

## **Memorandum**

**To: Faculty Senate**

**From: Professor Janet Burke, Executive Secretary**

**Date: October 6, 1997**

**Re: Minutes of the October 6, 1997 Meeting of the Faculty Senate**

The Faculty Senate Meeting was called to order on Monday, October 6, 1997 at 3:30 PM in Pasteur 301. The following Senators were in attendance:

John Catalozzi, Education; William Phelan, Education; Burton Segall, Civil Eng; Ross Holmstrom, Electrical Eng; Dick Kalluri, Electrical Eng; Walter Kuklinski, Electrical Eng; Robert Parkin, Mechanical Eng; Carol Barry, Plastics Eng; Ross Stacer, Plastics Eng; Laura Punnett, Work Environment; Michael Ellenbecker, Work Environment; Vincent Pivnicny, Clinical Lab Science & Health; Robert Nicolosi, Clinical Lab Science & Health; Cheryl Cox, Nursing; Joyce White, Physical Therapy; Eve Buzawa, Criminal Justice; Michael Carter, Economics; William Coughlin, English; Charles Ryan, English; Jeannie Judge, English; Jonathan Liebowitz, History; Linda Saitz, Language; Jon Hellstedt, Psychology; Joseph Waterman, Psychology; Jean Pyle, RESD; Thomas Shea, Biology; Albert Kowalak, Chemistry; Thomas Costello, Computer Science; Raymond Gumb, Computer Science; Dan S. Golomb, Earth Science; Thomas Kudzma, Mathematics; James Graham-Eagle, Mathematics; Alan Doerr, Mathematics; George Chabot, Physics; Charles Feeney, Accounting; Valerie Kijewski, Management; Riaz Khan, OMMIS; Arno Minkinen, Art; Helen Jones, Library.

### **Agenda**

Senate President Nicolosi requested that the agenda be amended in order to begin with item III. There were no objections. He also invited Provost Wagner to address the Senate.

Provost Wagner began by welcoming the faculty back to the campus and thanking them for the role they played in the smooth and efficient beginning of classes. He informed the Senate about improvements made on the campus since last spring, especially the work done on the South campus. He indicated that the process is ongoing. Provost Wagner reported on the many upgrades in classroom facilities. He pledged his support and that of the Chancellor to continued improvements in this area. At present there are three distance learning classrooms that are up and running. Regarding University College, Provost Wagner informed the Senate that beginning next year there will be different standards for admission than presently exist and students will no longer be admitted directly to University college as freshmen in the undergraduate day program. Provost Wagner concluded by requesting feedback on instructional facilities on campus as these are improved.

### **I. Invited Presentation: Educational Technology:**

Deans Pierson, Lloyd, and Moloney described three programs of distance education being developed in their respective colleges. Dean Pierson, College of Education described the NYNEX/VSI system. Dean Lloyd, College of Fine Arts described the

MCET (Massachusetts Corporation for Educational Telecommunications) system; and Dean Moloney, University College described CyberEd, Distance Learning in Continuing Education. She introduced Steve Tello, Assistant Director of Distance Learning in Continuing Education, who described the CyberEd program. Following the presentations Senators were encouraged to contact Deans Pierson, LLOYD and Moloney for further information.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE** Following these presentations Senate President Nicolosi called for observance of a moment of silence in memory of recently deceased members of the university community. They include: Prof. Francesca Tilona, Evelyn Whiting, Dorothy Furey, Donald Donati, Professor Emeritus Clarence Pope, and Professor John (Jay) Pendergast; and William Taylor, son of Tom Taylor, Dean of Students.

## **II. Announcements.**

Senate President Nicolosi made the following announcements: (1) Senate office. The Office of the Faculty Senate has been moved to Alumni Hall 101; (2) Dates of Senate Meetings. The materials for the day's meeting contain a list of meeting dates, times, and locations for the Full Senate and the Executive Committee for the academic year; (3) Senate Parliamentarian. Professor Richard Siegel has been appointed Senate Parliamentarian for the 1997/98 academic year. (4) Election Results, Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees. In an election conducted last Spring among all the faculty, Professor William Phelan was re-elected Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees. (5) New Business. Following a long established Senate procedure, new business should be referred to the Executive Secretary, who will refer the business to the appropriate Senate committee. (6) Senate Guests. The Executive Committee would like to invite a special guest to each meeting of the Senate. Planned guests include the Faculty Senate leadership from each of the other campuses. Senators were asked to indicate their suggestions for other invited guests to members of the Executive Committee or to Dr. Burke. (7) Presidential Award. Professor Charles Thompson of the Electrical Engineering Department was the recipient of a Presidential award for Excellence in Science, Math and Engineering Mentoring. He received the award at the White House on September 11, 1997. Some of Professor Thompson's students are planning a celebration on campus to honor Professor Thompson later in the semester. (8) Senate Appointment. Professor Tom Shea, Biology Department has been appointed Faculty Senate Representative to the University Workload Committee. Input regarding this area should be directed to Professor Shea.

## **III. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings (May 5, 1997)**

The Minutes of the May 5, 1997 meeting of the 1996/97 Faculty Senate were unanimously accepted as presented.

The Minutes of the May 5, 1997 Organizational Meeting of the 1997/98 Faculty Senate were unanimously accepted as presented.

## **IV. Reports on Meetings**

1. Board of Trustees Meetings and Inter-Campus Council (May/June and August 1997) Professor William Phelan's reports on these meetings were distributed to all members of the Senate with the Senate agenda. Senators who have questions about his report can

contact him through Email or voice mail. He noted the issue of the tuition discount of 33% for graduates of Community Colleges who go on to the University. Professor Holmstrom called attention to the state of Georgia, which has instituted a program of free college tuition for students maintaining a high GPA in high school. He commented that this has improved the system in Georgia. Professor Fiddy asked what effect the 33% tuition reduction would have on our state appropriation. Professor Phelan responded that this was not clear and reminded the Senate that programs are often legislated but not funded. He cited the Honors College as an example. Professor Phelan asked Senators to share copies of his reports with members of their departments and suggested posting them in department offices. In response to a suggestion by Professor Costello that the Senate create a Web page, Professor Burke indicated that the Senate has a Web page that contains copies of all past accepted minutes and reports.

2. Chancellor's Council and Budget Committee - Senate President Nicolosi announced that copies of Barbara Cocanour's report were distributed at the beginning of the meeting. She will be reporting at Senate meetings, and will attend the November or December meeting to answer questions.

#### **V. Senate Standing Committees**

1. Academic governance- Senate President Nicolosi announced that Michael Jones was elected Chair of the committee. Professor Jones is at a meeting off campus today. Professor Robert Parkin presented the following proposed By-laws revision, which will be discussed and voted on at the November meeting. Copies of the revision were distributed in writing to Senators at the beginning of the meeting.

RESOLUTION That the Faculty Senate By-laws be amended by inserting the following wording on Page 4, at Line 16:

"A newly created Department may elect a number of prospective senators, according to the standard formula (i.e. one senator per 10 faculty) and petition the Academic Governance Committee of the Faculty Senate to gain Senate membership pro tem for those prospective Senators until the next election cycle."

2. Undergraduate Policy Committee - Senate President Nicolosi announced that Professor Art Mittler was elected Chair of the committee. There was no business from the committee.

3. Graduate Policy and Affairs Committee - Professor Robert Parkin presented two resolutions from the committee.

RESOLUTION - The Faculty Senate recommends approval of the graduate certificate entitled "Criminal Justice Leadership and Policy Development" offered by the Department of Criminal Justice.

DISCUSSION Professor Kudzma asked whether under the section on

Admission requirements the department would agree to the inclusion of the words " or equivalent" following the words " must hold a baccalaureate degree". He stated that there

are types of police training that give the equivalent to a baccalaureate degree but do not give the degree. Professor Buzawa, Chair of the program responded that she had no objections to the change, but that she did not know if the Graduate School would object.

VOTE YES 29 NO 1 ABSTAIN 1

RESOLUTION - The Faculty Senate recommends approval of the name change for the Department of Electrical Engineering to "Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering".

DISCUSSION There was no discussion.

VOTE YES 35 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0

4. Research and Development- Senate President Nicolosi announced that Professor Laura Punnett was elected Chair of the committee. She reported that there was no new business from the committee.

5. Academic Resources - Senate President Nicolosi reported that the committee met , but did not elect a chair. The committee did however recommend that instead of forming a library sub-committee a Senate Liaison to the Library be appointed. The Executive Committee acted on this suggestion. Consequently Professor Alma Espinosa has been appointed Faculty Senate Liaison to the University Libraries. She will be invited to attend all division head meetings of the Library and report periodically to the Senate.

6. Budget and Priorities- Senate President Nicolosi announced that Professor Tom Costello was elected Chair of the committee. There was no new business from the committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45PM.