

FACULTY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of September 27, 1991

Present: S. Kirkpatrick, E. Landy, H. Lewis, P. McKeegan, R. Mukherji, P. O'Sullivan

I APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of September 13, 1991 were approved.

II CHAIR'S REPORT

- A. Faculty Council will ask Dr. Hall to report on the status of faculty utilization. Stephen Kirkpatrick passed around a resolution that will be brought to the Faculty Senate meeting in October. He suggested it would be desirable to have as many campuses as possible support this resolution. Faculty Senate would then convey this information to the Chancellor. The resolution will be put on the agenda of the October Faculty Meeting.

Eileen Landy asked about the Union's position regarding faculty utilization. Stephen responded that there are no job descriptions for faculty, and if the administration tries to write one, then the Union will get involved.

- B. We are now entering Phase II of SUNY 2000. Phase I was presented to the Trustees this past Wednesday and should be available to us within a couple of weeks. Phase II is at the local campus level. Dr. Hall has already begun to form a committee. Faculty governance might want to find out the relationship between this planning committee and Faculty Council. It was also suggested that Council find out what the connection is between what the CAP Committee did on the Long Range Plan and the SUNY 2000 Plan. Dr. Lewis responded that the 2000 Plan will tie in directly with the Middle States Self Study.
- C. Some campuses are concerned that faculty play no role in retrenchment of programs. Stephen will obtain copies of the general principles that are used by Binghamton and Stony Brook.
- D. Stephen passed around the results of reappointment, promotion and tenure cases for the Spring 1991.
- E. At the last Faculty Council meeting there was a discussion on distinguished awards. Dr. Hall sent a list of all recipients of distinguished awards on all campuses throughout all time.

- F. Stephen is looking into the possibility of getting the November Faculty Meeting catered since the Teaching for Learning Center will have a symposium prior to the meeting. He will get a quote on the cost and then will go to the Auxiliary Services Corporation to try to get some money.
- G. The Committee on Faculty Personnel Matters asked that the following professionals be granted faculty voting rights:

Marie Casaccio - Library
 Dan Hester - EOP
 Duncan Hutchins - English as a Second Language
 Mary Jane Kuhle - Chemistry and Physics
 Janet Ritchie - Math/Science Learning Center
 Negash Yusuf - Math/Science Learning Center

These names will be presented at the October Faculty Meeting.

- H. Eileen Landy and Laura Anker will serve as alternates for the Conveners' Council representative to Faculty Council.
- I. Committee Vacancies:
 - i. Gene Leon has agreed to serve on CAP.
 - ii. RPT had one more resignation. There are now two vacancies on the committee. Stephen will keep trying to fill these positions.
 - iii. Stephen will ask Naintara Vaid to serve on the Academic Policy Committee.

III

FACULTY MEETING AGENDA

The agenda for the October Faculty Meeting will include among the regular items:

RPT Report
 Committee on Faculty Personnel Matters Report
 Ann Weeks - SEFA
 Jonathan Collett and Paul Welcher - Report on Workshop

Faculty Council agreed to change the room of the Faculty Meeting to Room C-102 for October.

IV

COMPLAINT POLICY AND PROCESS

Last May the Faculty Council was presented with a proposal from the President which outlined procedures for handling bias complaints filed by students. Council rejected the proposal as stated, but thought that the issue of how to handle cultural bias was important. The

question of whether there is a written policy in place for rape and sexual assault was brought up. Stephen will follow up on this inquiry.

V**BYLAWS REVISIONS**

Two major issues that arose last year during the discussion of the ByLaws were the size of the Senate and whether important actions should be dealt with by the faculty at large. At the Faculty Meeting last year, it was suggested that more at large faculty be added to the Senate. Stephen asked Faculty Council if the size of the Senate should stay at what was originally proposed or be increased. Faculty Council agreed that both of these areas should not be changed.

VI**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. The Faculty Council meeting scheduled for October 11th has been cancelled. The next meeting of the Council will be on October 25th.
- B. The RPT Committee sent a memo requesting that Faculty Council discuss a method for a systematic review of adjunct faculty. Faculty Council agreed that the Conveners' Council should collect from each program their existing policies regarding the review of adjunct faculty.
- C. The CAP Committee has sent Stephen copies of the Pre-Proposals for Masters Program submitted by the Teacher Education Program. Copies will be sent to Council members for discussion at the October 25th meeting.