

2007-2008 University Senate Executive Committee

May 2, 2008

Reed Hoyt, Chair

MINUTES

Present: Richard Collier, John Delano, Sanjay Goel, Reed Hoyt,
Laurence Kranich, William Lanford, Eric Lifshin, George Philip,
Susan Phillips, Michael Range, Karin Reinhold-Larsson,
Joan Savitt, Lawrence Schell

Minutes: The Minutes of April 25, 2008 were approved with amendments.

President's Report by Interim President Philip:

- Budget: Interim President Philip updated the Committee on the Budget.
- Middle States Accreditation: There will be a faculty co-chair of that Committee.

Provost's Report by Interim Provost Phillips:

- First-Year Task Force: Interim Provost Phillips reported that she met with the Governance Council and finalized the plans for the task force. She has been working on filling the membership from the Governance Council's list of suggested candidates.
- Faculty Hiring: Senator Goel asked about faculty the status of faculty hiring, based upon the current status of the NYS Budget: Interim Provost Phillips reported that interviews already committed are continuing. Additional or new hiring is in a "Pause" mode, which applies to all faculty and staff, including student assistantships also.
- Senate Bills: The most recent four bills from the last Senate meeting will be approved by Interim President Philip.
- DTP / DSP: The Bill will be signed with a caveat regarding the ex-officio member's ability to chair the committee not being viewed as precedent for other committees. That will come up in a friendly amendment on the Senate floor.

SUNY-wide Senate Report: Senator Lanford discussed budgetary predictions on fringe benefits as a result of the current budget situation.

Council and Committee Reports:

CAA (Council on Academic Assessment)-William Lanford, Chair. Nothing to report.

CAFFECOR (Committee on Academic Freedom, Freedom of Expression, and Community Responsibility)-Sanjay Goel, Chair. Nothing to report.

COR (Council on Research) – Lawrence Schell, Chair. Chair Schell reported that the Indirect Research funds are going to be cut, perhaps in half. Policy for Indirect Funds will be changed. The COR will meet next week and report back to Senate on this.

CPCA (Council on Promotions and Continuing Appointments) – Eric Lifshin, Chair.

Nothing to report.

GAC (Graduate Academic Council) – Laurence Kranich, Chair. At its meeting on May 1, GAC unanimously approved a proposal by the Departments of Sociology and Women’s Studies to create a combined M.A. Women’s Studies / Ph.D. Sociology Program. In addition, the Council voted to approve curricular, course and comprehensive examination changes in the Women’s Studies M.A. Program, History M.A. Program, Geography and Planning M.A. Program and Criminal Justice Ph.D. Program. Other proposals before the Council were tabled pending revision, clarification or further justification. The Council also proposed a friendly amendment to the IRCAP proposal that in the event of an appeal of a decision by IRCAP, a representative from either GAC or UAC, as appropriate, be included on the Committee on Mediation. Finally, the Council approved a motion to amend the Senate Charter to include language charging the Graduate Academic Council and its Committee on Curriculum & Instruction with the responsibility to review proposed new or revised University-wide, e.g. UNI, graduate courses and recommend and establish that final action on such courses be taken by the Graduate Academic Council. The proposal was sent back to GAC for additional justification and to consider implications raised at the SEC meeting.

UAC (Undergraduate Academic Council)-Karin Reinhold-Larsson, Chair:

UAC Chair Reinhold-Larsson reported that UAC is reviewing the CNSE Undergraduate proposal. Professor Lifshin asked if the CNSE undergraduate proposal is accepted by UAC, could it go directly to the Senate at its last meeting, with pre-approval from the SEC.

MOTION: Moved to Senate pending UAC approval and that the proposal will be emailed to all SEC members. All were in favor of moving it to Senate pending UAC approval.

UAC Chair Reinhold-Larsson introduced additional pending bills and noted that as soon as she has the bills in proper form, she will send them to SEC members via email.

1. University Writing Program
2. Honors Program in Theater
3. Revision of requirements in the BA in Computer Science
4. Revision of requirements in the BS in Computer Science
5. Revision of requirements in the BS in Computer Science and Applied Mathematics
6. Computer Science Disciplinary Honors Program
7. Revision of Major in Human Biology

Item 1, the proposed University Writing Program, was referred to UPC for its consideration, after which it is to come back to the Senate Executive Committee.

Concerning items 2-7: *MOTION: To put these bills on the Senate agenda with SEC pre-approval and that any bill that does not come by mid-day on Thursday will NOT go to the Senate floor.*

All were in favor of the motion.

ULC (University Life Council)-Joan Savitt, Chair.

UPC (University Planning and Policy Council)-Diane Dewar, Chair. UPC approved the **CNSE Undergraduate proposal**, it has been sent on to UAC.

The Council will look at the **Writing Program Proposal** at its next meeting. There was discussion on the proposal, including discussing a timetable for implementation.

MOTION: *That this proposal goes to Senate at this point and implementation is pending budget results.* This motion was not passed. Discussion continued on quality control, and evaluation mechanisms. After a lengthy discussion it was determined that *“This proposal is not ready for prime time.”*

It was suggested to table discussion at this level and have UPC review it, then bring it back to SEC, then to Senate to debate. If it is approved by UPC, it should have an implementation plan appended to it. Then it can go to Senate.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: *The proposal is not ready to be voted on. Have it come back to SEC after UPC reviews it, it will have to wait until next year due to time constraints.*

All were in favor of the Friendly Amendment. The Proposal goes to UPC for review.

Senate Bill 0708-23: Proposal to Establish a Combined M.A. Women’s Studies / Ph.D. Sociology Program. The Bill was introduced by GAC Chair, Laurence Kranich. There was discussion on numbers of credits required.

MOTION: *To table the bill to check on credit regulations; pending clarification of its compliance.*

All were in favor. Chair Kranich will email SEC members with the regulations that are being applied to this combination proposal.

It was further agreed that if the proposal does *not* violate SUNY and SED regulations for combined masters/doctoral programs, it can be considered at the May 12th Senate meeting, but that GAC will take up the issue next year whether the University wishes to impose more stringent minima (which would not be imposed retroactively to programs already approved.)

The meeting was adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jayne VanDenburgh
Recorder