

## **FACULTY COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of Meeting of November 22, 1991**

**Present:** L. Anker, J. Fernandez, K. Hall, J. Harris, D. Hester, S. Kirkpatrick, R. Mukherji, P. O'Sullivan, G. Seidman

#### **I**

##### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of November 8, 1991 were not a lucid representation of the discussion that took place. Rather than trying to change the minutes, it was agreed that today's minutes would include the current discussion of Basic Education, where we stand and where we are going.

#### **II**

##### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Stephen Kirkpatrick met with Tom DelGiudice, Chair of the Personal Safety Committee, and Christine Griffin, Chair of the Committee on Faculty Personnel Matters, regarding sexual harassment. Tom and Christine have already met and will meet again today.

#### **III**

##### **BYLAWS: CHAIRS AND DEPARTMENTS**

The Conveners' Council brought two amendments to Faculty Council:

- (1) That the operating units of the College, now designated as Programs be called Departments.
- (2)
  - a. That the person in charge of and responsible for the operation of a Department or Program be called Chairperson;
  - b. That the Conveners' Council be called Council of Chairpersons;
  - c. That the duties of the Chairperson be those currently enumerated in the Bylaws of the faculty and in the bylaws of the Programs or Departments;
  - d. That the Chairperson be elected by a majority of the voting members of the Department or Program by secret ballot; and

Patrick O'Sullivan and Laura Anker conveyed to Faculty Council the Conveners' Council discussion and vote on this issue. A motion was made (FC 91-2) that Faculty Council present the two amendments to the faculty. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Some issues that still remain to be resolved are:

- a. The title for those faculty who are heads of programs within departments.
- b. The relationship of course releases and compensation for chairs/heads of programs. Conveners' Council is scheduled to have a discussion on this issue.

## IV

## BASIC EDUCATION

Eileen Landy and Runi Mukherji distributed a memo that summarized the recommendations from the CAP, Basic Education and Retention/Graduation Task Force Reports, and indicated that a common problem with all the programs that had been designed to address basic skills deficiencies had been that they had not been provided adequate resources and had been structurally and programmatically isolated. The recommendations emanating from these reports remain to be implemented as a function of the discussion; a sub-committee of Faculty Council consisting of Jesse Fernandez (Chair), Gary Seidman, Dan Hester and Runi Mukherji, will work with Hermine Lewis and designated members of the aforementioned three committees on a plan for implementation of the recommendations. The plan will be presented to Faculty Council and then forwarded to Academic Affairs. The time-frame for the development of the plan was set for March 1, 1992.

## V

## PROPOSAL FOR ACADEMIC STANDING

Last year the Academic Policy Committee brought a proposal to Faculty Council. Council then sent it back. Tom DelGiudice presented a proposal for academic standing. Good academic standing is when a student has a cumulative GPA of 2.00 or above. A student will be placed on probation if their semester or cumulative GPA falls below 2.00. If a student is already on probation and their next semester cumulative GPA falls below 2.00 they are suspended. Students cannot be suspended in their first year at Old Westbury. There is no minimum credit requirement. Faculty Council agreed to present this proposal to faculty at the December Faculty Meeting. The Academic Policy Committee will be working on Readmission and Forgiveness policies next semester.

## VI

## BYLAWS: SENATE

It was agreed that the Bylaws amendments regarding the Faculty Senate will be presented to the faculty at the December Faculty Meeting.

## VII

## AGENDA FOR DECEMBER FACULTY MEETING

The following items will be put on the agenda for the December 6th Faculty Meeting:

- Approval of minutes
- Academic Standing Proposal
- Faculty Senate Bylaws Amendments
- Motions on Departments and Chairs

It was agreed to ask Fred Millan to make his presentation at the February Faculty Meeting. A lunch will also be planned for that date from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.