

FACULTY SENATE

Minutes of Meeting of April 2, 1993

Present: R. Baxandall, A. Blasius, L. Camnitzer, L. Collantes, J. Collett, A. Derby, M. Dolan, O. Estes-Hicks, C. Etheridge, E. Ewen, M. Feder-Marcus, J. Fernandez, C. Franco, E. Garrity, W. Goldstein, K. Grossman, K. Hall, N. Hegde, S. Hickey, R. Hoyte, P. Impollonia, D. Kelly, G. Kountz, G. Leon, M. Leung, H. Lewis, J. Llana, S. Mahmoud, C. McIntyre, R. McVeigh, A. Mickens, R. Mukherji, President Pettigrew, M. Rascoe, N. Rosenthal, E. Scott, G. Seidman, A. Smith, S. von Winbush, G. Wachman, V. Wolfe, L. Zhao

I APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of March 5, 1993 were approved unanimously.

II FACULTY SENATE CHAIR'S REPORT

- A. Runi Mukherji received a letter from Martha Downey acknowledging receipt of materials sent by the Faculty Senate.
- B. Runi read a letter from Chancellor Johnstone accompanied by a pamphlet. Since University Faculty Senators were also sent the same package, it was concluded that the Chancellor's letter was not in response to our recent mailings to him.
- C. As directed by the Senate, Runi sent a letter to the Chancellor requesting that the evaluation of Dr. Pettigrew's stewardship be reopened. A copy of the resolution passed at the Faculty Senate meeting of March 5, 1993 was sent to the Chancellor along with the letter. Copies of the letter are available in Janet Harran's office.
- D. The members of the SUNY Senate Visitation Team are Kelsie Harder (Chair), Potsdam; Shirley A. Brown, Albany; James C. Dawson, Plattsburgh; Marilou T. Jarvis, Central Administration; Carl E. Meacham, Oneonta; and Carl P. Wiezalis, HSC Syracuse. The team has been sent copies of the current ByLaws, Faculty Handbook, Old Westbury's version of SUNY-2000, and the two latest Middle States Reports. Runi has also been asked to forward the Mission Statement and a list of faculty membership on the various standing governance committees. In addition, copies of the Background Document and the resolutions passed at the February 19th Faculty Meeting will be sent.

Runi is in the process of preparing a list of issues to be discussed prior to the team's arrival. Runi read the tentative schedule that has been set up jointly with President Pettigrew for the team's visit. Meetings will be held on Friday, April 30th,

Runi had a discussion with Dr. Chen about the lunch meeting with interested faculty. Runi felt strongly that the meetings with Faculty should be open meetings rather than closed door meetings. There was agreement on this point from Senators. She will represent this to Dr. Chen, and try to ensure that the lunch meetings would be conducted in as open a forum as possible.

- E. Runi received a memo from President Pettigrew this morning regarding the Proposal for a Standing Faculty Budget Committee. The President stated that in the proposed membership of the Committee, several senior officers are assigned as ex-officio. The President pointed out that assignments for senior officers are designated by the President and there should be consultation on this point. It was noted by the Chair of the Senate Subcommittee on Budget Issues that the committee membership was kept in tact from the original proposal submitted to the faculty in May 1990.
- F. Al Smith's memo regarding paycheck distribution was discussed. Al stated that the new procedures are to enforce some means of control over paycheck distribution. If paychecks are going to be mailed, this responsibility should reside in Payroll. It was suggested that the procedures be revised to allow secretaries to pick up checks only for faculty who are in on payday in order to avoid having to bring undistributed checks back to Payroll. Al agreed to look into this.

III

CAP REPORT

- A. Evelyn Garrity, Chair of CAP, introduced a revised proposal to offer B.S. and B.A. degrees in American Music, Dance and Theatre. In addition to the expanded title (adding dance and theatre to music), a few other changes have been made to clean up the proposal. They are: a reworked section on program goals and objectives; the deletion of references to dual majors; the inclusion (in appendices) of materials describing internship procedures, and criteria for judging student performance in the core; a few modifications in the core itself, especially the replacement of the sequence in Integrated Performing Arts by one in the Elements of Performance; and descriptions of these new courses. The substance of the proposal had previously been approved by the Faculty Senate. The following resolution (FS-25) was approved unanimously by a vote of 21-0-0: "Be it resolved that the Faculty Senate approves the B.S. and B.A. degrees in American Music, Dance and Theatre."
- B. Language and Literature Degree: Evelyn introduced a detailed document with resolutions from CAP.

In December, the Faculty Senate unanimously approved a resolution reiterating that there could be no implementation of a given degree program or major until it had gone through formal CAP and

faculty approval. However, the document from CAP that was distributed for discussion at today's meeting indicates that a new major has been introduced, advertised, is in the Fall schedule, and students are being recruited without going through the CAP Committee or receiving faculty approval.

A discussion ensued regarding the Language and Literature degree. English Language Studies is the only non-degree program on campus. Middle States had found ELS faculty vulnerable to retrenchment. Two main points brought up by ELS faculty were: 1) treatment of ELS as equals and 2) delay by CAP in bringing their proposal forward. The degree in ELS has been approved by the State Education Department.

Speaking for CAP, Maureen Feder-Marcus spelled out the chronology which resulted in two competing program proposals under CAP consideration last Spring. An independent proposal was first submitted by ELS for a degree in Language and Literature. Comparative Humanities became involved in that discussion through CAP. Over one-third of Comparative Humanities courses are in the area of Language and Literature and most of these had been incorporated into the ELS proposal. The CAP Committee discussed the issue of content and resources in terms of distribution of courses and felt that the literature degree should be done from a world culture perspective given the overall curricular thrust of the College and its resources. CAP sent a recommendation to Dr. Hall last Spring about what kind of framework the literature degree should have.

At about this same time last year, Dr. Hall received a notice from the State Education Department indicating that several concentrations should have been registered. He supported the registration of the old Language and Literature Interprogram Concentration.

CAP did not receive copies of the degree proposals submitted by Dr. Hall to SUNY Central. The Committee had to write to individual programs requesting copies. They received such copies from each program.

The proposal for the Language and Literature major, approved by State Ed. and SUNY Central, was received only in February 1993 after repeated requests. This State Ed. approved proposal turns out to be neither the old Language and Literature Interprogram Concentration nor the original ELS proposal that had been submitted to CAP in October/November 1991.

The following questions were asked Dr. Hall by Naomi Rosenthal:

1. Why was the literature program advertised before receiving faculty approval? Dr. Hall responded that it has not been

advertised; however, it is ready to be advertised if it receives faculty approval.

2. What, in your view, is the current status of this degree that we are discussing? Dr. Hall responded that the degree is registered but it will not be implemented until it receives faculty approval.
3. In your view, what will happen if the Faculty Senate supports the CAP proposals before us? Dr. Hall said that even if the faculty approves the CAP recommendation, there is no way that he will allow a literature major in Comparative Humanities to proceed.

Dr. Hall said that when he met with Comparative Humanities in December 1991, they objected to having a Literature Program. He takes exception now to CAP's invoking Kathryn Van Arnam in SUNY Central as recommending a revision in the registered degree.

CAP is recommending faculty not approve the program that has been approved by the State Education Department. The question over CAP's authority to determine where a program should be housed was discussed.

Gene Leon, a CAP member both last year and this, explained that the document distributed by CAP addresses curriculum and resources, as CAP does with all new degree proposals. CAP tries to avoid the political issues, focussing instead on what distribution of courses a degree should have and what resources it requires.

A substitute resolution was put on the floor by Naomi Rosenthal and Samuel von Winbush. The motion was seconded. The question was called by a vote of 18 in favor; 2 opposed; 0 abstentions. The substitute resolution (FS-26) reads as follows:

Rationale

Whereas the ELS proposal has never been discussed in the Faculty Senate

Resolution

Be it resolved that CAP submit to the Faculty Senate a resolution on the ELS proposal, and

Be it resolved that the resolutions on the floor be tabled until such time as the Faculty Senate acts on the ELS proposal.

The substitute motion carried by a vote of 14 in favor; 4 opposed; 2 abstentions.

The discussion on the Senate floor and the response from the Vice President when questioned directly made it very clear that there will be no implementation of the Language and Literature major until the Senate acts to approve the major.

IV

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

Larry Newbree was scheduled to report on the last meeting of the College-wide Budget/Planning Committee, however, Larry was not able to attend today's meeting.

Carolyn Etheridge reported on behalf of the Faculty Senate Subcommittee on Budget Issues. The subcommittee is composed of Carolyn, Gene Leon, Jim Llana and Larry Newbree. A proposal for a Standing Faculty Budget Committee was distributed earlier in the week for discussion at today's meeting. This proposal is being resubmitted after being agreed to and signed off on by the Administration in May 1990. At that time, five major ByLaws revisions were brought to the faculty for a vote. However, only one passed because not enough faculty voted. The vote in May 1990 on the proposed Standing Faculty Budget Committee was 71 to 9 in favor of the proposal. However, 77 affirmative votes were needed in order for the proposal to pass.

Carolyn sent a memo to Dr. Hall on March 16, 1993 requesting specific budget information. In Dr. Hall's memo of March 18, 1993, he responded that the responsibility for providing budget information about IFR's, PSR and OTPS for the College rests with the Vice President for Budget and Finance and that Carolyn should direct her request to Mr. Smith. Carolyn will be forwarding this request to Mr. Smith. This issue will be discussed further at the next Faculty Senate meeting.

V

RESOLUTION - DISTINGUISHED TEACHING PROFESSORSHIP AWARD

Samuel von Winbush, the submitter of this resolution, withdrew the resolution based on the fact that the nominee's name has already been submitted to the Awards Committee in Albany.

RESOLUTION - SPONSORSHIPS

The resolution sponsored by Naomi Rosenthal was submitted because the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate cannot screen resolutions, and there has been a misapprehension that motions emanating from the Executive Committee were endorsed by the Executive Committee. A friendly amendment was made to clarify wording of the resolution. The following resolution, as amended (FS-26), was passed unanimously: Be it resolved that all resolutions submitted for consideration by the

Senate or the Faculty be submitted along with a sponsor's name, either that of an individual, co-sponsors, or a collective body such as a governance committee.

VI

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Lan Zhao, a member of the Nominations and Elections Committee, distributed a list of committee vacancies with their continuing membership. This list will be sent to all faculty next week along with a solicitation for nominations. Before the next Faculty Senate meeting an up-to-date list will be distributed along with the names of nominees for the various committees. Additional nominations will be solicited, if necessary, at the May Faculty Meeting and nominations will then be closed. Mail ballots will then be sent to faculty. Samuel von Winbush suggested that the Committee consider ways that the format of the ballot might assure better diversity in committees.

Runi urged faculty to discuss the vacancies in their program meetings.

VII

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Makanda McIntyre's mother died on March 21st. The Senate registers its sympathy to the family.
- B. Luis Camnitzer heard from a student that an adjunct received a letter stating that he/she will not be reappointed next semester due to the sit-in in the Library. The reasoning is that since Performing Arts will be reinstated, there is no money available for adjuncts. Luis will be pursuing this matter first to see if it is indeed true.