

West Chester University of PA
Faculty Senate
2006/2007
September 15, 2006, Full Assembly Minutes

Members Present: *Jennifer Means (proxy for Tina Alessandria), Thomas Andrews (Immediate Past President), Nadine Bean (Vice President), Kathryn Chilcote (also proxy for Robert Bedford), Cynthia Haggard (President), Eli DeHope (Recording Secretary), Wei Wei Cai, Jane Hutton (At Large Representative), Lauri Lyn Hyers, Stephen Marvin (also proxy for Walter Cressler), Karen Nolan, Julian Onderdonk (Corresponding Secretary), Jean Means, Jay Azorlosa, Debra Bill (At Large Representative) (also proxy for Tanya Morgan), Eleanor Brown, Karen Dannessa, Jonathan Friedman, Yoko Hashimoto-Sinclair, Amy Li (also proxy for Orhan Kara), Randy McVey (also proxy for Diane Williams), Bim Sandhu, Brent Thompson, Sally Winterton.*

Members Absent: *Tina Alessandria (proxy Jennifer Means), Margaret Ervin, Yury Polsky, Judith Ray, Timothy Ray, Orhan Kara (proxy Amy Li), Paul Smith (proxy Debra Bill), LaTonya Thames-Leonard, Diane Williams (proxy Randy McVey), Peter Zimmer, Robert Bedford (proxy Kathryn Chilcote), Walt Cressler (proxy Stephen Marvin),*

Minutes:

- Welcome by Cynthia Haggard, President Faculty Senate and introductions of executive team and full members
 - All meetings will now be held in Phillips Lower Level Conference Room. Friday meetings are held 1-3 pm and Thursday meetings are held 3:15-5:15.
 - New Executive Team are as follows:
 - President – Cynthia Haggard
 - Vice President – Nadine Bean
 - Recording Secretary – Eli DeHope
 - Corresponding Secretary – Julian Onderdonk
 - At-Large Representatives – Dee Bill and Jane Hutton
 - Immediate Past President – Tom Andrews
- Approval of minutes from April 7, 2006 meeting
 - Minutes approved without discussion
- Mike Ayewoh will be speaking at the October meeting about faculty development
- Linda Lamwers (Provost) will attend November 2006 meeting
- Cliff Johnston (President of APSCUF) will attend March 2007 meeting
- Review of Cynthia Haggard's meeting with President Madeline Wing Adler
 - Confirmed that President Adler will attend our February 9th meeting
 - Concerned over recent assault and other issues of crime, safety and awareness
 - SGA is doing a month long safety training in Residence Halls
 - The University hired a new community police officer to be a liaison with students
 - A new program has been introduced – students can call campus security to bring them home if they are scared or nervous about surroundings
 - Cheyney University is being challenged by financial problems. The state is responding to this crisis
 - College of Music is moving in January into their new building

- College of Business and Public Affairs is moving forward in building their new Undergraduate Business Center. The accreditation team for the Business Department is coming the beginning of October
- The University passed Middle States review last spring

New Issues:

- Commencement – How do we get faculty to attend? How do we get student to stay?
- Crime Issues – students asked the Faculty Senate to address issues from the last spring situation. Students on south campus were not notified about an attack for 3 days. They were concerned about this delay.
 - Eli DeHope will be meeting with Mike Bicking – she will explore this issue

Report from Committees:

- Faculty Welfare – Brent Thompson reported that the committee last spring was looking into how faculty can access technology and equipment when they are not from the building they are teaching in. The Committee determined that it will be up to each faculty person. They are concerned about the University wide move scheduled over the next few years. They asked the Faculty Senate to obtain a speaker to come to a meeting to discuss the plans.
- Student Welfare – Ellie Brown reported that they will look into issues that continue with the Bookstore, the safety issues on campus, and faculty attendance at commencement..
- Communication – Jane Hutton reported that the Web site is being worked on.
- Membership and Elections – Julian Onderdonk reported that this committee is responsible for the Senate's constitution and by-laws. The website has a list of senators and when they are due up for re-election. Julian posed a question that asked, "Are we abdicating our duty if APSCUF runs our elections? The committee will look into this issue.
- Curriculum and Research – Jonathan Friedman reported that this committee has for a number of years looked into faculty mentoring. This year a campus wide standing committee has been created; in fact they had a retreat this past summer. As a result the Faculty Senate mentoring project of this committee has been discontinued. Members will coordinate with the new committee. The new standing committee will be seeking tenured faculty to serve as mentors. A formal request will be sent soon. Lori Hyers will be presenting on a mentoring research survey on September 26th 2-3 pm in Phillips Lower Level.
- Nadine Bean pointed out that the list of faculty senate committees and their purpose is on page 5 of the Constitution handout.
- Committees formed into groups to review current plans and set goals for the upcoming year

Cynthia requested that senators find a person to proxy for them if you cannot come to a meeting.