

SUNY/COLLEGE at Old Westbury
Faculty Senate Meeting
Friday, September 12, 2003
12:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

Room C 102 Academic Village

Present: K. Velsor M. Crocitto, L. Cox, J. Conforti, R.J. Edelson,
T. Del Giudice, J. Lloyd, B. Mader, S. Mahmoud, C. Ottenheimer, M. Miller-Lamb,
I. Ahmed, M. Keefe, C. Bernard, A. Martinez, S. O'Connor,
C. Franco, A. Martinèz, A. Barbera, B. Hillery, C. Sawyer, C. Hobson, M. Keefe, R.
Kalmans, G. Snedeker, M. Miller-Lamb

Visitors: D. Stalker, R. Gonzalez, R. Welton, N. Sacks, L. Davis, M. Kinane, R. Brown
P. O'Sullivan, M. Marquez Bell

1. Approval of the minutes for Friday, April 25, 2003

The minutes were unanimously approved with the following changes:

Under item #4 - Report from AVP;

First paragraph: The second and third sentences are duplications and should be removed. The fourth sentence should read: *Should all this be accomplished by the end of July, classes could begin September 5th.*

Second paragraph: The last sentence should read: *We have requested that the MS in Special Education proposal be sent to us with comments and suggestions.*

2. Report from the Chair of Faculty Senate (K. Velsor)

The Chair welcomed everyone back to campus and the first Senate meeting of the academic year. After reading the impressive accomplishments of Dr. Lawrence M. Cox, the new Academic Vice President, she introduced him to the faculty.

3. Report from the Academic Vice President (L. Cox)

The new AVP expressed appreciation to the faculty and staff in the Office of Academic Affairs for their welcome and assistance to him and his family. He especially thanked Patrick O'Sullivan for his work as AVP in obtaining the MS in Accounting. He urged the faculty to become positively involved in the accreditation process; it benefits the College to have graduate programs, especially in budget allocations.

He noted the following:

- 1) The office of OSSD now reports to the Office of Academic Affairs.
- 2) DSI application and instructions are out. Dr. R. Hoyte will chair the committee with the same members as last year.

- 3) The first President of Old Westbury, Mr. Harris Wofford, who is co-chair of America's Promise – The Alliance for Youth, is the featured speaker at the Fall Convocation. Faculty were asked to encourage students to attend.
- 4) The report on the three- or four-credit course model completed by P. O'Sullivan is now on the President's desk.

Faculty were urged to provide excellence in the classroom. An accurate count of students in classes is needed for the 9/23 census. Students not on the roster should be sent to the Registrar. Try to keep classrooms clean. The AVP invited everyone to call and/or visit him.

4. Budget and Planning Committee (T. DelGiudice)

The committee offered the following recommendations (report attached):

- 1) Voted 12-1 not to build a new building (see pg. 2).
- 2) Realize cost savings in utilities through allocating funds to the SEMPRA project.
- 3) Spruce up Campus Center and other buildings to make a visible difference.

In the subsequent discussion, T. DelGuidice noted savings would be allocated to janitorial and maintenance services. We already have estimates for the facades, which might be accomplished by next summer. We need a design study, signage, and landscaping. With the new Student Union, there will be more classroom capacity. The \$10 million we have doesn't get done what we need.

There are some changes to the webpage with links to Blackboard, Webmail, and SCC. There are technology staffing shortages, we can't staff the library and SCC. We need additional licenses to keep student computers virus-free.

5. Voting Rights (C. Velsor)

The Senate votes unanimously to extend voting rights to professional staff senate members. The following Executive Committee Members were also elected:

R. Jill Edelson - Parliamentarian
Mari Miller-Lamb - Secretary/Treasurer
J. Conforti - Executive Committee member at large

There was no one willing to run for the Vice Chair position. T. DelGiudice made a motion which passed unanimously: *The election of a new Vice Chair should be postponed until the October 3rd meeting so that we may further consult with our colleagues.*

Due to a number of resignations, the following people were elected to committees:

Academic Policy - Madeline Crocitto
Academic Standing - Madeline Crocitto
Faculty Rights and Responsibilities - Jane Weiss

Other personnel did not receive the 30% of the vote required to assume committee membership. A motion by A. Barbera was passed unanimously: *The Nominations Committee should move down the committee elections results list accepting candidates by the number of votes received.*

The Chair distributed a calendar of scheduled Senate and full faculty meetings, which was unanimously approved (attached). Please encourage new faculty to attend.

6. Old Business

R. J. Edelson announced the child care center is open with four inclusion classrooms. Please announce to students.

7. New Business

I. Assa announced the new residence hall is open. In response to a suggestion by C. Sawyer, he will offer a tour after the full faculty meeting on September 19.

New faculty members on the BPC will be announced soon.

M. Marquez Bell informed us that we reached 96% of our goals re total head count; 99% FTEs; 100% of first time to college; 95% of transfer students.

S. O'Connor announced the Service Learning Institute will have its first meeting on Tuesday, September 16, 2003 at 12:45 p.m. in room C 016. All are invited.

R. Brown reminded faculty that applications for grants are due October 15th. Brian Madden will succeed Robert McMillan as Chair of the Research Foundation. He would like to speak for five minutes at the full faculty meeting on September 19th.

Nancy Sacks invited everyone to visit the new offices of the FYE in the Student Union after the tour of the new residence facility.

David Oyero, SGA, reminded faculty of the important role they play on campus, which is the second home to students. He would like to improve ties between commuter students and residents. He asked faculty and students to call X 3274 with information about interests, problems, etc.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted 9/17/03,
Madeline Crocitto