

FACULTY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of January 24, 1992

Present: J. Fernandez, K. Hall, J. Harris, S. Kirkpatrick, E. Landy, P. McKeegan, R. Mukherji, P. O'Sullivan, G. Seidman

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of December 13, 1991 were approved.

II. CHAIR'S REPORT

- A. Tom DelGiudice has drafted a document on policy and procedure regarding sexual harassment and has given it to Stephen Kirkpatrick and Chris Griffin (Faculty Personnel Matters Committee). The three of them are going to meet over the next week. The Personal Safety Committee and the Faculty Personnel Matters Committee will go over the draft. Faculty Personnel Matters should submit something to Faculty Council within the next couple of weeks. It is hoped that the faculty component will be presented to the Faculty at the March Faculty Meeting. Pat McKeegan pointed out that both Federal and State laws only talk about employer and employee relationships. She will bring this issue up with the Personal Safety Committee.
- B. Fred Millan was not able to assemble a panel for a lunch/symposium on multicultural issues for the February Faculty Meeting. Stephen asked members of Faculty Council if they know of anyone who would be interested in speaking at a lunch/symposium. Stephen will contact those people who have already expressed an interest.
- C. 72 ballots have been received on the ByLaws amendments. Stephen will be sending out another reminder to Faculty.

III. CHAIRS AND DEPARTMENTS AMENDMENTS

The motion passed at the December Faculty Meeting regarding Chairs and Departments stated that these issues were to be re-presented to the Faculty by the March Faculty Meeting along with a rationale. Patrick O'Sullivan will speak to Michael Leung and Maureen Feder-Marcus asking them to present opposing views on these issues at the February Faculty Meeting. It was agreed that the minutes of the Conveners' Council in which these discussions took place would be distributed with the agenda for the Faculty Meeting.

IV.

AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY FACULTY MEETING

Items to be included on the agenda of the meeting were:

1. Approval of minutes
2. Nominations and Elections Committee
3. Chairs and Departments
4. Union's Response to Pension - Joe Harris

V.

NEW BUSINESS

Relative to the current SUNY budget crisis, Dr. Hall would like to know the campus-wide position on the following two questions:

1. What is the core curriculum of the College?
2. How does the College move from that core in the next five years?

What kind of programs do we continue to encourage? What are future areas to consider in terms of curriculum and facilities? SUNY Central has already identified the following guidelines:

1. Demand - current and future
2. Centrality to mission
3. Quality
4. Availability within the SUNY system
5. Cost

Old Westbury cannot continue to report almost one half of students as undeclared majors. Dr. Hall would like to discuss these issues further at a later meeting.