

The College Senate
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF October 6, 2009
Craven Lounge, 3:00 P.M.

1. Meeting was called to order at 3:04 pm by Steven Garner, Chair

Moment of silence was observed in honor of Dr. Raymond Rainville.

2. Approval of Minutes of September 21, 2009

Motion to approve minutes by Tim Welch (Communication Arts) and seconded by Joe Baldwin (English), with no corrections.

3. Announcements

A. Tom Horvath (Environmental Sciences): Faculty can meet with the Kaufmann Speakers this Thursday, October 15, at 3:00 p.m. in the conference room of Milne Library, room 318.

B. Kathleen Meeker (Division of College Advancement): 2010 Faculty Research Show, Feb. 12, 2010 will be in Craven Lounge, Morris Conference Center featuring a Faculty Convivium by *Dr. Jeffrey Barnett '79* Professor of Psychology, Loyola College in Maryland.

C. Tim Newton (Music): Vance George, Grammy-Award-winning retired conductor of the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra Chorus, will visit SUNY Oneonta for three days of intensive rehearsals with the Chamber Singers. Everybody is invited to attend, October 8-10 in 212 Fine Arts.

4. Reports

A. President – Nancy Kleniewski

New information about Strategic Planning and Resource process will be on the college Website. Dr. Kleniewski introduced Dr. Leif Hartmark, Vice President Finance & Administration. Dr. Hartmark presented SUNY Budget Briefing.

The College will generate nearly \$100 million in revenue during the 2009-10 fiscal year from a variety of sources. Our core operating budget, consisting of state tax dollar support (\$17 million) and tuition income (\$30 million) comprises approximately half of the total. Another \$25 million is held in dedicated funds including income from student fees and related income.

Approximately \$73 million of our revenue is allocated. Of this amount, \$25 million is dedicated to dormitory operations and debt service, summer session, and other income-generating activities. Academic Affairs comprises 40% of our allocated budget, followed by Finance and Administration including Facilities (24%), and Student Development (17%) with the remainder allocated to College Advancement, Community Relations, Equity and Inclusion, and the President's Office, as well as campus-wide costs such as utilities and scholarships.

Question-answer session followed with questions about additional savings, student enrollment and enrollment selectivity.

B. Student Association President – Rick Heil

Student Association will form a conference policy and needs help from individual departments. Please send your department rules and regulations regarding “conference travel and attendance” to Student Association

5. Committee Reports

A. Dr. Patty Francis, (Associate Provost for Institutional Assessment and Effectiveness): College Learning Assessment

A proposal to replace SUNY rubrics with the Collegiate Learning Assessment (CLA), as an acceptable measure for assessment of critical thinking in General Education was approved by College Senate March 31, 2008.

CLA which requires students to actively engage with materials presented over a computer in 60- to 90-minute session assesses Critical Thinking and Writing. Analyses adjust for students’ Entering Academic Ability.

The college chose to use a cross-sectional approach in administering the CLA, comparing first semester students in Fall 2008 (n=123) to graduating seniors (n=109) in Spring 2009.

First-year students and graduating seniors performed at above expected levels on overall score. Questions and comments followed. The difference between Gen. Ed. versus overall education outcomes was noted by Leah Bridgers (Math), problem of random selection of students (first-year students are self selected, seniors are selected by department chairs) was noted by Tom Horvath (ESCI).

B. Diane Pierce: IAC Guidelines. Institutional Assessment Committee guidelines are available on Senate Website.

C. Dr. William Wilkerson: APAC Guidelines Questions and Comments session followed. Dr. Wilkerson –to answer a question by Dr. Koeddermann- stated that currently APAC is not working on a template that every department can use.

6. New Business

A. Psychology Major Proposal. Motion to adopt Psychology Major Proposal was made by Steve Walsh (Management, Marketing & Information Systems) and seconded by Rick Heil (Student Association). Eileen McClafferty amended the “Related Course Work- Mathematics Requirement” as *Any course fulfilling the GEN ED M2 attribute or Math 104, with the exception of STAT 101*. Motion to approve the amendment was made by Todd Ellis (Environmental Sciences) and seconded by Al Sosa (Physical Education).

B. Physics Option-A Elective Proposal. Motion to adopt Physics Option A Elective proposal was made by Achim Koeddermann (Philosophy) and seconded by Joe Baldwin (English). Floor was open for discussion on the proposal.

Motion to accept the proposal was made by Steve Walsh (Management, Marketing and Information Systems) and seconded by Todd Ellis (Earth Sciences).

C. Mathematics Concentration Changes. Motion to change Math Concentration was made by Leah Bridgers (Mathematics) and seconded by Rick Heil (Student Association). Some discussion followed. Motion to accept the changes was made by Joe Baldwin (English) and seconded by Al Sosa (Physical Education).

7. Unfinished Business

A. Steering Committee-Assistant Secretary Nominations

Eileen McClafferty's name was placed in nomination. Motion to close nominations was made by Steve Walsh (Management, Marketing & Information Systems) and seconded by Rick Heil (Student Association). Eileen McClafferty was approved by acclamation.

8. Comments

A. Dr. Achim Koeddermann mentioned the need to have an official Senate Parliamentarian. It was recommended that someone be willing to step forward to volunteer to serve in this capacity.

9. Meeting adjourned at 4:15pm.

Submitted by Hurrem Yilmaz, College Senate Secretary