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By-Law Changes To Be Proposed To Full Faculty

The opening general meeting of the faculty will convene at 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon in the Campus Center Ballroom. Coffee and tea will be available in the first floor main lounge beginning at 3:15 p.m.

President Benezet will address the faculty on the topic "SUNY at Albany: The Prospects Ahead." He will discuss his concern about the future of the institution as a university center.

As of this writing, the only two items of business scheduled for the meeting are suggested changes in the Faculty By-Laws.

A proposed addition to the By-Laws would define excessive absenteeism by University Senators and outline procedures for replacement of violators. It is proposed by the Executive Committee of the Senate.

In its rationale for the new section, the committee notes that "The important work of the... Senate has too often been impeded by the absence of substantial numbers of Senators," and concludes that "a measure is needed to provide a mechanism for replacing those Senators."

The committee would declare a Senator's seat vacant if he misses four straight meetings or more than 50% of the meetings in an academic year. Provisions are spelled out for filling a vacancy and for selecting an alternate for a Senator on leave.

The other proposed By-Laws change, submitted by the Senate, would make the immediate past chairman of the Senate an ex officio member of that body and of the Executive Committee.

Program Begins In Journalism

Students may register this semester for participation in the new journalism coordinated program, created in response to student interest with the support of a task force created for the purpose by Chancellor Boyer. Serving in the latter group have been members of the SUNY office; Robert Danzig, publisher of Capital newspapers; and Jeffrey Rodgers, of the *Albany Student Press* staff.

Fifty courses, judged to be useful to students planning careers in journalism, are in the program offering. There also will be seminars planned by the School of Business and the Graduate School of Public Affairs, newspaper internships, and lectures by area communications personnel.

William Rowley, English, is program coordinator. Others on the SUNYA committee are William Mulvey, Educational Communications Center; Robert Fichenberg, executive editor of the *Knickerbocker-News*; and Mr. Rodgers.

Interested undergraduates may consult Michael Freedman, 457-8301, or Peter Idleman, 472-8493.



Jon Scott

Ecology Studies Names Director

Jon Thoreau Scott, associate professor of atmospheric science, has been named interim director of the Environmental Studies Program. His appointment will continue until the 1973 fall semester.

Professor Scott, who came here in 1963, has been active in environmental concerns for several years. He is an alumnus of Cornell University where he received a Bachelor of Science in biochemistry. Later he was awarded a doctoral degree in meteorology from the University of Wisconsin.

Dr. Scott, pointing out that the program has been in the planning stages for several years, added, "It has been obvious that more structure is necessary because the demand for persons with training or experience in environmental problems has increased steadily. Our task for this year is to continue the development of this program according to present and anticipated needs."

Dean Moyer Hunsberger, of the College of Arts and Sciences, reported that temporarily the program will be attached administratively to the Social Sciences Division. He added, "Professor Scott believes that a good program in environmental studies will attract good students from both the social and physical sciences. Those who complete such a program will be able to locate jobs utilizing the knowledge they have gained. I take pleasure in seeing the added emphasis being given to these studies as articulated by the program's expansion which will fulfill a great student need."

Fall Enrollment Nears 15,000

Enrollment projections for fall indicate about 14,450 students, including 5,000 graduate students. The total is up 545 over last year's figure. Some 10,450 will be attending classes full time and about 4,000, part-time. The undergraduates include 120 students taking courses abroad.

Between 1,300 and 1,450 regular freshmen are expected to enroll for the current semester. In addition, there will be more than 50 students entering the Allen Collegiate Center, between 820 and 970 transfer students, and 335 Educational Opportunities Program students. Of the latter group, the majority will be

University To Sponsor October Open House

There's going to be a big day on campus Saturday, Oct. 21. That's been designated Community-University Day when SUNYA will hold open house for the residents of the Capital District.

The day's activities are being planned in order to enhance the relationship between SUNYA and its surrounding community. President Benezet sees the program as a symbolic means of strengthening the link between the university and its public constituency. Its success, said the President, "will depend upon the support and commitment given it by the faculty, administration, and student body and by friends of the university in the larger community."

Sorrell E. Chesin, assistant vice president for university affairs, heads the steering committee for the day's events. Others on the committee are Anne Agresta, Florence Hochstadter, and Richard Pfister, students; Victor Looper and Martin Camarata, alumni; Neil C. Brown and H. David Van Dyck, university affairs; Paul Wheeler and Justine Davidson, academic affairs representatives; Harry Hamilton and Nathan Gottschalk, faculty representatives; John Buckhoff, management and planning; William Mulvey, Educational Communications Center; and Jerold J. Zuckerman, research.

Interdisciplinary Studies Major New Option for Undergraduates

An undergraduate major in interdisciplinary studies leading to a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree will be initiated during the fall semester. The proposal, under consideration for more than two years, has been approved by the College of Arts and Sciences, the Undergraduate Academic Council, the Executive Committee of the University Senate, and State University of New York.

Undergraduates may pursue a course of study which constitutes a major even though the areas of study contributing to the major are found in more than one department. To participate, they must display evidence of intellectual maturity and a capability for independent work. Also, they must be able to defend their

freshmen and some 40 will be transfer students.

Residence halls are expected to be fully occupied. There are accommodations for 5,443. When SUNYA opened a year ago, the occupancy percentage was slightly more than 96.

The professional staff is expected to remain at last year's total of 1,200, with 850 holding instructional appointments. There will be 50 new full-time faculty and 15 new part-time faculty.

At last evening's opening convocation and candlelight ceremony, ASRC director Vincent J. Schaefer was the principal speaker.

Said Dr. Chesin, "I see this day as providing an excellent opportunity to improve and expand the relationship between the residents of the Capital District and the university. Already in progress are plans for exciting exhibitions and displays, films and lectures, recitals and dramatic offerings. There should be something of interest at the university for everyone."

Several subcommittees have been formed. They include those concerned with communications, designing the open house program, providing volunteers for tours and information; and arranging for the use of all necessary facilities.

In a practical sense, Community-University Day will allow the public to visit "its university," to inspect its physical plant, to view its complex equipment, to sample its program, and to talk with those who are involved in the mission of the university center.

Deans, directors, and department chairmen have received letters from President Benezet notifying them of the open house and of the formation of the steering committee. They are being asked for their ideas, suggestions, and participation in the day's activities.

Additional information will appear in campus publications.

proposals in terms of overall academic goals. The major may be composed of up to 25% independent study.

The new interdisciplinary major will allow faculty members, whose training and interest qualify them, to develop a program of studies which cuts across present departmental lines with the opportunity to offer such a major to students. Under the new program the major proposed must be made up of coherent studies of at least 36, but no more than 66, credits involving course work in at least two departments.

Students desiring to initiate a proposal must have completed at least 30 credits of college work. Then follow program development, approval of faculty members, and submission of a signed proposal to the appropriate office and committee.

Under the new offering there may also be faculty-initiated proposals. There are detailed procedures to follow leading to approval. Students electing to major in faculty-initiated interdisciplinary majors will not be required to submit separate proposals. They may be admitted to the major by the dean upon recommendation of the faculty coordinator of the project.

The Interdepartmental Studies Committee of the College of Arts and Sciences will have charge of approving proposals. Copies of the detailed procedures have been processed. More detailed information is available in the Office of the Associate Dean for Humanities.