

## FACULTY MEETING

Minutes of Meeting of May 3, 1991

### I

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The following correction was made to the minutes of April 5, 1991, last paragraph under Item II: Gloria said that if we are changing procedures it should be formalized.

### II

#### FACULTY SENATOR'S REPORT

Samuel von Winbush reported on the Faculty Senate meeting held at Fredonia. Chancellor Johnstone had nothing new to report on the budget. He spoke about advocacy, resource management and leadership. Several resolutions were passed at the meeting including:

- Change in procedures brought in by governance committee for the evaluation of presidents. When the Chancellor decides to review the campus president and officially notifies the president, the local governance leader(s) will be notified by the Chancellor of the decision and be given the guidelines that the Chancellor will use in this process. For the review to be beneficial, there should be six to eight weeks (excluding vacations and intersession) between the Chancellor's notification of the impending review and the actual visit to the campus.
- The Faculty Council of Community Colleges will co-sponsor the governance leaders retreat.

Questions were raised regarding the guidelines for the Distinguished Teaching Professorship and the Distinguished Professorship. The guidelines make local campuses the key in the selection process. Some people raised the issue that this might result in proliferation of awards. They will try it for one more year before resorting to guidelines previously used where the State committee would be the one that would be most important.

The Senator from Maritime raised the question of closing of campuses. There are no firm plans on restructuring. The governance handbook should be out sometime during the summer. The Operations Committee gave its first awards for Excellence in Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action. Individuals as well as colleges were nominated. Old Westbury was nominated and received the award. Samuel presented the award for the College at Old Westbury to President Pettigrew. The President thanked Samuel and Gloria Young Sing who prepared the documentation nominating Old Westbury.

## III

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Pettigrew said that nothing new has happened with the budget. There will not be a budget for a long time. If the budget is passed as it stands now Old Westbury would receive a five percent cut of state operating funds (approximately \$980,000).

The Graduation Picnic will take place on May 18th between 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. 804 students have signed up for graduation.

## IV

## FACULTY COUNCIL CHAIR'S REPORT

Alice Carse's husband Jim and Hedva Lewittes sent letters thanking the faculty for the flowers that were sent.

## V

## RPT REPORT

Decisions on Fall 1990 cases were as follows:

- Three reappointment cases received unanimous recommendations from the program, RPT and administration.
- One program recommended early promotion and tenure. The request was denied by RPT, and the administration supported candidate's application for tenure at the regular time.

Next year RPT will have a heavy load. Faculty whose files are coming to RPT are encouraged to properly prepare their files and to have them ready on time.

RPT is working on the following issues:

- Conduct and use of student evaluations. Faculty are encouraged to send their comments to the Committee.
- Revision of RPT Manual

## VI

## CLOSING OF NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTIONS

Additional nominees were solicited for the various faculty committees. Motions were made to close nominations. The motions were approved.

## DISCUSSION OF BYLAWS

The purpose of today's discussion is to answer questions and to propose new ideas.

Naomi Rosenthal said that on Page 8, Item B the Faculty Senate seems to be a substitute for the Faculty Council rather than the faculty as a whole. The jurisdiction of the Senate was questioned, specifically with respect to responding to concerns from the faculty as a whole. She also added that she thought that the size of the Senate was too small, and that there should be more Senators-at-large, students and professionals.

Stephen responded that there was a provision such that 15% of the faculty could call a meeting and require that a particular item be put on the agenda.

Gloria Young Sing said that there are certain crucial and important issues that should be voted on by the entire faculty. Once these important issues are identified they must be brought to the faculty. They will have the role of ratifying what the Senate does on these issues.

David Gillett said there would still need to be a smaller group which would be charged with the actual overseeing and carrying out of policies to make sure they are done.

Louis Richards had a problem with non-senators being recognized at meetings of the Senate.

Judy Weinstein-Lloyd has a problem with chairs of committees being on the Faculty Senate.

Runi responded that the reason chairs were included on the Faculty Senate was so that they would have ongoing input and that information would be disseminated in a larger group. Marie Metlay agrees with Judy that the responsibility of the chairs would be too much. The wording has to be changed that a member of each of the key committees should serve on the Faculty Senate, not the chair or convener. Each program would elect a member of the program who would serve on the Senate.

Richard Harper said that the actions of the Faculty Senate should be ratified by the faculty as a whole. Chairs of programs and faculty committees should not be on the Faculty Senate.

David brought up the possibility of alternates and recalls. Could at large members be recalled? Could ex-officio members send representatives? Faculty Senate might then



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become a forum in which different areas plus the self-elected would get a chance to hear what is going on and discuss them on a regular basis.

Stephen thinks that the alternate idea is a poor idea because you will not have consistency. However, the issue of recalls could be looked into.

Joseph Conforti suggested keeping the Senate as is but to have voting open to all present.

With regard to ratification of whole faculty, Runi said that when there is a major issue there is a mechanism built in to the model (petition).

Marie Metlay strongly supported the ratification idea - responsibility should be kept in the faculty.

Gloria said that even though there is a mechanism, the point of the matter is that faculty as a collective group should ratify major issues.

Evelyn Garrity said that the petition mechanism puts it in a negative context; ratification is in a positive context. Naomi said that a list of issues that require faculty ratification should be drawn up and that the mechanism should be kept in.

Judy Walsh asked about dates of faculty meetings.

## VIII

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Lisa Whitten announced that the Faculty Development Committee is celebrating and recognizing faculty achievements today in the Library.
- B. Richard Harper announced several upcoming performances.
- C. Martha Livingston is in the process of collecting books for a nonracial parent-run school. Books are badly needed in the areas of science, math and English. Martha can be contacted at x2748 or x2750. Flyers will be sent out.
- D. Jose Sanchez announced two Latino workshops to be held on May 6th and May 7th at 12:30 p.m. in Room B100.
- E. Onita Estes-Hicks commended Lulu Collantes for the exhibition of faculty publications.