

**West Chester University of PA
Faculty Senate
2008/2009
September 19, 2008, Full Assembly Minutes**

Members Present: *designated by an X*

Alessandria, Tina	X	Hutton, Jane	X
Azorlosa, Jay	X	Kara, Orhan	Proxy H. Li
Bean, Nadine	<i>Absent</i>	Li, Huimin (Amy)	X
Bedford, Robert	X	McVey, Randy	Proxy B. Sandhu
Bill, Debra	X	Means, Jennifer	X
Boyle, Michael	X	Metz, Stacie	X
Brown, Eleanor	X	Morgan, Tanya	X
Chilcote, Kathryn	X	Norris, Bruce	X
Cooke, Lynne	X	Onderdonk, Julian	X
Cressler, Walter	X	Polk, Denise	X
Dannessa, Karen	Proxy J. Hutton	Sandhu, Bhim	X
DeHope, Eli	<i>On leave, fall 2008</i>	Shivde, Geeta	X
Friedman, Jonathan	X	Smith, Paul K.	
Garthwait, Clayton	X	Staruch, Liz	X
Gilboy, Mary Beth	X	Stiefel, Van	X
Haggard, Cynthia	X	Thompson, Brent	Proxy D. Bill
Halko, Gabrielle	<i>Absent</i>	Wandry, Donna	X
Hashimoto-Sinclair, Yoko	<i>Absent</i>	Winterton, Sally	X

Faculty Senate Meeting, 9/19/08

Due to the campus visit of Dr. John Cavanaugh, Chancellor of PASSHE (Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education), the Faculty Senate meeting convened 15 minutes later than the regularly-scheduled time. Julian Onderdonk, as Vice-President, convened the meeting in lieu of Eli DeHope. Eli is on medical leave for the fall 2008 semester; the Senate sends her best wishes and plans to see her return as Senate President in spring 2009. New Senators were welcomed: Lynn Cooke, Clayton Garthwait, Mary Beth Gilboy, Bruce Norris, Liz Staruch and Geeta Shivde (Gabrielle Halko *in absentia*).

- Announcements
 - Tammy Hilyard-Thompson: seeks mentors for minority students. (Onderdonk will forward email to Senate members.) Ellie Brown briefly described the program.
 - Nadine Bean (*in absentia*): encourages participation in faculty mentoring program.
- Brief reports on discussions with Chancellor Cavanaugh
 - Cynthia Haggard, as Senate President, was on a search committee for the new Chancellor and reported that he was a highly-qualified candidate.
 - Cynthia also recently attended a meeting which Chancellor Cavanaugh convened with PASSHE Senate representatives and reported that faculty are positively impressed with Dr. Cavanaugh.

- Cavanaugh is meeting with many constituent groups and seems to be interested in keeping open lines of communication and listening to “bottom up” input. He also seems supportive of faculty and the individuality of member universities. He has asked University Presidents to submit reviews of PASSHE-wide Information technologies; and is initiating a review of all Board of Governor’s policies (many of which have not been updated since the 1980s).
- Report on meeting with Dr. Lamwers, Interim University President (Julian Onderdonk)
 - Dr. Lamwers has also been impressed with Chancellor Cavanaugh’s openness and process.
 - Technology
 - Chancellor Cavanaugh is currently reviewing Dr. Adler’s proposal of spring 2008 to allow PASSHE campuses individual freedom to retain PeopleSoft and/or Banner or to move to SAP.
 - Facilities
 - Stage 1 of Housing Renewal Initiative is on time
 - Two dorms (Allegheny & Brandywine) should be ready by Fall 2009.
 - Brandywine will also include a digital media center (radio station) and flexible media classrooms which could accommodate large classes.
 - Sustainability continues to be emphasized.
 - Parking Garage at New & W. Niels Street: a suit by local citizens is currently holding up the process. A new Student Recreation Center near Lawrence can’t be built until a garage is available.
 - Undergraduate Business Center: to be built adjacent to current SOMPAC; now in fundraising stage
 - Presidential search: deadline for applications is 9.19.08; the new search committee is working with executive search firm Greenwood/Asher & Associates, Inc. & will be meeting with faculty.
 - Town-Gown relations: ongoing committee which includes Dr. Lamwers, Larry Dowdy, Mark Mixner and Matthew Bricketto.
 - Current issues: Garage, Safety Alerts (e.g. whether town alerts broadcast to all-WCU email are helpful or potentially negative by desensitizing the recipients).
 - Dr. Lamwers intends to meet with all faculty constituent groups (APSCUF, Senate, CAPC, TEP).
 - Dr. Darla Spence Coffey, Interim Provost, also would like to meet with Senate.
 - Dr. Lamwers will attend the November Senate meeting.
- Old Business
 - Minutes of April 25, 2008 Senate meeting were approved as amended.
 - Committee Reports. A brief review was given by 2007-2008 chairs of last year’s work.
 - Communications
 - Website & Blackboard site updated. Direct link to Senate website added to Provost’s website (under “Committees”); Added Senate meeting announcement to WCU email “This Week at WCU,” in Campus Community Events section.

- Curriculum & Research
 - Created advisory statement on incorporating multiculturalism into the classroom.
 - Faculty Welfare
 - Developed a faculty welfare survey.
 - They encourage new members to join the committee.
 - Student Welfare
 - Focused on student behavior & mental health issues.
 - Began working with WCU's Threat Assessment Team (TAT).
 - Membership and Elections
 - Van Stiefel – if your term is up, please make plans to run again or encourage a colleague.
 - Rules & By-Laws
 - Will convene to follow-up on revision of the Senate Constitution
 - Other Committee matters
 - Ethics Committee
 - For several years this committee has been merged with Student Welfare. Should it continue to exist or should the committee be disbanded?
 - Discussion ensued. The final decision was to continue as a freestanding committee with membership of several enthusiastic supporters.
 - Establishment of Ad Hoc Committee on Facilities and Sustainability Issues
 - Cressler & Onderdonk are interested in forming this ad hoc group. Approved.
- New Business
 - Suggestions from the floor for 2008-2009 Faculty Senate meeting agendas
 - November: Dr. Lamwers
 - Student financial aid: possibly for spring
 - HealthyU implications (Vicky Guinta and/or Cliff Johnston)
 - Cliff Johnston: TIAA/CREF and SERS
 - CAPC – Kevin Dean: possibly for spring
 - Environmental issues: e.g. 4-day week? Improved public transportation?
 - Members organized into committees to elect chairs and begin 2008-2009 planning. Chairs then reported briefly to Senate.
 - Communications
 - Chair: Huimin Li
 - Members: Karen Dannessa, Jane Hutton, Randy McVey, Liz Staruch
 - Workplan: Investigate potential of email to all faculty re: Senate activities.
 - Curriculum & Research
 - Chair: Jonathan Friedman
 - Members: Mike Boyle, Stacie Metz, Van Stiefel
 - Workplan: Mission & procedures/goals for the committee
 - Liaise with CAPC, Research Consortium & Office of Sponsored Research.

- Ethnic Studies program: invite Frank Hoffman, coordinator, to speak to Senate.
 - Ethics
 - Chair: Donna Wandry
 - Members: Jen Means, Sally Winterton
 - Workplan: Review faculty civility policy.
 - Faculty Welfare
 - Chair: Brent Thompson
 - Members: Jay Azorlosa, Debra Bill, Mary Beth Gilboy, Cynthia Haggard, Geeta Shivde
 - Workplan: Continue with faculty survey on priorities. Run a pilot test & then send to all faculty.
 - Membership & Elections
 - Chair: Van Stiefel
 - Rules & By-Laws
 - Chair: Julian Onderdonk
 - Workplan: Review how committee mandates are reflected in the Constitution's by-laws.
 - Student Welfare
 - Chair: Ellie Brown
 - Members: Tina Alessandria, Nadine Bean, Clayton Garthwait, Tanya Morgan, Bruce Norris; Denise Polk
 - Workplan: Communicate with students about mental health & behavior issues.
 - Ad Hoc Committee on Facilities & Sustainability
 - Chair: Walt Cressler
 - Members: Lynne Cooke, Julian Onderdonk
 - Workplan: Meet with Dee Giardina & Royston Gathings about recycling & other campus initiatives
 - Publicity to students about campus recycling.
- Parting announcement: Please note that Student Services will be moving to 25 University Ave. from Bull Center and will be shut briefly during October.
 - Meeting was adjourned by Vice-President Onderdonk.

Respectfully submitted,
 Jane Hutton
 Recording Secretary
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