

**University at Albany, State University of New York  
Governance Council**

**Monday, November 24, 2008**

Michael Range, Chair

**Minutes**

**Present:** Ray Bromley, Nan Carroll, Richard Collier, Jane Domaracki, Nicholas Fahrenkopf, Candace Merbler, John Monfasani, Michael Range, John Schmidt

**Guests:** John Delano

The meeting convened at 3:32 pm.

**MINUTES**

The minutes of November 10, 2008 were approved subject to modifications of language submitted by Ed Cupoli regarding mediation and his approval of those modifications.

The meeting schedule for the spring semester was briefly discussed. Chair Range believes the schedule that alternates with SEC and Senate meetings works well. There were other thoughts about time and potential conflicts. The Chair will do a follow up via e-mail so that those not present can be included.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Update on BAG Recommendations:**

At its meeting of November 10, GOV set forth procedures to make recommendations for the President's Budget Advisory Group. Having followed those procedures, an e-mail vote was taken and the resulting recommendations were formalized in a memo that was sent to Senate Chair John Delano and SEC members. Chair Delano confirmed that SEC has until November 25 to inform him if it endorses the recommendations and approves sending them on to the President.

**Clarifying Amendment re: Graduate Courses:**

Following up on the conversation with Dean of Graduate Studies Marjorie Pryse at the November 10 GOV meeting, Council members reviewed Dean Pryse's discussion, with particular attention given to the difficulty getting schools to host the PPF program. It is unknown which colleges were approached but it appears that the *School* of Education was not approached. It was also stressed that the university should follow the guidelines that Middle States has in place to endorse programs by schools and colleges. This appeared to be a good argument for not making any changes to the proposed amendments. On the

other hand, Chair Range recommended not making any final decision until GAC had met and given its feedback.

**Amendment Regarding Appropriate Consultation:**

Chair Range thanked Nan Carroll, Ray Bromley and Ed Cupoli for their work on the amendment. The amendment was reviewed and minor changes were suggested in language and formatting. Senate Secretary Richard Collier will handle the formatting that needs to be done. Senate Chair John Delano expressed his satisfaction with the changes.

A discussion ensued regarding appropriate consultation as it relates to the resolution approved by the SUNY Board of Trustees (BoT) on November 18, 2008 changing the administrative reporting structure of the College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering (CNSE). Chair Range raised the concern that if this is a major administrative reorganization within the University, the UAlbany Faculty Bylaws would require consultation with the Faculty on this matter. It was pointed out that the Bylaws do not suggest that governance has the authority to require consultation with BoT. Other concerns were raised about the final campus decision regarding academic issues and faculty tenure/promotions. These issues will be discussed at length at the next SEC meeting of December 1, at which time Sr. Vice President Kaloyeros and Interim President Philip will be present. Senate Chair Delano extended the opportunity to GOV members to pose questions for discussion at that time.

A motion was made to accept the amendment and forward it to the SEC. The motion was approved unanimously. The amendment will move to the SEC as an agenda item at the December 1 meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:37 pm.

Recorded and submitted by  
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