

WCU Faculty Senate 2005/2006
January 27, 2006, Full Assembly Minutes

Members Present: Tom Andrews, President, Presiding – Tina Alessandria, Jay Azorlosa (also proxy for Paul Smith, Nadine Bean, Wei Wei Cai, Kathryn Chilcote (also proxy for Robert Bedford), Eli DeHope, Cortie (Margaret) Ervin, Emilia Garofalo, Cynthia Haggard, Yoko Hashimoto-Sinclair, Jane Hutton, Lauri Hyers, Susan Johnston, Orhan Kara, Stephen Marvin (also proxy for Randy McVey), Tom Mastrilli, Randy McVey (also proxy for Dian Williams), Sheri Melton, Tanya Morgan (also proxy for Tammy James and Janet Lacey), Karen Nolan, Judith Ray, Tim Ray, LaTonya Thames Leonard, and Peter Zimmer (also proxy for Cheer-sun Yang)

- I. Report from Cliff Johnston, President, APSCUF, WCU (with thanks to Eli DeHope for taking these notes)
 - A. Chief Negotiator for Chancellor has retired. Not sure who will replace Mike Becker.
 - B. State reps for APSCUF are new for the upcoming round of contract negotiations. Current reps feel that a strike should be set for July 1, 2007, if needed. Threats of a strike should not be prolonged into non-contract time.
 - C. Negotiations for 2003 promotions go on, despite lack of public attention.
 - D. Grievance has been filed at the state level concerning class sizes at WCU. Union has lost this grievance – currently, administration can adjust class size or ask a faculty to take a large class size in exchange for an AWA.
 - E. HB 870 – SERS/TIAA CREF Transfer Bill – currently dead in PA House Committee. APSCUF plans to work on equality of SERS and TIAA CREF equality in next contract negotiations.
 - F. HR 177, “Academic Freedom” Resolution
 1. Next round of hearings tentatively scheduled for March 8th at Millersville (contact Laura Statler, lstatler@apscuf.org, if interested in testifying)
 2. March 24th – Academic Freedom Conference, Gettysburg College, presentation proposals due February 1
 - G. QUICs Summaries have been adjusted to reflect standard deviations for college and university.
 - H. Teacher/Scholar Models
 1. APSCUF will provide feedback to departments next week.
 2. Some provided quality descriptions and others did not.
 - I. Summer School Policies
 1. Departments must provide their rotation policy to Dean and APSCUF.
 2. Pay scale will be part of negotiations for next contract.
 - J. Tenure Policies - Granted a year’s extension to redo.
 - K. Continuing Ed. Policies – new are being negotiated
 - L. Advising Committee – looking at advising loads, especially issues around pre-major students
 - M. APSCUF Rep is now on Search Committee for Associate VP, Academic Affairs
 - N. Membership Initiatives
 - a. Wednesday, February 1 Event postponed.
 - b. Picnic to be held in spring.
 - c. “Meet and Discuss” now open to members of APSCUF Exec. Committee and Delegates
 - d. Leadership Workshop is in planning stages.
 - e. APSCUF, \$1000 scholarship applications – due right after spring break
 - f. Some concern about how to survey and how to protect identities of those responding to survey regarding domestic partner benefits

- O. Terminal Degree Recognition – Changes will be proposed for next round of negotiations.
 - P. There is a rumor (and it is just that – a rumor) that once an Article 43 complaint has been filed against a faculty member, that the faculty member can then only talk with APSCUF regarding their situation.
 - Q. Disorderly Conduct of Students – policies are in place regarding faculty response.
 - R. Code of Ethics, AAUP – APSCUF supports
- II. Old Business/New Business
- A. Minutes from November 05 Meeting approved as submitted.
 - B. New Faculty Mentoring Committee – Janet Lacey & Nadine Bean, Co-Chairs are meeting with Special Assistant to the Provost, Lynn Spradlin on February 1
 - C. SSI Bookstore Problems
 - 1. problems in getting books in a timely fashion, “lost” orders still going on
 - 2. Faculty Welfare Committee to investigate
 - D. Patriot Act Reauthorization – Please contact Senator Specter with concerns.
 - E. Moving/Relocation Report and Room Allocation Problem Report, Babs Winicur – Ton to ask for at next Fac. Sen. meeting.
- III. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nadine Bean, Recording Secretary.