

Minutes of the Meeting of 29 October, 1999

Faculty Senate 1999-2000

Full Assembly: Friday, October 29, 1999

Present: : Gans, Susan (proxy for Kerr); Kirschenbaum, Lisa; Yorges, Stefani; Schnell, Frauke; Krasowski, Cheryl (proxy for Cassotti); Kinslow, Jack (proxy for Haggard and Welsh); Winters, Tom; McVey, Randy (proxy for O'Neill); Zhang, Naijian; Coleman, Kim (proxy for Corbett); Patwell, Marty; Bloom, Arvid; Stuart, Edna; Coffey, Darla Spence; Van Liew, Maria; Lyons, Glenn; Smith, Paul K.; Goodson, Felix; Drake, George; Bill, Dee (proxy for Carson); Volkwein, Karin; Glidden, Peter (proxy for Broderick); Ray, Judith D.; Ahramjian, Sylvia; Karasik, Daniel (SGA representative); Garrett, Robin; Swain, Dick; Andrews, Tom.

Meeting was called to order by President Garrett at 1:08 PM.

I. Announcements/General Information

- Auto-introduction of new members, by means of social interaction.
- Review of agenda
- Festival Committee

Festival committee wishes to work proactively with the Senate for next year's festival.

- Notice removals during contract negotiations

Senator Glidden received a copy of the directive sent to all faculty by Phillip Rivera regarding posting rules. Senator Gans noted that faculty seemed to be upset not about the rules themselves, but about selective enforcement of the rules during a stressful period. Senator Schnell noted that postings relating to faculty-student meetings to explain strike issues were removed along with posters relating to the strike. SGA representative Karasik brought up student concerns over how some faculty handled strike discussions with their students. President Garrett asked that issues arising in the aftermath of the strike discussions be sent to her.

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes was made by Senator Ahramjian, and seconded by Senator Ray. Minutes were accepted pending correction of Senator Thomas's name (apologies to Senator Thomas; corrected minutes appended).

III. University Festival '99-'00

Item omitted.

IV. Subcommittee Reports

Curriculum and Research - survey results reported by Senator Smith. Six departments responded to a request for information directed at department chairs. President Garrett asked about the goal of the survey, and Senator Volkwein asked what would be done with the information. Senator Smith indicates that the survey is meant to generate funds for curriculum and research, and that a positive result may be gained by producing a convincing report about the amount and kinds of support that are needed.

V. Subcommittee Meetings

Charges to committees

Faculty Welfare: outreach to temporary faculty (inquiries from temporary faculty).

Ethics and Student Welfare: academic dishonesty (following up on last year's task force report); development of statement on faculty to student behavior similar to statement on faculty to faculty behavior (comments from Senator Patwell from University Forum).

Research and Curriculum: consult with SGA on possible diversity component (initial discussion is in progress).

VI. Informal Reports from Subcommittees

- **Communications Committee:** (Chair: Senator Bloom)

Website presence to be established for Senate. Information to include: Standing committees, bylaws, mission, archives, newsletters, links to other sites, on West Chester's campus and elsewhere, subcommittee generated statements and policies. Concern was raised over the anonymity of postings. Pre-posting to a screening site was recommended. Proposed postings to be sent to Senator Bloom. In the future we will discuss what is appropriate and interesting to post.

- **Student Welfare Committee:** (Chair: Senator Andrews) and **Ethics Committee:** (Chair: Senator Drake)

President Garrett gave a brief history of the request for a statement on faculty-faculty and faculty-student inappropriate behavior. It is an issue that has arisen in Meet and Discuss, that has rested, and has now revived. The co-chairs report that the first step will be data collection. They will ask for data from students about how they have been wronged by faculty. The possibility of pursuing information about academic dishonesty will be discussed in the future.

- **Research and Curriculum Committee:** (Chair: Senator Smith)

Committee will need more information from chairs in response to the survey reported above. A task force has been established to pursue the diversity requirement issue. The task force will begin by collecting information about what is being done currently to meet the BS-Ed diversity requirement.

- **Faculty Welfare:** (Chairs: Senators Van Liew and Teutsch)

Focus on part-time and full-time temporary faculty to identify major issues within departments. These differ by department, and chairs will be contacted for information. First APSCUF will be contacted so that this committee can be sure it is not repeating work that has already been done, and to assess contract changes. President Garrett points out that there are quality of life issues: office space, resources, orientation.

VII. Other

No other business reported.

VIII. Adjournment

Senator Smith moves to adjourn, and Senator Ray seconds.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 PM.