

MEMORANDUM

TO: Faculty and Librarians

FROM: Margaret Manion, Librarian

Executive Secretary, Faculty Senate

DATE: March 7, 2000

RE: Minutes of March 6, 2000 Faculty Senate Meeting The Faculty Senate meeting was called to order on Monday, March 6, 2000 at 3:30PM in O'Leary Library Room 222. The following Senators were in attendance:

John Catalozzi, Education; Juan Rodriguez, Education; James Sheff, Chemical and Nuclear Engineering; Susan Faraji, Civil Engineering; Ross Holmstrom, Electrical Engineering; James Rome, Electrical Engineering; Michael Fiddy, Electrical Engineering; John McKelliget, Mechanical Engineering; Robert Parkin, Mechanical Engineering; Carol Barry, Plastics Engineering; Aldo Crugnola, Plastics Engineering; Laura Punnett, Work Environment; Thomas Shea, Biological Science; Garth Hall, Biological Science; Bodo Reinisch, Earth Science; Ann Marie Hurley, Mathematics; Alan Doerr, Mathematics; George Chabot, Physics; James Egan, Physics; Art Mittler, Physics; Eugene Rogers, Clinical Lab Science and Health; Nina Coppens, Nursing; Susan Reece, Nursing; Carole Pearce, Nursing; Sue Bergmeier, Physical Therapy; Sean Collins, Physical Therapy; Arno Minkinen, Art; John Ogasapian, Music; Michael Carter, Economics; Joe Zaitchik, English; Charles Ryan, English; Peter Blewett, History; Liana Cheney, History; Joseph Garreau, Language; Russell Karl, Legal Studies; Chris Smith, Philosophy; Jeffrey Gerson, Political Science; Joseph Waterman, Psychology; Dean Bergeron, R.E.S.D.; Valerie Kijewski, Management and Marketing; Riaz Khan, MIS; Richard Slapsys, Library

The Faculty Senate was called to order Monday, March 6, at 3:30pm in O'Leary 222, South Campus.

I. Announcements:

1. Gil Brown's nomination to the Athletic Committee.
2. Any senator interested in becoming the Liaison to the Library should contact Robert Parkin.

II. Approval of Minutes of Previous meeting (12/6/99)

The minutes of 12/6 were unanimously approved.

Janet Burke announced her resignation as Executive Secretary of the Faculty Senate and thanked the Senate. Dr. Parkin proposed the following resolution: "The Faculty Senate formally acknowledges the contributions of Janet Burke as Executive Secretary and wishes her all the best for her professional career." It was suggested that Dr. Parkin embellish the resolution, and he will do so in time for the next meeting.

III. Margaret Manion was approved unanimously as Executive Secretary of the Faculty Senate

Michael Carter reported on Board of Trustees meeting. Proposal for faculty compensation for federally funded grants run through the Research Foundation was accepted almost as written pending a full review of the policy by the Board of Trustees. The Board authorized the creation of an “Intercampus Graduate School or Marine Science and Technology” and announced its Dean and Associate Dean (from the Dartmouth and Boston campuses respectively).

IV. Senate Standing Committees

1. Academic Governance-

Resolution: Academic Governance: 1/S00

Ann Marie Hurley read the following resolution:

By-law Change: (2/3 vote needed to pass)

(The resolution is to replace the paragraph on page 3 lines 18 through 27 with the following):

“The Faculty Senate shall be nominated from tenured full time-faculty and librarians, by department or by academic unit with a personnel committee, at a ratio of 1:10. Senators shall be elected for two years by the full-time faculty or librarians in their departments or academic units. In departments or academic units with two or more senators, the terms of office shall be staggered.”

Laura Punnett voiced concern that it might be difficult to get people to run for the Faculty Senate. Tom Shea also spoke against the proposed change, saying that it would disenfranchise untenured faculty.

Bodo Reinisch said that Senators who are at risk of not getting tenure might feel pressure not to speak out. Jim Rome said that new departments with lots of untenured faculty would be disenfranchised. Charles Ryan said that the proposed change would deprive untenured faculty of an opportunity sometimes used a criterion for promotion. John Ogasapian said that tenured faculty have more at stake and traditionally assume a degree of academic governance. Liana Cheney questioned whether nontenured faculty should be making decisions on matters that might not affect them. Likewise, Ross Holstorm felt that long term faculty can make better decisions. Dean Bergeron said he would like to be able to know the views of the untenured faculty on various issues. Mario Aste spoke from a union perspective and cited openings for younger professors. It was pointed out that departments pick the people representing them and that there is a “graying faculty”.

Ann Marie Hurley was asked to amend the motion removing the word “tenure”. A motion was made and seconded to amend the resolution as follows:

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shall be elected for two years by the full-time faculty or librarians in their departments or academic units. In departments or academic units with two or more senators, the terms of office shall be staggered.

The vote on the motion to amend was:

In favor: 34; opposed: 4

The vote on the amended resolution was:

In favor: 34; opposed: 2; abstain: 1

2. Research & Development Committee- No resolutions.

3. Academic Resources Committee -No resolutions.

Arno Minkinen announced that he expects the report on Allen House to be issued in April.

4. Graduate Policy and Affairs Committee

Whereas: The current regulations on the eligibility for participation in the bachelor's/master's degree program as outlined on pages 16 and 17 of the Graduate Catalog allow for students with a grade point average of less than 3.0 at the time of graduation to remain in the program.

RESOLUTION GPAC:

That the policy statement on page 16 of the Graduate Catalog:

“Every full-time student with a grade point average of 3.0 at the end of his/her junior year.....is eligible to be admitted to that program.”

be amended by the statements:

"The student must have a GPA of at least 3.0 at time of application to the bachelor's/master's program. In order to sustain participation in the program, the student's GPA must be 3.0 or better at time of receipt of the bachelor's degree."

Problems have arisen when students had slipped below a 3.0 grade point average during their senior year. Wording in the catalog is determined by the Graduate Policy and Affairs Committee. Bodo Reinisch noted that the petition route is still available. Someone pointed out that students can always take the GRE.

Motion refers to cumulative grade point average. Friendly Motion to add word "cumulative" was approved.

The amended motion read:

“The student must have a GPA of at least 3.0 at time of application to the bachelor's/master's program. In order to sustain participation in the program, the student's

GPA must be 3.0 or better at time of receipt of the bachelor's degree."

The vote on the amended motion was: In favor: 31 ; Opposed: 0; Abstain: 1

5. Budget and Priorities Committee- No resolutions.

Charles Ryan reported that they had met Joe Caulfield concerning the Physical Plant. Improvements will focus on North campus, especially the strip along University Avenue, and will include landscaping, new sidewalks and new lighting.

6. Undergraduate Policy Committee-No resolutions.

Art Mittler reported that the General Ed. Program starts for incoming students in the fall; there will be a separate listing of those courses. He remarked that Jonathan Liebowitz and his committee are doing a fine job putting that program together. Transfer students will be eligible for the program depending on how many credits they have when they enter: if they have only enough credits to qualify as freshmen, they will be treated as freshmen. The program will be "cranked up" in subsequent years: next year freshmen and sophomores will be eligible. Mario Aste asked about funding and staffing and commented that it was a great core, but that the program was doomed to failure unless funding and staffing are adequate.

Liana Cheney asked about a resolution concerning double majors, and Art Mittler responded that both departments should get credit in some ways. The Senate will follow up on resolutions.

Dr. Parkin drew attention to Administrative Announcement 31, which announced the proposed department of Cultural Studies and the programs that have been placed on alert under review for possible closure. He read names of departments under alert or review for possible closure and noted that the Senate has been asked to respond. Those with concerns about possible closures of graduate or undergraduate programs should contact Bodo Reinisch or Art Mittler, respectively.

It is necessary to appoint to students to the General Education Committee. Please forward names to Margaret Manion or Robert Parkin.

The Senate adjourned at 4:27.