. The earliest date the opening can be posted again is January 15. Senate representatives and, especially, faculty committee chairs, should inform the Senate Chair of immediate needs they have from the Senate Office. Until a secretary is hired, the Chair will staff the office Tuesday and Thursday mornings during the regular semester; Monday and Wednesday afternoons in the January term. If you receive mail at the office, let the Chair know if you would like it forwarded to your department address.

Announcements:

Faculty and other members of the campus community are encouraged to contribute to the scholarship fund for Jermaine Camp, established by Senate resolution at the last meeting.

The next University Faculty Senate conference will take place in Albany January 28-29. M. Dolan, R. Mukherji, and C. Sawyer to attend.

Next Senate meeting is February 4. Happy holidays!