

## **Minutes of the Meeting of 2 February, 2000**

### **Faculty Senate 1999-2000**

#### **Full Assembly: Friday, February 4, 2000**

**Present:** Gans, Susan (proxy for Berger); Kirschenbaum, Lisa; Melton, Sheri (proxy for Volkvein); Teutsch, Chris; Goodson, Felix; Swain, Dick; Ahramjian, Sylvia; Yorges, Stefani; Spence Coffey, Darla; Patwell, Marty; Schnell, Frauke; Ray, Judith; van Liew, Maria; Lyons, Glenn; Stuart, Elena; Zhang, Naijian (proxy for Broderick); Smith, Paul; Fry, Frank; Winters, Thomas; O'Neill, Brian; Emmons, Paul.

Meeting was called to order by President Garrett at 1:20 PM.

#### **I. Networking, etc.**

#### **II. Announcements, Review / Revising of Agenda as needed**

- Article 43: A portion of our negotiated CBA, this article provides for procedures for dealing with complaints against faculty. Article was forwarded to us from President Adler, and Dr. Lamwers. No word on this article from Em Jones (union president). Article compared to provisions for dealing with sexual harassment, in which trained "fact-finders" are involved. Article vague, local campuses will develop implementations. It was determined that faculty need more information regarding this article, possibly via published minutes from Meet & Discuss (currently only abstract available).
- Over winter break Governor Ridge announced that all capital improvements approved will now be cancelled. The money will be returned to an even larger pot, and will be doled out on the basis of presentations made by the 14 schools. A few of our administration spent break preparing presentation, and President Adler felt it went very well.
- President Garrett solicited nominations for Executive Committee for next year.

#### **III. Approval of Minutes**

- Motion to approve minutes was made by Senator Ray and seconded by Senator Goodson,. Minutes approved as submitted.

#### **IV. Prep for March Senate Meeting**

- President Adler will address Senate. Issues for her to address included:
  - Plans for future building;
  - Home internet connections (can university be a home internet service provider); faculty offices, and assignment and shortages thereof (President

Garrett will contact Em Jones to find out what part of CBA addresses this issue, if any);

- Traffic lights and disabled accommodations for crossing streets, particularly on corner at Bull Center (High and Rosedale; suggestions included a pedestrian bridge, a tunnel, lowered speed limits);
  - Safety concerns for students, staff, and faculty after night classes (emergency phones, security escorts, number of public safety personnel);
  - Martin Luther King Day (new calendar for next year gives us this day as a holiday, but there is no provision for making this a permanent piece of our schedule;
  - Fall calendar as approved is similar to fall '99 calendar);
  - plans to make up for lost SSHE funding for faculty development.
- Elizabeth Larsen will address Senate. Issues for her to address included the status of the diversity requirement in the general education office.

## V. Committee Reports

- **Faculty Welfare Committee:** How to examine working conditions of part-time faculty. Do we have go-ahead to circulate survey among temporary faculty? Em Jones said no because their work conditions are related to those for full-time faculty, and thus this is the purview of APSCUF. Senators disagree with this point of view, and suggest that it is a separate issue because they receive no orientation, no introductory materials, no information regarding their responsibilities and rights, experience varies by department. Senators expressed the opinion that improving their conditions can only improve ours as well, and we have a right to gather information.
- Brief conversation about adequacy/inadequacy of building and grounds to snowfall. A sorority cleaned some of the campus stairways. President Garrett said she would send an email to Gina D'Amato, commending them.
- **Ethics Committee:** Survey on faculty-student and student-faculty issues regarding unethical conduct. Suggestions for implementing survey include: Civility Day focus group discussion; students involved in SGA want to give voice to concerns officially and anonymously; use Senate as point people to encourage student response; use organizations in university and within majors (e.g. Criminal Justice, Psychology Student Life, Graduate Social Work, sororities and fraternities, SGA, etc.); pay for survey publication in Quad; web page (but could get multiple submissions from same individuals).
- **Communications Committee:** Senator Bloom requests that we look over Senate web pages (to be sent to us as a clickable link by President Garrett). Pages include members, committees, minutes, statements, bylaws, old newsletters. Issues include where to have the link stored on the university pages, and how to present survey data.
- **Research Committee:** Report on status of diversity requirement. Senator Gans offered information from various university websites that suggest ways we might approach such a requirement. Committee will not proceed until we have a clearer

idea of what we are being asked to do, and what the status of the requirement might be with the general education office.

#### **VI. University Festival: Terrie Ozelis**

- First meeting for the university festival was held during the same week as this Senate meeting. Nothing is decided yet for the 2000 festival. One idea: Looking Forward, Looking Back. Want to bring in outside speakers. Senate asks how faculty might participate (other than being on committee). Expense suggests allowing faculty to try to bring in alums and/or people they know as speakers. Senator Goodson agrees that this is a good idea, and suggests making festival a "Career Day" where we focus on topics of interest to students. Because there is no money earmarked for speakers, festival organizers may move away from idea of outside speakers. Stephen Jay Gould suggested as potential speaker. Festival will possibly begin with a speaker on Monday night, and extend through Tuesday (though this year classes were not cancelled during Monday speaker). President Garrett asks how faculty will be involved in other procedures. Ozelis suggests that it is not too early to go to our departments and solicit suggestions. Suggestion made to coordinate with other campus groups, such as poetry group, to sponsor speakers and organize events. Projected date is first Tuesday in October.

#### **VI. Adjournment**

- Senator Lyons moves to adjourn, and Senator Gans seconds.
- Meeting adjourned at 5 PM.