

UNIVERSITY SENATE
ATTENDANCE

Meeting of: March 9, 1992

Reed J. Hoyt	Jeanne Green
ASP (LeFren, Felce (guest))	Scott R. Lyman
Karen M. Chow (guest)	Alex Falmer
Paul C. C. (guest)	Ernie Scattan
David Strogatz	RA Bross
Michael Sattiger	DM Wink
Loretta B Smith	William F. Neib
A. J. L. MACARIO ASL	Robert (R FROST)
Henry Mendelsohn	Malcolm Sherman
Joe Turner	Peter Bloniarz
Steve Hansen	Lynn Viduka - Sherman
A. Champagne	Bob Sanders
Jeanne Gullahorn	James J. Aepper
Lindsay Childs	McPhee
Randall Craig	
Jeff Bernday	
Constance Walker	
Robert H. Gibson	
DON REEB	
Bill Kanford	
Lawrence G. Hurd	
Shirley Jones	
Paul Wallace	
Jerry Parker	
Rich Felson	
Steve Messer	



UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

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Minutes

March 9, 1992

PRESENT: J. Berman, P. Bloniarz, R. Bosco, A. Champagne, L. Childs, R. Craig, G. DeSole, S. Faerman, R. Felson, R. Frost, R. Gibson, J. Green, J. Gullahorn, R. Hoyt, S. Jones, J. Kiepper, W. Lanford, S. Lyman, A. Macario, H. Mendelsohn, S. Messner, J. Parker, D. Reeb, R. Sanders, M. Sattinger, M. Sherman, L. Smith, D. Strogatz, H. P. Swygert, S. Thomson, T. Turner, L. Videka-Sherman, G. Walker, P. Wallace, W. Weitz, D. Windham

GUESTS: K. Chow, R. Collier, J. Felice, E. Scatton

Chair Turner called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes
The minutes of the February 10, 1992, Senate meeting were approved as distributed.

2. President's Report
President Swygert announced that four candidates for the position of Dean for Education will be on campus. The candidates are: Dr. Carole Ames, University of Illinois at Urbana; Dr. Clifton Conrad, University of Wisconsin at Madison, Dr. Judy Genshaft, Ohio State University; and Dr. Phillip Wexler, University of Rochester. The Search Committee has been able to recruit outstanding candidates, he said.

The 1992 Commencement will be held on May 17 at 10 a.m. in the Knickerbocker Arena, announced the President. Last year's program was excellent, he said, the accommodations were excellent. After consultation with the faculty, he has endorsed three honorary degree recipients. They are: D. Allan Bromley, Assistant to the President (George Bush) for Science and Technology and chair of the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology Policy; Carol Gilligan, Professor of Education and Director of the Center for the Study of Gender, Education and Human Development at Harvard University; and Catharine R. Stimpson, University Professor and Dean of the Graduate School/New Brunswick and Vice Provost for Graduate Education at Rutgers. Dr. Bromley has agreed to give the Commencement address, President Swygert said. He invited the Senators to join in Commencement again this year.

The SUNY Day program was held last week and went very well, President Swygert said, and thanked all who participated. The President was encouraged to hear members of the Legislature talk in terms of restoration (in the budget).

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There is nothing further to report on the budget, said the President. We are working hard to position ourselves for 1992-93 which will probably see a mid-course correction on our State operating budget. A plan has also been put together to permit the University to continue modest faculty recruitment. President Swygert announced that Professor Eugene Garber is chairing the Budget Panel, which is now in place. The University has managed to maintain fidelity to the principles of the financial plan of last year, he said. There have been proposals put forth to SUNY Central which may bring some relief to our campus. The proposals have also been brought before the Budget Panel and the Senate Executive Committee.

The Recreation and Convocation Center will be completed by May 1, 1992, reported the President. This should be a tremendous addition to the wellness recreation and physical fitness.

The University has been informed by the Governor's Office and SUNY Central that a bill has been passed by the Legislature overriding the Controller's action of halting payments to TIAA/CREF. There is an early retirement bill before the Legislature which mimics a bill from last year, the President said. CUNY is pushing for early retirement and this is a companion bill. Letters will be sent to the faculty when this bill passes, he said.

Senator Frost asked if the President had any comment on the complaint by CUNY concerning the discrepancy in funding throughout the system. The President responded that he had not seen the complaint but felt it was ironic that it was filed at a time when there is great distress on the SUNY system. The Legislature may be disinclined to reduce funding to CUNY with a suit in process. There was a demonstration in front of the Governor's mansion and the Legislature which protested the increase in tuition over the last year and the loss of funds, reported the President. Senator Sherman asked the President to comment on an article in the *ASP*. A guest speaker could not complete his introductory remarks, said President Swygert, because several of the students who caused the disruption felt that it was their obligation to do so. Vice President Livingston has been asked to look into this situation. The President noted that a registered student organization sponsored the talk.

3. SUNY-wide Senate Report

Senator Wallace reported that SUNY-wide Senate Chair James Chen asked the SUNY-wide Senators for input on Entry Level Knowledge and Skills. A task force, which includes Dean Scatton, Ms. Treadwell and Mr. Collier, has been set up on this topic. Senator Wallace then deferred to Mr. Collier, co-Chair of the SUNY-wide Undergraduate Committee. Mr. Collier gave an

outline of the task force. The charge to the task force is: What is it that students need for success the first year in terms of skills and knowledge? How would you go about assessing this knowledge? The individual campuses would refine the document for themselves, he said. Mr. Collier is looking for comments, criticisms on this document to take back to a SUNY-wide Senate meeting in April. Copies of the document will be available in the Senate Office. Dean Scatton suggested a wider distribution -- in the arts and sciences, CUE and to the Deans.

Senator Sherman said that you cannot say "what do they need?" Issues of quality are difficult to talk about. He suggested that we increase the requirements that students have to complete in high school.

4. Chair's Report

Chair Turner reminded the Senators that at the April 13 Senate Meeting election for Chair-Elect and Secretary will be held. Any Senator is free to submit a nomination for either office and nominations may be made from the floor. He noted that it is customary to have a vita on the candidate available.

All voting faculty should have received a request for interest in the Senate, Chair Turner said. Please let us know your interest.

There is a new category on the agenda, Other Reports, reported Chair Turner, which may become a regular item when there is no pressing business on the agenda. Associate Vice President Lance will report on the new library at the next Senate meeting.

5. Council Reports

a. CPCA: Senator Bosco had nothing to report.

b. EPC: EPC has met twice since the last Senate meeting, reported Senator Sanders. The 1994-95 calendar was discussed; classes will begin before Labor Day. EPC is trying to clarify its procedures, he said. The procedures will be circulated to the Executive Committee.

c. GAC: At the December 16 meeting the Council approved student petitions, the MA and Ph.D. program in Political Science, the new Masters in Public Administration and the Ph.D. in Philosophy, said Senator Champagne. The English language proficiency requirements for foreign teaching assistants was also discussed with concern expressed that it was "unclear." Dean Scatton asked in what respect was the policy unclear concerning the English language capability for foreign students. He has been getting complaints from students and parents that students cannot understand foreign faculty. This matter was sent back to committee, Senator Champagne said.

d. UAC: Senator Reeb, reporting for Senator Knoblauch, had nothing to report.

e. RES: Senator Lanford, reporting for Senator Langer, reported that the last meeting was devoted to the FRAP awards. Recommendations were made to the Vice President for Research concerning these awards. With the change of the FRAP guidelines, those in Humanities and Fine Arts are at a disadvantage, said Senator Berman. The criteria does not exclude the faculty

in Humanities and Fine Arts, replied Senator Lanford. He suggested that any comments/suggestions be made to Vice President Gullahorn.

- f. LISC: The next meeting will be on March 16, reported Senator Bloniarz.
- g. CAFE: Senator Sattinger had nothing to report.
- h. SAC: Senator Thomson had nothing to report.
- i. UCC: At its last meeting, UCC looked at electronic message boards, reported Senator Jones. Associate Vice President Lance was at the meeting and was helpful concerning short- and long-range plans.

6. Other Reports

- a. Report on Plans for Implementation for the New General Education Program. Dean Scatton reported that his office has been working with the General Education Committee to implement the program. The handout at the information table listed the committee and the implementation plan. Current legislation outlines what is to be done and when it is to be done, he said.

Discussion then centered around whether there would be overloads for faculty or larger class size. The legislation takes care of this issue. Each department needs to decide how they are going to meet the demand.

7. Old Business

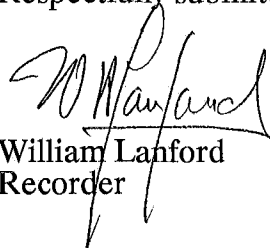
There was no Old Business.

8. New Business

- a. Council Changes. The Council changes were moved, second and passed.

The meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



William Lanford
Recorder

COUNCIL CHANGES

CPCA

Delete:
Walter Gibson

Add:
Eric Block
(Chemistry, Chemistry 341, 4459)

Lori Kisch

Diego Munoz (Non-Senator)
(CC 116, 442-5640)

RES

Delete:
Ryan Don

Add:
Lawrence Hummel (Non-Senator)
(160 Ontario St., Albany, NY
12203, 463-2660)

LISC

Delete:
John Crossett

Add:
Ryan Don (Senator)
(Box 1316, State Quad, 442-6036)

SAC

Delete:
Connie Capozzola

Add:
Seth Leitman (Non-Senator)
(CC 116, 442-5640)

General Education Update

- General Education Committee

- two faculty members from each Arts & Science College (one or more UAC members)
- undergraduate student
- Dean of Undergraduate Studies
- two staff (one from CUE)

- Draft Implementation Plan

- implementation steps
- timetable
- estimate of course demand *# of seats needed*
- guidelines/criteria for proposals *concrete terms*
- policy for students enrolled in current program
- required changes to SIRS and Audit system

*need to reprogram + revise; may have to
toss Audit system + start from new*

Ernest Scatton
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