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Announcements

UCC Proposal Summaries.

UCC proposal summaries are available on the Dean's website at <http://dean.geneseo.edu/ucc/senators/>.

Minutes: Executive Committee, November 23, 2004

Attendance: Terry Browne, Ming-Mei Chang, Kate Conway-Turner, Chris Dahl, Kim Davies, Rachel DeRose, Bill Gohlman, Gregg Hartvigsen, Savi Iyer, Maria Lima, Jeff Over

The meeting was called to order at 12:48pm

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the last meeting (October 26, 2004), p 59-62, Bulletin 7, were approved.

Reports

Chair's Report – Gregg Hartvigsen

- (1) G. Hartvigsen announced that he is happy to see students sitting in the center section of the room during the college senate meetings. The “wings” are reserved for guests.
- (2) There were a couple of people who provided feedback on the Faculty Development Report with regards to faculty salary and that they need to be raised. It is unclear if this is directly related to the feedback that was being sought. It will be forwarded to the task force, nevertheless.
- (3) Central Council has been renamed “Student Association” in the constitution. There was no objection to this on the senate floor at the last senate meeting.
- (4) Elections are underway. Ron Herzman's name is off the ballot because he has assumed chairmanship of the English department. Ballots had already been issued before the change could be made. However, no concerns have been raised about the change. Please encourage your colleagues to vote.
- (5) The membership of the faculty-I list is not dropping off as previously thought. Those names dropped are email addresses that are automatically removed after the names are removed from the system due to retirements, resignations and so forth.

President's Report – Chris Dahl

- (1) We are working very hard on the Mission Review document. Comments received so far are much appreciated. Another draft will be released by Monday. We would be happy to receive comments and suggestion. It is assumed that there is no new state funding available. Relocation of existing SUNY funding could provide resources needed to make Geneseo a special kind of institution.
- (2) System provost has called for comments on a number of items relating to assessment. According to Paul Schacht, who is the chair of the Assessment Planning Committee, assessment process is coming along quite well and the response has been reassuring.

(3) Good News. Due to the efforts of Doug Harke, Steve Padalino and Laura Wrubel federal earmark funding of \$250,000 has been approved for a new particle accelerator. The total sum needed is \$750,000. We need to figure out how to fill the gap of \$500,000. There is not enough money in the SUNY system to support large projects like the NMR machine, particle accelerator and the Scanning Tunneling Microscope. In addition to funding these types of projects to maintain a high teaching and research standard, federal funding provides high visibility for Geneseo.

(4) A paper copy of the report of the Strategic Planning Group was recently distributed. This report is also available on line at spg.geneseo.edu. A public forum will be held on Thursday, December 2 to discuss the existing goals and the newly added 7th goal. Senate leadership is invited to this event as well.

Provost's Report – A new draft of Mission Review II will be circulated to members of this committee. Some things have been taken out and others have been added; so it is still about 45 pages long. Feedback is appreciated.

The search for the Director of Institutional Research position is ongoing. Candidates are being interviewed. You are all invited to attend the open forums and provide input.

Three reports in response to SUNY system requests are currently in preparation. The Mission Review document mentioned before, feedback to the General Education Assessment Review guidelines, and our response to the New Vision in Teacher Education report.

We will be doing a search for a new Dean of Education. Mary Ellen Schmidt has stepped down from this position and will return to the faculty. Susan Bailey will become interim Dean of Education, Paul Schacht will become interim Dean of the College and Ron Herzman will serve as chair of the English department (replacing Richard Finkelstein while he is on sabbatical leave.) These changes will take effect on January 1, 2005.

Vice Chair – Maria Lima (with the Executive Committee) wanted to congratulate the Roles and Rewards Task Force for its superb final report (available on its webpage). Since Lima was Chair of FAC when the subcommittee asked the President to convene such a Task Force to look into the way teaching was being evaluated at Geneseo (she and Helena Waddy reviewed the existing literature at the time), she feels particularly qualified to praise the comprehensiveness of the Report. Cheers to Dave Geiger and all Committee members!

Past Chair – Charlie Freeman
No report.

Secretary – Savi Iyer
No report.

Treasurer – Ming-Mei Chang reported that the current balance of the senate fund is at \$787.71.

University Faculty Senator – Terry Browne

No report.

Student Association – Rachel DeRose

Mark Ranieri, the president of the Student Association, recently resigned. Rachel has, or soon will, assume the presidency. Dave La Magna, who is currently the vice chair of inter-residence council will be appointed as vice president. He will be the representative for the senate executive committee next semester.

[The executive committee members thanked Rachel for representing the Student Association this semester.]

Committee Reports

Undergraduate Curricula Committee chair Meg Stolee.

No report.

Graduate Academic Affairs Committee chair Dale Metz:

No report.

Faculty Affairs Committee chair W. Gohlman

No report.

Student Affairs Committee chair Kim Davies:

No report.

Undergraduate Policies Committee chair Jeff Over:

No report.

Old Business

None

New Business

Item (1): The following proposal to change the syllabus policy was presented to the executive committee. G. Hartvigsen announced that he spoke to Dean Bailey and she supports this, if approved.

Memo

To: Senate Policy Committee

From: Mary Ellen Zuckerman, Dean, School of Business

CC: S. Bailey, B. Howard

Date: 1/26/2005

Re: Request for change in minor requirements

Department: School of Business

Contact: Mary Ellen Zuckerman

Email: waller@geneseo.edu

Nature of proposal: Change in requirements for Business Studies and Economics Minors

Revised Requirement: Students applying to the School of Business for a Business Studies or an Economics Minor must have earned a 2.75 cumulative GPA to be admitted.

Note: This requirement is similar to that of the Public Relations minor, which requires the completion of a writing course with a B or better and a cumulative GPA of 2.70.

Rationale: The School of Business requires that students applying to become majors meet a 2.75 minimum GPA before being accepted into their program. The minor students should have similar backgrounds if they are to be successful in the minor. The classes that the minor students complete are the same as those taken by the majors. The faculty have noticed that some minors have difficulty, especially in the 300 level classes, because they do not have the same background as fellow students in the class. To add a weak academic record to the situation exacerbates the students' problems. Business classes generally require substantial group work, again putting some minors at a disadvantage.

School of Business majors also mention that they feel that it is unfair for them to have to obtain a minimum GPA to be a major and take the upper level classes, yet the minors do not.

While not the primary reason for this request, the lack of a similar GPA requirement for the minors has also led to students using the minor as a way to circumvent the acceptance requirements for the majors. If they have been denied admission as a major, they simply declare the minor and continue to take classes as if they were a major. They cannot graduate with a business school major without being accepted, and they are not making progress toward their declared major, a violation of the State Education policy. Additionally, AACSB limits the number of business classes non-majors are allowed to complete and this loop-hole has to be manually monitored.

The minimum GPA requirement does not preclude students from taking the 100/200 level business classes to see if they want to pursue the minor. It simply requires that they have the same minimum GPA before they can declare the minor and take the upper level classes.

Approval and Impact: The School of Business faculty have approved this change. No other departments are impacted, nor will any additional resources be required.

After some discussion, a motion to move the proposal to the UCC was approved unanimously.

Item (2): A proposal to move to electronic version of the syllabus (if a faculty member chooses to do so) was brought up for discussion.

Proposed Syllabus Change

On November 12, 2004 Dr. Ellen Kintz proposed to the Chair of College Senate that the Dean's "Beginning of Semester Memo on Classroom Policies" be amended to read:

"Note: Faculty may fulfill the requirements of the syllabus policy by web or electronic syllabi, by the distribution of paper copies of the syllabi or both."

Rationale: The college has been recognized as one of the most wired campuses. Students are computer literate, students have computer access and more students are bringing computers to college. In addition, the library has become an active academic hub and serves to enhance and encourage student computer literacy. Finally, eRes is in common use by students.

I hope that this policy change will meet with approval by the Executive Committee and with the Policy Committee. If I can be of any assistance in conversations pertaining to this topic, I would be most willing to meet with the appropriate parties.

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Most sincerely,

EK

Approved by College Senate on November 17, 2000, 2nd reading: "Each faculty member is required to prepare course outlines, a paper copy of which will be distributed to students during the first week of each semester.

As appears in the Bulletin: 2004-2006, p. 41-42: "During the first week of each semester members of the teaching faculty are required to make available a course outline or syllabus for each course they teach."

There was some discussion about the paper copy being a contract-type document that the student receives during the first week of classes and that this should not be replaced with an electronic version. G. Hartvigsen had talked to Dean Bailey and she feels that it might be time to bring this issue up for discussion.

It was moved that the syllabus change proposal be sent to the policy committee for further discussion.

Yes: 10 No: 1 Abstention:0

Motion carries.

Item (3): The following item was next presented for consideration by the committee.

Received November 15, 2004

I am one of the student senators and I remember last year, when some racist individual(s) made a giant swastika, the senate officially condemned the act in order to send a message against racism. There was a vote on it too.

I believe these are the minutes of the occasion:

<http://www.geneseo.edu/%7Esenate/Bulletins/2003-2004/Bulletin15.htm>

If the senate has the power, or more accurately, the ability to condemn illegal acts, how would I go about sending forward a motion condemning a recent increase in school "chalking."

I understand it is not dangerous and it does not damage property permanently, but I do believe that because it is political in nature and angering people (though not particularly myself) that do not agree with the side taken, it will inevitably lead to chalking from the right wingers on campus (for the left wing has already participated with several acts in the last two semesters).

The chalking is technically illegal, it is a form of vandalism according to Geneseo town ordinances 101 and 103. This means it is a condemnable action. I fear if the school does not condemn it, we will soon enough (as the war in Iraq escalates and the Bush Administration pursues inflammatory changes in America's social climate), see anti-abortion, pro-iraq war, and anti-affirmative action propaganda chalked all over the school.

To condemn the above actions and not the current ones (those being a recent anti-iraq war chalking and two previous pride coalition chalkings) would be discriminatory. However, I would believe most of the campus would agree with me that they would not like to see escalation of political rivalries, namely in right wing chalking. If anti-affirmative action chalking occurs, it might make minorities feel uncomfortable, if pro-iraqi war chalkings occur, it will likely make most of the campus feel uncomfortable. By not condemning all chalkings, we are putting the campus community at risk of discomfort. Nothing more or less, but still a problem.

So, is it possible the senate can take any actions concerning above much like the racist occurrence of last year?

Thanks,
Craig Truglia
Policy Committee

R. DeRose added that this was discussed at the Student Association meeting as well.

C. Dahl said that we don't have an anti-chalking ordinance. It is unclear if chalking is covered under "defacing state property" ordinance.

J. Over: Would it be a college or a village issue?

C. Dahl: Village ordinances do not pertain to state property. There is no reason why this cannot be brought up as a resolution on the senate floor. However, the senate has no power to take disciplinary actions. This is not within the purview of the senate. College administration has to look into it.

There was no motion to move this item to the senate committees.

Next executive committee meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2005.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Savi Iyer
Department of Physics and Astronomy

Minutes: College Senate Meeting, December 7, 2004

Attending: D. Anderson, C. Annala, S. Bailey, D. Bicket, J. Boiani, R. Bonfiglio, S. Bosch, S. Bossung, T. Browne, M. Chang, L. Chatterton, X. Chen, E. Chun, K. Conway-Turner, C. Dahl, K. Davies, K. Deutsch, R. Dreifuss, A. Eaton, A. Eisenberg, B. Fearn, C. Freeman, C. Geiger, E. Gillin, J. Giordano, B. Gohlman, G. Gouvernet, D. Granger, K. Hannam, R. Hartman, G. Hartvigsen, J. Hyman, S. Iyer, C. Jadlos, A. Jassawalla, D. Johnson, J. Kirkwood, S. Kirsh, D. LaMagna, S. Landes, D. Levy, M. Lima, K. Mapes, J. McLean, D. Metz, L. Meyer, M. Moshcetta, A. Muia, H. Myers, B. Nash, O. Nicodemi, J. Over, B. Owens, M. Pastizzo, R. Pretzer, J. Principe, C. Rowley, A. Rutkowski, A. Shenoy, C. Shin, A. Stanley, B. Stewart, M. Stolee, D. Sullivan, M. Sutherland, C. Truglia, J. VanRemmen, A. Weibel, C. Woidat

Guests: E. Spicka, S. Burwood, M. E. Zuckerman, B. Howard, P. Perrin

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:01pm.

Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda on page 73, Senate Bulletin 8 was approved.

Senate Reports

Minutes from the All-College Meeting, October 19, 2004 (Bulletin 5, pp39-40), Senate Meeting, October 19, 2004 (Bulletin 5, pp 40-43) and Senate Meeting, November 9, 2004 (Bulletin 7, pp 67-71) were all approved.

President Chris Dahl: (1) The SEFA campaign was a very successful one exceeding the goal of \$40,000. The total contribution was \$45, 022.70 made by 297 participants, with participation level at 36.2%. Special thanks to Kath Trainor and to everyone who contributed. (2) Both the State Senate and Assembly are in session. There is a proposal in the Senate, rather than try to override the governor's vetoes, to instead put in place a replacement legislation that would include funding for phase II Greene renovation project. There doesn't appear to be an attempt to override the EOP budget veto. (3) Thanks to staff and faculty for their participation in the forum on goal # 7. The strategic planning group will share with the draft of the facilities goals and objective with the college community. The seventh goal takes care of services like CIT, which are integral to the day-to-day operations of the college. (4) The fourth draft of Mission Review II is in preparation. Please contact the provost if you need any information relating to the Mission Review process. (5) Congressional earmark funding of \$250,000 has been approved for a new Van de Graaff accelerator. Additional funding of \$500,000 is needed for this project. We will be looking into funding from other sources like the NSF. We don't want to lose the \$250,000 because of lack of additional funding.

Provost Kate Conway-Turner: Next Monday, December 13th is the deadline for supported professorship like the Lockhart Professorship, Roemer Professorship and Campus awards for Excellence in Teaching, Research, Academic Advisement, Faculty Mentoring and Part-Time Teaching.

Chair Gregg Hartvigsen announced the election of Rachel DeRose as president and David LaMagna as vice president of the Student Association. Congratulations.

Voting is closed for fall elections.

Results:

Faculty Personnel Committee:

Gary Towsley
Dan Strang
Bill Gohlman
Jeff Over
Bob O'Donnell (replacing Don Morozas)

Nominations Committee:

Cristina Geiger
Koomi Kim
Kristina Hannam

Vice-Chair Maria Lima: Congratulations to the Faculty Roles and Rewards Task Force for their final report.

Treasurer Ming-Mei Chang

The College Senate Fund balance is \$787.71. Everyone is encouraged to please donate to the Senate fund.

University Faculty Senator Terry Browne announced that he missed a system-wide teleconference, but will be getting a report soon. He is retiring and encouraged people to consider the faculty senator position. Said it's a fascinating job.

President Dahl: Received a phone call to inform campus governance that a reporter from Albany Times Union filed a freedom of information act complaint asking for access to assessment data. It is possible that the conference call is related to this matter.

Student Association Vice Chair David LaMagna introduced himself as the new president of the Student Association. He is a Math/Secondary Ed major. The contact email for the Student Association is SAVP@geneseo.edu.

Reports of the Standing Committees of the Senate

Undergraduate Curricula Committee chair Meg Stolee announced that the full reports are now available on the Dean's Office web site.

The following items were presented for approval as groups.

NEW COURSES – FIRST READING

Geog 361: Applied Physical Geography
Germ 316: Grammar and Syntax
Hist 359: Women and U.S. Social Movements

Motion carries.

REVISED COURSES – FIRST READING

SOCL 374: Criminology

Motion carries.

REVISION OF MOJORS and PROGRAMS – FIRST READING

Minors in Business Studies and Economics: Applicants must have earned a cumulative GPA of 2.75

English major: The revision is to add a second track in Creative Writing to the major

Public Relations Minor: Change in the title, requirements and description

Motion carries.

REVISED COURSES – SECOND READING

ANTH 232: new title-- China and Issues of Modernization (p 49)

ANTH 203: Human Osteology (p 49)

ANTH 228: Title change to Research Methods in Applied Anthropology (p 49)

ANTH 282: Title change to Research Methods in Anthropology (p 49)

ANTH 283: Title change to Research Methods in Archeology (p 49)

ANTH 309: Topics in Primatology (p 49)

ANTH 202: Title change to Health, Culture and Society (p 49)

CDSC 330: Clinical Intervention I (p 50)

CDSC 331: Clinical Intervention II (p 50)

CSCI 104: Problem Solving with Computers (p 50)

CSCI 114: Survey of Computer Science (p 50)

HIST 109: Christian Thought (p 50)

MUSC 331: Studies in Keyboard Literature (p 51)

PHYS 223: Analytical Physics III (p 50)

PHYS 224: Analytical Physics IV (p 51)

Motion carries.

NEW COURSES – SECOND READING

AMST 396: Senior Essay (p 49)

MGMT 338: Internet Marketing (p 50)

MGMT 339: International Marketing (p 50)

PHYS 228: Mathematical Methods in Physics (p 51)

Motion carries.

PROGRAM REVISIONS – SECOND READING

B.A. in American Studies (p 49)

B.A. in Anthropology (p 49)

B.S. in Applied Physics (p 51)

B.A. in Physics (p 51)

Physics 3-2 Engineering (p 51)

Musical Theater major (p 51)
Music minor (p 51)
Theater major (p 51, last line)

Motion carries.

DELETED COURSES – SECOND READING

PLSC 227: Israel: Politics and Society (p 51)
PLSC 235: Religion and American Politics (p 51)
PLSC 236: Political Thought: Plato to Locke (p 51)
PLSC 341: Great Power Politics (p51)

Motion carries.

End of Report.

Undergraduate Policies Committee chair Jeff Over: We will meet briefly in the North West corner of this room after this meeting.

Graduate Academic Affairs Committee chair Dale Metz:

NEW COURSE – FIRST READING

MUSC

Motion carries.

Student Affairs Committee chair Kim Davies: No report.

Faculty Affairs Committee chair Bill Gohlman: No report.

Old Business

None

New Business

The Senate Chair Gregg Hartvigsen relinquished the chairmanship to bring a resolution to the floor. Vice Chair Maria Lima is new chair.

Senate Resolution

WHEREAS: Casey Bickle has graciously served the Senate for the past three years,

WHEREAS: She has been a great resource for all the Senate,

WHEREAS: Casey has been cheerful and delightful to work with,

Be It Resolved That: The SUNY Geneseo Senate sincerely thanks Casey for her help with the College Senate and wishes her well in her new position in the Physics Department.

Thanks to Casey for a great job. Some other members voiced in their gratitude as well.

Motion Approved! [applause]

Gregg Harvigsen, who resumed chairmanship of the Senate announced that the next Senate meeting is on February 1, 2005.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:27pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Savi Iyer
Department of Physics and Astronomy