

UNIVERSITY SENATE

ATTENDANCE ROSTER

October 6, 1986
Meeting of

Vanessa Bivir
 AUGUSTINE ZITELLI
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 Stephanie Kay
 William Rainbolt
 Edward Dennis
 Richard Branta
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 Tom Anderson
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 Gillian McCombs
 Albert Nilles
 Estelle
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 Jeff Berman
 Garrido Bagioni
 Lauren Kozakiewicz
 Gill Averell
 Lynn Swanson
 Lynn M. Galzheiser
 Daphn Bernstein
 Paula Bryosky
 Paul Goscard
 Edwin Reilly
 Alena Bickel
 Robert A. Ruelin
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 Steve Gantz
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 Harry Penilton
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 Donald Somers
 Marc Kople
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 John P. Leach
 Maene Newman
 Arthur Robinson
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 Misga Gilboa
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 Maria Nobile
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UNIVERSITY SENATE
Monday, October 6, 1986
3:30 P.M. - Campus Center Assembly Hall
3:00 P.M. - Refreshments

A G E N D A

1. Approval of Minutes
2. President's Report
3. SUNY Senators' Report
4. Chair's Report
5. Council Reports
6. Old Business
7. New Business

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UNIVERSITY SENATE
MINUTES
October 6, 1986

PRESENT: C. Anderson, T. Anderson, J. Averill, C. Baglioni, H. Bakhru, J. Barlow, J. Bartow, J. Berman, J. Bernstein, R. Bernstein, D. Birn, K. Birr, R. Bravata, H. Cannon, L. Chait, L. Davis, G. DeSole, B. Feinblum, L. Gelzheiser, K. Gibson, N. Gilboa, J. Gullahorn, H. Hamilton, D. Jorashow, S. Kay, S.B. Kim, L. Kozakiewicz, E. Kurish, S. Landis, W. Lanford, J. Levato, B.A. Lipetz, L. Livanos, I. Lurie, R.A. Lux, M. Maglione, G. McCombs, P. McCormick, A. Millis, G. Newman, L. Nissan, J. Nitecki, V. O'Leary, O. Ortega, F. Pogue, G. Purrington, W. Rainbolt, J. Ramaley, E. Reilly, H. Robinson, R. Rosellini, M. Sattinger, E. Scatton, J. Seagle, M. Sherman, J. Shumaker, D. Smirti, G. Spitze, P. Toscano, R. Ward, L. Wasserman, A. Zitelli

The meeting was called to order by Chair Birn at 3:44 P.M. in the Campus Center Assembly Hall.

1. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of May 5, 1986 (2:30 P.M.) were approved with the following change: page 3, section 7.2, Bill No. 8586-16, delete paragraph beginning "J. Levato moved the previous question. . . "

The Minutes of May 5, 1986 (2:00 P.M.) and April 21, 1986 were approved as submitted.

2. President's Report

Mr. O'Leary extended a warm welcome to new and returning senators and gave a brief history of the Senate and a summary of its responsibilities and past activities.

Computerization (Automation) - The President reported that the University at Albany has gone from having no computers to having "dumb" terminals to having user labs in every dorm. Today we have about 4,000 microcomputers on-campus including those of faculty and students. Mr. O'Leary presented charts projecting the University's computing capacity as it increases and evolves substantially through 1990, and a plan for networking between most

SUNY campuses ("SUNYNET"). Hopefully in the next two years, the network will be extended to selected major "supercomputers" across the United States including those at Princeton, Cornell, the University of Illinois, and the University of California at San Diego. This project is sponsored by the National Science Foundation. Also, as a member of the Research Libraries Group, we will have computer access to 18 major research libraries in the United States including those at the University of California at Berkeley, the University of Illinois, Princeton, Yale, and the New York Library.

"ADAPT" (Advising and Degree Audit Project Team) - Mr. O'Leary reported that each current student has been sent an audit of coursework he/she has completed and the course requirements for his/her major, thus making available to each the list of courses that must yet be completed before graduation.

"SIRS" (Student Information and Record System) - The President announced that a computerized course-registration system will be in place, hopefully within two years, which will eliminate the IBM-card procedure currently in use.

Budget - The 1987-88 Final Budget Request will shortly be presented by the President to the Resource Advisory Committee of the Council on Educational Policy for their consideration. The budget this year has two characteristics. First, it is very similar to previous requests with respect to maintenance, student services, support staff, the library, etc. In its appearance and style it looks very much as it always has.

Mr. O'Leary then described the second more unusual nature of this year's budget which reflects the effects of the Report of the Independent Commission on the Future of the State University of New York. The first major Commission recommendation, that flexibility replace overregulation, received legislative approval and went into effect April 1, 1986. The second major emphasis in the report, however, dealt with enhancing graduate education and research. The Commission noted the remarkable progress the SUNY System has made in the two decades since its inception, but found that strengthening of graduate programs was necessary. In response, representatives from the four University Centers worked collaboratively to produce a proposal to accomplish that goal. Mr. O'Leary reported that the criteria Albany used as a basis for the Albany portion of that proposal, were derived directly from our planning process which has been in place for several years. The criteria are as follows:

- A. enhance undergraduate education;
- B. move selected programs to national prominence;
- C. respond to state and regional needs;
- D. enhance cognate disciplines; and,
- E. attract external funding.

The application of these criteria resulted in the development of themes ranging from Public Health Sciences and Atmospheric Sciences to Teaching Effectiveness and Humanistic Studies. Mr. O'Leary emphasized that these themes are derived directly from the planning process as reflected in "Programs and Priorities." The proposal will be forwarded to the Chancellor and Board of Trustees.

3. SUNY Senators' Report

H. Cannon reported that he will attend the first meeting of the academic year for SUNY Senators to be held in Saratoga during late October.

4. Chair's Report

Chair Birn discussed the annual meeting of SUNY Senate Chairs he recently attended, and stressed that as we develop into a mature university, we must view governance in a new way, and be willing to volunteer for key council vacancies.

5. Council Reports

CAFE - No report

EPC - The Council has held two meetings.

GAC - The MSW-PhD in Social Welfare was approved.

Library - No report

CPCA - A copy of the 1985-86 Council annual report was available at the door.

Research - The Council has met to staff committees and set agendas.

SAC - The Council has met and is organized.

UAC - No report

UCC - No report

5. Old Business

The President has approved all bills submitted to him during Spring 1986. In addition, Bill No. 8586-17, Statement on Professional Ethics, will be published for on-campus use.

6. New Business

Chair Birn announced the nomination of, and acceptance by, the following individuals to the indicated Councils and asked for a motion for Senate approval of those nominations:

R. Kalish - EPC
M. Sherman - GAC
N. Gilboa - Research

Motion made and seconded to approve nominations. Motion carried with one in opposition.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Roth

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Recorder

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September 30, 1986

MEMORANDUM

TO: 1986-87 University Senate
FROM: Ernie Scatton, SUNY Senator

For your information, the schedule of meetings of the 1986-87 University-wide Faculty Senate follows:

October 30-November 1	Empire State College (Saratoga)
January 29-30	SUNY-Stony Brook
April 9-11	Buffalo College

Please feel free to contact me any time during the year regarding issues that may relate to the responsibilities of the University-wide Senate.

UNIVERSITY SENATE

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT ALBANY

Powers of the University Senate

INTRODUCED BY: Executive Committee

It is hereby proposed that the following be enacted:

- I. That because the powers and responsibilities of the Faculty of State University of New York at Albany, all of which, with the exception of specific reservations, the Faculty has delegated to the SUNYA Senate, are vaguely stated as "...the development of the educational program of the University and...the conduct of the University's instruction, research and service programs, subject to the provisions of the New York State Education Law and the Policies of the Board of Trustees" (Article I, Section 3.1), the Senate assumes upon itself the obligation to interpret the extent of those powers and responsibilities. Unless otherwise specifically directed by the Faculty, the Senate will construe its charge (Article I, Section 3.2) in the broadest possible sense.
- II. That the Senate assumes that any policy, practice, or condition within the University which in its judgment significantly affects the quality of the institution's legitimate functioning is a proper concern of the Faculty, and hence, of the Senate.
- III. That the Senate, recognizing that the powers of the Faculty, and hence, its own, are limited by State Law, by the policies of the Board of Trustees, by the policies of the SUNYA Council, and by the prerogatives vested in the President of SUNYA, assumes that the Faculty properly expects to be consulted regarding any proposed change in these policies and regulations, and hence, the Senate expects to be so consulted.
- IV. That, although the Faculty, and hence, the Senate has no authority, beyond that of individual citizenship, for the governance of local, county, state, and national political jurisdictions, some policies and actions of external governmental bodies significantly affect the quality of the University's legitimate functioning, and on such matters the Faculty might properly be expected to register its approval or disapproval, as appropriate. When, therefore, and only when, a situation external to the University is demonstrated to the Senate's satisfaction to affect significantly the quality of the University's functioning, the Senate may appropriately express its approval or disapproval and if circumstances seem so to warrant, will seek endorsement of its action from the Faculty and the student body, through

referendum. It shall be the responsibility of the sponsors of any resolution not calling for changes in the policies or procedures of the University itself to demonstrate, in the text of the proposed resolution, the bearing of the subject matter upon the functioning of the University.

V. That the Executive Committee of the Senate shall not rule on the appropriateness of a proposal brought before it, unless it is acting for the Senate when that body is unable to act. Except in that contingency, the Executive Committee will either refer a proposal to an appropriate Council or place it on the Senate's agenda. A Council may recommend for or against a proposal referred to it, or may propose amendments.

VI. That this bill take effect on October 1, 1970.

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Attendance Policy

The following policy was approved by the Faculty at its meeting on August 29, 1972:

Article II, Section 2.9 - Replacement of Senators

2.91 Absentee Senators:

The seat of a senator shall be declared vacant in any of the following cases:

1. The senator declines to accept his election.
2. The senator misses four consecutive Senate meetings.
3. The senator misses over fifty percent of the Senate meetings in one academic year.

The Executive Committee of the Senate shall declare when a seat is vacant. In extenuating circumstances the Executive Committee may declare an exception to the rule. In both cases the Executive Committee must report its action to the Senate for its approval.

When a vacancy is declared the seat shall be filled in one of the following ways, to be determined by the Committee on Nominations and Elections:

1. Elected Senators

- a. Designation of the available person with the next highest number of votes in the last previous election from the constituency involved.
- b. If no such person is available, election or appointment by an appropriate body in the constituency involved.

2. Appointed Senators

Selection of a new senator by the President.

SUNYA Faculty Resolution, Approved September 8, 1970 (Pohlsander Resolution)

In this troubled world there is need for places in which the disciplines are taught, their frontiers extended, and their usefulness for solving the problems of man explored. We assume that the university is such a place. That purpose implies the following:

1. That this university be an open and inclusive society devoted to free and untrammled teaching, learning, and research, and that members of this society be assured the right of dissent, freedom from coercion and intimidation, and freedom of political association and activity.
2. That this university be dedicated to the search for truth and that in its corporate capacity it does not officially endorse any particular version of the truth be it a matter of political or social philosophy or of scientific theory.
3. That this university and this faculty be committed to due process and to persuasion through reason as the only acceptable means for governing and improving this university.

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Rules of Order

INTRODUCED BY: Executive Committee

In accordance with the Faculty By-laws, Article II, Section 5.23, (The Executive Committee shall make recommendations for improving the operation and maintaining the orderly process of the Senate), the Executive Committee proposed adoption of Bill No. 197374-01. This Bill is an attempt to eliminate some of the confusion which occasionally exists, and to identify past practice in the matter of Council reports. The recommendations are consistent with Roberts' Rules of Order, and clarify selected Senate procedures.

I. It is hereby proposed that the Senate adopt the following Rules of Order:

1. If a Senate meeting is still in session at 5 p.m., the parliamentarian shall so inform the Chairman. The Chairman will call for an appropriate motion, which might be one of the following:

- 1.1 To adjourn (implies no topic on the floor).
- 1.2 To table the current topic until the next regular meeting; to be followed by a motion to adjourn.
- 1.3 To recess until _____ (for example, the following Monday at 3 p.m.).
- 1.4 To continue discussion until (specific time).
- 1.5 To move the previous question; to be followed by a motion to adjourn, recess, or continue business until (specific time).

2. That insofar as possible, speakers on a topic be alternated as to their pro or con positions, with the exception that no Senator shall be denied the right to speak at least once during the debate.

3. That Council reports be handled in the following fashion:

- 3.1 All Council reports shall be submitted in writing and shall clearly distinguish between information and recommendations for action.
- 3.2 Recommendations for action shall be in the form of a bill and shall be discussed and acted upon under "new business".
- 3.3 The informational section of a Council report may be questioned while the report is on the floor. If a Senator wishes to challenge any action taken by the Council, he shall do so by making an appropriate motion under "new business".

II. That this bill take effect immediately.

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Rules of Order

INTRODUCED BY: Executive Committee

In accordance with the Faculty Bylaws, Article II, Section 5.23 (The Executive Committee shall make recommendations for improving the operation and maintaining the orderly process of the Senate), and in order to implement the resolution approved by the Faculty in its meeting of February 24, 1981, the Executive Committee proposes adoption of the following:

- I. Whenever a majority of those Faculty senators present and voting take a position on an academic matter and it does not carry, and whenever these Faculty senators constitute more than 40 per cent of the total Faculty membership of the Senate, the President shall be notified.
 - a. When a vote has been taken on an issue, two or more Faculty senators may seek to invoke the provisions of this standing rule.
 - b. The chair of the Senate shall then determine whether or not the issue is an academic one. The ruling of the chair can be appealed only by a Faculty senator and if an appeal is presented only Faculty senators may vote on the appeal.
 - c. When it has been determined that the issue is an academic one, the chair shall proceed to conduct another vote on the issue.
- II. This bill shall take effect immediately.

This bill was approved at the September 14, 1981 Senate Meeting

CLASSIFICATION OF SPECIAL MOTIONS ACCORDING TO PURPOSE

	<u>Second Needed</u>	<u>Amend- able</u>	<u>Debat- able</u>	<u>Required Vote</u>	<u>Interrupt Speaker</u>
<u>TO SUPPRESS DEBATE OR HASTEN ACTION</u>					
1. Previous question	yes	no	no	2/3	no
2. Suspend rules	yes	no	no	2/3	no
3. Limit debate	yes	yes	no	2/3	no
4. Take from the table	yes	no	no	1/2	no
5. Make special order of business	yes	yes	yes	2/3	no
<u>TO DELAY ACTION</u>					
6. Postpone to a certain time	yes	yes	yes	1/2	no
7. Lay on the table	yes	no	no	1/2	no
8. Refer to committee	yes	yes	yes	1/2	no
<u>TO PREVENT ACTION</u>					
9. Object to consideration	no	no	no	2/3	yes
10. Withdraw a motion	no	no	no	1/2	no
11. Postpone indefinitely	yes	no	yes	1/2	no
<u>TO CONSIDER MORE CAREFULLY</u>					
12. Committee of the whole	yes	yes	yes	1/2	no
<u>TO CHANGE A DECISION</u>					
13. Reconsider	yes	no	1	1/2	yes
14. Rescind	yes	yes	yes	2/3	no
<u>TO MAINTAIN RULES AND ORDER</u>					
15. Question of privilege	no	no	no	ch. ²	yes
16. Question of order	no	no	no	ch. ²	yes
17. Appeal from decision of chair	yes	no	1	1/2	yes
18. Parliamentary inquiry	no	no	no	ch.	yes
19. Request for information	no	no	no	ch.	yes
<u>TO CLOSE A MEETING</u>					
20. Adjourn	yes	no	no	1/2	no
21. Fix time of next meeting	yes	yes	no ³	1/2	no
22. Recess	yes	yes	no ³	1/2	no

1. Debatable only when the motion to which it is applied was debatable.
2. Requires only chair's decision; majority vote if appealed from chair.
3. Original motion not debatable; amendment debatable.

NOTE: 1/2 means one more than half of those voting (simple majority); 2/3 means two-thirds of those voting.

CLASSIFICATION OF MOTIONS ACCORDING TO PRECEDENCE

	<u>Second Needed</u>	<u>Amend- able</u>	<u>Debat- able</u>	<u>Required Vote</u>	<u>Interrupt Speaker</u>
<u>PRIVILEGED MOTIONS</u>					
(In order of precedence)					
Fix time of next meeting	yes	yes	no ³	1/2	no
Adjourn	yes	no	no ³	1/2	no
Recess	yes	yes	no ³	1/2 ²	no
Question of privilege	no	no	no	ch. ²	yes
<u>SUBSIDIARY MOTIONS</u>					
(In order of precedence)					
Lay on the table	yes	no	no	1/2	no
Previous question	yes	no	no	2/3	no
Limit debate	yes	yes	no	2/3	no
Postpone to a certain time	yes	yes	yes	1/2	no
Refer to a committee	yes	yes	yes	1/2	no
Committee of the whole	yes	yes	yes	1/2	no
Amend	yes	yes	1	1/2	no
Postpone indefinitely	yes	no	yes	1/2	no
<u>MAIN MOTIONS</u>					
(No order of precedence)					
Main motion for general business	yes	yes	yes	1/2	no
Take from the table	yes	no	no	1/2	no
Reconsider	yes	no	1	1/2	yes
Rescind	yes	yes	yes	2/3	no
Make special order of business	yes	yes	yes	2/3	no
<u>INCIDENTAL MOTIONS</u>					
(No order of precedence)					
Question of order	no	no	no	ch. ²	yes
Appeal from decision of chair	yes	no	1	1/2	yes
Suspend rules	yes	no	no	2/3	no
Object to consideration	no	no	no	2/3	yes
Parliamentary inquiry	no	no	no	ch.	yes
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