

## FACULTY SENATE

### Minutes of Meeting of September 11, 1992

#### I

##### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President Pettigrew presided over the meeting until the following officers were nominated and elected. In each case, the vote was by acclamation.

Chair: Maureen Dolan  
Vice-Chair: Naomi Rosenthal  
Secretary: Jonathan Collett  
Treasurer: Marie Casaccio

A motion was made that the printed agenda written and submitted by Stephen Kirkpatrick become the official agenda for the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

#### II

##### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Pettigrew reported that there are two new members of the senior administrative staff: Dr. Monica Rascoe (Vice President of Student Affairs) and Mr. Albert Smith (Acting Vice President of Budget and Finance). During the summer the Office of Student Activities moved from Campus Center to the A-Tower in Academic Village.

The President commended the faculty for establishing the Faculty Senate model. She suggested that we might invite Professor Chen, the Chair of the University Senate, to Old Westbury to discuss operational details with him. President Pettigrew offered to host the meeting on behalf of Old Westbury. The President also suggested reviewing the present committee structure along with committee charges. Another recommendation was that name cards be handed out to Faculty Senators as they walk into meetings in order to clearly identify those members who have a vote.

The President reported on the following campus improvements:

1. Roof replacement in Academic Village and the residence halls is expected to be completed in Spring 1993. Automatic smoke vents will be installed in stairwells as a safety measure. This will take place on certain Fridays. Faculty will be notified when this is going to happen.
2. New windows have already been installed in residence halls 4, 5 and 8. The remainder of the residence halls should be completed by next year.
3. Bathrooms are being refurbished in the residence halls. This project is expected to be completed next semester.
4. The two bridges in Campus Center have been rehabilitated.
5. The tennis courts and the outside basketball courts have been rehabilitated.

The Development Office is getting ready to kick off a two-year, one million dollar campaign. All campus constituencies are being asked to participate in the campaign. The goal is to raise \$470,000 between September 1992 and August 1993 and to raise \$530,000 between September 1993 and August 1994. On October 3rd there will be a black tie dinner and dance to kick off the campaign. The cost will be underwritten through private donations to the College.

The final reduction for 1991-92 was approximately \$800,000 (10.5 positions) with an expenditure reduction of \$415,000. A reduction of \$852,000 for 1992-93 has been assessed. Funding will continue for the computer conversion program, xerox copiers, and phase III of the telephone conversion.

President Pettigrew reported that Old Westbury met and exceeded its enrollment goal this year.

#### Questions:

The President was asked about the status of the old veterinary house. She responded that it will not be ready for quite some time.

The status of Cafe 9 was brought up. The President said that she met with the vendor yesterday; a contract needs to be worked out. It was suggested that before the food services open, there should be something done about the roach problem. It was added that the pest control problem is exacerbated by faculty allowing students to bring food into classrooms.

The President was asked if the dumpsters will be removed from the walkways and pathways. She responded that dumpsters will be placed behind the residence halls as soon as possible.

The location of Canon Corporation's corporate headquarters was discussed. An article published in Newsday mentioned Old Westbury as a possible location. The President said that there was no discussion prior to the article, but that it was her understanding that Canon's lease had been extended for five years in Lake Success. The local campus has a final say in any decision about campus use by outside agencies.

### III

#### RPT REPORT

Naomi Rosenthal reported on the results of last year's decisions. In the Spring 1992 there were 16 mandatory reappointment and tenure cases and the Committee finished worked on eight out of nine requests for promotion to full professor. The results of the actions by the administration, as far as the RPT Committee is concerned, are somewhat disturbing. The concern is the possibility of the RPT Committee being increasingly bypassed by the administration in the decision-making process.

The RPT Committee was asked to complete their review by October 1st for the Fall semester and by March 1st for the Spring semester. Therefore, the administration is asking for three months and six months advanced notice for the Fall and Spring semesters respectively, far more time than is called for in the By-laws. The RPT Committee agreed that they would try to process the files promptly, but with due regard for the review process. The second ground of concern regards the actions themselves. The administration had told RPT that they will not give three year reappointments. Yet in their last batch of decisions some people were given three years and some were not. The Committee does not know what to make of this.

The administration is having difficult relations with one program on campus. As a result, personnel actions within that program have been imperilled. One request for promotion to full professor has been denied due to the nature of the program situation. In addition, another person who was recommended for tenure and promotion by the program and RPT was denied due to the nature of the program situation. The ability of RPT to review files and have its judgment taken seriously is being eroded, according to the Committee. The RPT Committee would like governance to take up this issue.

#### IV

#### NEW BUSINESS

The question of what is going on with Performing Arts in regard to its curriculum and personnel was discussed. It was agreed that the Faculty Senate would ask the CAP and RPT Committees to write reports with resolutions summarizing the problems they have encountered.

A motion was made that each Faculty Senator shall receive, at least one week before the next meeting, reports with resolutions from RPT and CAP. Information from Performing Arts should be reflected in the reports sent from CAP and RPT. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

It was suggested that the business of the Faculty Senate be conducted through the use of resolutions, a process used in the University-wide Senate. The format of resolutions should be sent to Senators.

The following motion was made: The Faculty Senate will regularly ask for written reports in advance from the President, Academic Vice President and any other people scheduled to give reports in lieu of oral reports. As people departed, a quorum was called. Due to the lack of a quorum, the meeting came to a close.