

## **FACULTY MEETING**

**Minutes of Meeting of October 9, 1992**

### **I**

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of May 1, 1992 were approved. It was agreed that the memo sent to Stephen Kirkpatrick last Spring from the Conveners' Council would be distributed to faculty along with the minutes of today's meeting (attached).

### **II**

#### **REPORT OF FACULTY SENATE**

A copy of Runi Mukherji's report is attached.

##### Questions:

Runi was asked if the President has responded to the Faculty resolution last Spring on appointment of personnel to fill acting positions. Runi replied that the Faculty Senate is not aware of any such response. The Senate will follow up on this matter.

It was stated that the Faculty Senate will make a strong effort to stay in touch with the rest of the faculty. Each program has a Faculty Senator. Non-senators can have items placed on the agenda of Senate meetings by writing a resolution (along with a rationale) and having four other Senators sign off on it. A copy of the procedures that were adopted by the Faculty Senate is attached. It was also noted that minutes of Faculty Senate meetings will be distributed to all faculty.

### **III**

#### **ACADEMIC VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

A copy of Dr. Hall's report is attached. Dr. Hall reported that there are three sources of income to fund faculty appointments, beyond those in the regular budget:

1. Release time budget from grants (funds good portion of adjunct faculty)
2. Summer school
3. Underrepresented faculty initiative

It was originally thought that the release time budget was around \$350,000. The latest information reports that it is closer to \$200,000. Therefore, there is a significant shortfall for Spring, 1993, in funds available for adjunct positions.

Dr. Hall reported that the head count for this Fall was 4,000. In late August 300 students in credit-bearing Continuing Education courses were transferred over to regular enrollment, thus eliminating the Continuing Education Program for the Fall semester and the funds that would go with it. This led to a discussion of distinctions

between Continuing Education and the regular program and the kinds of students in each. Also discussed was the appropriateness of mounting a Continuing Education Program without full faculty discussion and approval.

Memos sent by Faculty Senate to Dr. Hall requesting that he address the issues of Basic Education and Performing Arts in his report at today's meeting had not arrived in time for him to make a formal response. But he did respond generally to questions on these issues. With regard to Performing Arts, the Faculty Senate specifically asked Dr. Hall to address the relationship between the new Artists in Residence and the academic program, including such issues as funding and use of equipment, space, and academic facilities. Dr. Hall replied that he did not know of any such funding being used by the College for external groups, but said that any questions relating to the Artists in Residence should be addressed to the Office of Development, which is responsible for them. A faculty member from Performing Arts said that the Program would like a copy of the contractual agreement so they could see, in a time of limited resources, what has been promised in facilities, equipment, and other resources.

With regard to actions taken by the Office of Academic Affairs regarding Basic Education, Dr. Hall responded that he had sent a memo during the summer to the Chair of Faculty Council regarding this matter. Academic Affairs is proceeding with the implementation of some of the recommendations made by Faculty Council last Spring. It was agreed that Dr. Hall will communicate to the new Chair of Faculty Senate which recommendations have been acted upon.

The increase in the number of credits awarded for the Invitation to Learning courses was discussed. Concern was expressed that Invitation to Learning was changed from a one-credit to a three-credit course without official faculty action.

A question was raised regarding whether lines funded by the Underrepresented Faculty Initiative actually result in increases in faculty lines in the respective programs. Dr. Hall responded that other factors, such as enrollment and curriculum, must be considered and that it varies from program to program. He stated that during the last four years he and Roberto Rodriguez used every conceivable flexibility in order to save lines and jobs and to preserve the structure as it is. Because of the confusion and doubt about the distribution of lines on the Underrepresented Faculty Initiative, he will probably not request lines from this sources this year.

A faculty member noted that the CAP Committee is the consultative body for the allocation of lines. In the ensuing discussion, the point was made that the main agenda of the Senate and the Faculty for this year is the restoration and revitalization of faculty governance, including genuine consultation.

Dr. Hall stated that he meets with Conveners and CAP and that he attends Faculty Meetings. This is a consultative process. He added that the CAP Committee was supposed to have a five year plan for each academic program in the College. A faculty member responded that Dr. Hall was going on a technicality to obscure the main issue. It was pointed out that the kind of exchange taking place in the meeting was unproductive and not a way to move forward. What faculty would like to hear is that the Administration recognizes the profound frustration felt by faculty and that the administration makes a commitment to genuine collaboration with the faculty.

## IV

## FACULTY VOTING PRIVILEGES

Runi reported that the ByLaws state that the names of people requesting faculty voting privileges have to first go through the Committee on Faculty Personnel Matters before they can be placed on the floor of the Faculty Meeting. Runi, as Chair of the Faculty Senate, has sent a memo to the continuing members of the Committee on Faculty Personnel Matters, along with the names of the people she has received who are requesting voting privileges, asking them to send the Senate a list of those people who they are recommending to receive voting privileges.

## V

## SEFA ANNOUNCEMENT

Faculty will be receiving a pledge card in their paycheck on October 21st along with a bulletin listing individual charities. There will be a raffle around Thanksgiving. Faculty were urged to take this appeal seriously and to talk to their colleagues who were not at this meeting about contributing to SEFA.

## VI

## NEW BUSINESS

The College's University Faculty Senator raised the issue of faculty involvement in the presidential review process recently completed at Old Westbury. The University Senate is trying to assure that faculty play an important part in this process.

It was agreed that Runi would ask the former Faculty Chair and the Chair of the College Council if they had any input into the Presidential Review. The consensus among faculty was that our University Faculty Senator should raise the issue at the next University Senate meeting.

## VII

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. The Faculty Development Committee has planned six symposia thus far. The committee is looking for topics for next year.
- B. The Faculty Development Committee is also looking for topics for the Brown Bag Lunch Series.
- C. The Teaching for Learning Center Director announced that Phase II of the Student Evaluations are in faculty's mailboxes. There will be a workshop on Friday, October 23rd, explaining how to use this new instrument to improve teaching.