

FACULTY SENATE

Minutes of Meeting of December 4, 1992

Present: David Abdalla, Luis Camnitzer, Marie Casaccio, Velta Clarke, Lourdes Collantes, M. Afida Derby, Maureen Dolan, Carolyn Etheridge, Maureen Feder-Marcus, Jesse Fernandez, Annette Forti, Anthony Galatianos, Gus Galatianos, Warren Goldstein, Kenneth Hall, Selby Hickey, Robert Hoyte, Narayan Hegde, Pat Impollonia, Don Kelly, James Llana, Said Mahmoud, Patricia McKeegan, Robert McVeigh, Al Mickens, Runi Mukherji, Mirta Mulhare, President Pettigrew, Monica Rascoe, Albert Smith

I

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of November 13, 1992 were approved unanimously.

II

FACULTY SENATE CHAIR'S REPORT

- A. Dr. Hall has been meticulous in adhering to procedure by forwarding applications for sabbatical leaves to the Faculty Personnel Matters Committee for their recommendations before he makes his determination. Recommendations for awarding sabbatical leave is one of the areas under the jurisdiction of that committee. This is the first time in many years that the committee has been forwarded these applications.
- B. Runi was asked to form a subcommittee to work on ByLaws revision, specifically in clarifying the charges and procedures of the various standing committees. Apparently, Conveners' Council had begun to do that for its own charge. Two members of the Conveners' Council will work with Jon Collett and Jim Llana. Runi has also asked CAP to nominate one of its members to join this committee as well.
- C. Runi sent a memo, along with the resolution on faculty governance which was passed at the November 13th meeting of the Faculty Senate, to Committee Chairs, Conveners' Council members, Dr. Hall and President Pettigrew. Copies of this memo were sent to Senators.
- D. Memos were sent to programs that had no representation at the last Senate meeting stressing the importance of participation from each program.
- E. A memo was sent out to faculty and professional staff alerting them to the upcoming Chancellor's Awards and Distinguished Professorship Awards.
- F. In the short time that the Faculty Senate has been in existence, there has been a subtle shift of power. The Executive Committee

of the Senate which really only should set the agenda, has become the forum in which the substantive debates are taking place. It is the Executive Committee, in the main, that is drafting the resolutions, that is developing the procedures, taking the initiatives. This is not appropriate. The Senate, as a whole, was constituted to reflect the academic community and its concerns as a whole, and it should be the repository of the debates, the discussions and the pursuit of issues.

In an effort to return that power, Runi brought up three issues, all quite different in nature, and asked members of the Senate to form subcommittees to follow up on these issues.

1. SUNY 2000. Old Westbury, like all institutions of the SUNY system, was asked to draft a response to the SUNY 2000 report and indicate its own goals, activities, and recommendations in the context of the SUNY-wide goals. Dr. Hall had appointed a committee that worked to produce the Old Westbury draft report which has been circulated to a number of bodies on campus. The emphasis of the report is on retention, and in a number of places in the draft at least, the College affirms its commitment to academic support services and issues such as basic education. There have been a number of issues that have been raised about the status of Basic Ed, the Writing Center, ESOL, and other academic support services. Runi had asked Dr. Hall to respond to the Senate about the status of the recommendations made by a subcommittee of the Faculty Council last year. We have yet to receive his response. Therefore, a subcommittee of the Senate should be formed to investigate the current status of these issues, to study the implications of some of the changes that have already been made in this area, and particularly, to examine the articulated goals of the Old Westbury response, and proactively consider some implications of the report.

Selby Hickey and Mirta Mulhare agreed to work on this issue.

Acting Positions and Appointments Last academic year several faculty expressed concern about the inordinate number of acting positions on campus and the nature of the searches that were conducted to fill those positions. The Faculty charged the Faculty Council to collect data on the positions and the nature of the searches, which it did. Runi has compiled all of the available data: the concerns of faculty, the resolution made by the faculty, the list compiled by Faculty Council and the response from the Personnel Office. Carolyn Etheridge and Marie Casaccio volunteered to sort through the data and report back to the Senate on the status of this issue.

Letter to the Chancellor or to the Governor Runi is in receipt of a letter from the Chair of the University Senate requesting that each campus draft a letter to the Chancellor or to the Governor, underscoring the funding priorities for SUNY and detailing the

effects of the current budget cuts on campus. Enclosed in this package is the letter from Dr. Chen, the Chair of the University Senate, and copies of letters that have been sent by other campuses. It is imperative for us to express our concerns as a campus and to have on record the effects of the cuts on us, and on the integrity of the institution.

Maureen Dolan and Patricia McKeegan volunteered to take up this issue. Runi was empowered by the Faculty Senate to send out this letter without the necessity of bringing it back to the Senate for approval.

There will be summary reports given on SUNY 2000 and Acting Positions and Appointments at the Senate meeting in February.

III

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A copy of the President's report was sent out under separate cover.

Questions and Comments

When asked what happened to the funds that were in the Auxiliary Service Corp., the President responded that those funds were converted to an IFR account. The funds can still be used for the same purposes. The President would like to see the Auxiliary Service Corp. reactivated in a year or so.

The status of Cafe 9 was raised. The President reported that due to the change from the Auxiliary Service Corp. to an IFR account, everything had to be re-bid. They are now getting ready to sign a new contract. January 11, 1993 is the tentative date for the opening of Cafe 9.

The issue was raised regarding computer discounts. The discounts previously given on Zenith computers have been discontinued. Faculty will be receiving a letter regarding discounts on other computers.

IV

RESOLUTION FROM CAP COMMITTEE (B.S. IN MARKETING)

The resolution from the CAP Committee regarding the B.S. in Marketing was distributed along with the agenda for today's meeting. The resolution (FS-9) states: "Be it resolved that the Faculty Senate approve the B.S. in Marketing degree." The resolution was seconded and passed unanimously.

V

RESOLUTION REGARDING NEW PROGRAMS

The following resolution (FS-10) from the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate regarding new programs was distributed along with the agenda for today's meeting.

1. There should be no advertising of proposed majors and programs that have not yet gone through the full process of faculty approval and all such advertisements presently in existence should be withdrawn.
2. All new proposals for majors or programs must, in accordance with the ByLaws, begin their process towards approval by means of CAP Committee review.
3. There can be no implementation of a given degree program or major until it has gone through formal CAP and faculty approval.

The floor was opened for discussion.

Some new programs have been advertised without the CAP Committee finishing its review process. Carolyn Etheridge shared some information regarding the major in Criminology, to illustrate the circumstances under which programs had felt pressured to develop proposals in May, 1992. Maureen Feder-Marcus clarified that the CAP Committee had discussed the Criminology proposal with the Sociology Convenor that morning and the primary question concerned the area of resource needs. There was a general reaffirmation of commitment to following Faculty ByLaws and governance procedures.

The discussion was closed. The question was called. The resolution was seconded and passed unanimously.

VI

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Monica Rascoe distributed the plan of action for the naming of the residence halls. In the 1991-92 academic year, a committee developed, distributed and collected a survey with regard to specific suggestions for names and themes of residence halls. The preliminary results of this survey were presented in a memo from Alonzo McCollum. This year's committee is proposing that they start with that list and allow individuals to add additional names. This would be distributed to the entire College Community for a vote. With the exception of the Faculty Senate and the Old Westbury College Foundation, which will be meeting on December 10th, all others have been contacted and have approved of the plan of action. The Alumni Association has been contacted but has not yet responded.

The following motion (FS-11) was made:

The Senate will develop guidelines governing the selection of names for the Residence Halls.

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The following motion (FS-12) was made:

The Senate approves the plan of action to name the residence halls, subject to compliance with the Senate's guidelines.

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Luis Camnitzer will be responsible for developing procedures in a timely fashion and will forward them to the Executive Committee of the Senate. The procedures will then be sent to Student Affairs. Dr. Rascoe will make the SUNY Board of Trustees' guidelines available.

- B. Dr. Hall urged faculty to submit nominations for Honorary Degrees for 1993-94 in order for them to be reviewed by the committee.
- C. Old Westbury's basketball team will be playing at Madison Square Garden on March 1, 1993.
- D. The following motion (FS-13) was made:

Consistent with the advisory role of the Faculty Senate, be it resolved that it shall be a regular procedure to send resolutions passed by the Senate to the President under separate cover.

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.