

Minutes
Faculty Senate Meeting
5 May 1998

Chairperson Don Eidam called the meeting to order at 4:08 PM in Chryst 210. All departments were represented except Business Administration, Educational Foundations, Music, Political Science, Special Education. The President of the Student Senate, Melissa Dinofia and Graduate Student President, Lori Ramp, were also present.

The minutes of the meeting on April 21 were approved.

REPORTS

Chairperson

D. Eidam thanked senators who had submitted annual reports for committees and suggested that when they are asked about running for committees in the Fall that senators refer inquirers to these reports.

Two new senators have been elected for next year, but D. Eidam has not heard from most of the departments. He asked senators to make sure an election is conducted in their departments if their terms expire on August 31.

Senators have been attending lunch with candidates for the Vice President for Information Technology. Senators are invited to participate. The next meeting will be Friday [May 8] at noon, followed by another on Monday [May 11] at noon in McComsey. He asked senators to contact him if they are interested in participating.

The next Faculty Senate Meeting (the only summer meeting) is scheduled for June 16 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM in McComsey Auditorium. J. Piperberg will preside.

Student Senate

Melissa Dinofia said that the State Universities Conference held April 24-26 had been a tremendous success. About 80 or 90 students visited and were impressed with Millersville. Chancellor McCormick attended. The Student Senate had been asked to make a slide presentation for the next meeting of the Board of Governors in July. Melissa thanked D. Eidam and J. Piperberg and faculty who had attended the plus/minus forum.

The Student Senate has balanced its budget. Increases over last year's allocations were received by 58 groups.

A campus-wide referendum is being held to determine whether students would like to see professors share book list information with outside vendors.

Several sessions are being held with Dr. Robinson regarding problems with alcohol.

New student senate officers will be sworn in on May 7. Melissa thanked senators for allowing her to make reports. she enjoyed a positive experience at Millersville University and believes she has received an "Ivy League" education.

Graduate Student Organization President

No Report.

Administrative Officers

Provost

Provost McNairy said it had been a pleasure serving with Melissa. The provost recalled a remark Melissa had made last fall to freshmen--that her father had instructed her to "be a good president." Melissa has been a good president and the provost passed on her good wishes.

Provost McNairy encouraged senators and colleagues to meet the V.P for Information Technology candidates. She said this will be one of the most crucial decisions that will be made in the near future.

Provost McNairy also encouraged senators to attend Honors Convocation (Saturday May 9) and Commencement (May 16). She said that this had been a good year.

Committees

UCPRC

J. Sciarretta represented R. Wismer who had been called to jury duty.

Proposals:

Biol/Hnrs 222 Problem Solving in Botany (1-2 credit course)
HPED 323 Life Guard Training

Course Change:

Bio. Resp. Therapy: Change in title and course description of RESP 415, delete RESP 418, add RESP 419, and modify curriculum sheet for Resp. Therapy Program to reflect these changes. Change affects BS Biology Respiratory Therapy majors only.

Major Change in Courses/Curricula:

Social Work major change in required related: Econ 101: Principles of Economics 101 to be substituted for History 254 due to retirement of faculty member. History 254 was a required related course for social work majors. Retroactive to September 2, 1997.

General Education Review Committee

C. Stameshkin presented:

1. Objectives of the General Education Program (see Attachment 1)
2. General Education Review committee Proposal to deal with General Education Credit for Courses of less than Three Credits.(see Attachment 2)

The proposal re. courses of less than three credits will be placed on the Agenda for the meeting on June 16. The objectives of the General Education Program will be placed on the Agenda for the Fall.

D. Eidam asked if it was the committee's intention to replace anything in the Governance Manual.

C. Stameshkin said that the Objectives of General Education would replace that portion in the Governance Manual.

She invited senators to report back to their departments on the objectives and the proposal and added that she would be willing to provide more information should this be necessary.

Admission, Advisement and Student Affairs Committee

The committee met with Dr. Thomas regarding feedback on the issue of Greek Rush being extended to freshmen for the first semester rather than the second semester. After some discussion the committee supported this extension on a test basis.

Faculty Emerita/Emeritus

On an S. Luek/T. Kruse motion Dr. Joyce Scout Smedley was recommended for emerita status (See Attachment 3).

On a J. Sciarretta/J. Piperberg motion Professor Gerald W. Burkhardt was recommended for emeritus status (See Attachment 4).

On a D. Downey/M. Warmkessel motion Dr. Ronald S. Benson was recommended for emeritus status (See Attachment 5).

Proposed Courses and Programs

D. Eidam said the Bio 209 (Horticultural Science) proposal changes the number to 327, changes the prerequisite and updates several of the options in the Biology Major. Tacitly approved.

New Course Esc. 447--Meterological Instrumentation, Measurement, and Observing Systems. Approved.

New Option Polymer Chemistry--carried

Changes in Admission and Retention to the major in Sociology/Criminology--carried.

Class Cancellation Discussion--University Theme Committee letter to Provost

After considerable discussion, the senate agreed to respond to the letter to the Provost as follows:

"We request the administration to encourage faculty and students in class during the hours of 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM on a Friday in the Fall, 1998, to attend this academic program as a substitute for attendance in class."

Additional Agenda Item--Library Book Returns

Alternate Senator Meckley (Elementary and Early Childhood Ed.) said that candidates for degree had found they had to return texts to the library by May 1. This was causing difficulty for major project completion due next week.

Provost McNairy advised that students should be told to keep the library books until May 15.

J. Piperberg thanked D. Eidam for six years of service as Faculty Senate Chairperson. This was D. Eidam's last meeting as chairperson.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Alden, Secretary

Action Summary
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Faculty Emerita Status approved fr. Dr. Joyce Scout Smedley
Faculty Emeritus Status approved for Professor Gerald W. Burkhardt
Faculty Emeritus Status approved for Dr. Ronald M. Benson

Bio Course No. Change--Bio. 209 to 327 -- with changes to the prerequisite and updating of some options in the Biology Major -- approved.

New Course Esc. 447 Meteorological, Measurement and Observing Systems -- approved.

New Option in Polymer Chem. -- carried

Changes in Admission and Retention in Sociology/Criminology -- carried

Faculty Senate response to letter to provost requesting cancellation of classes for University Theme activity, to read as follows:

"We request the administration to encourage faculty and students in class during the hours of 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM on a Friday in the Fall, 1998, to attend this academic program as a substitute for attendance in class."--approved

Attachment 3

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TO: Faculty Senate

FROM: Department of Psychology (Susan P. Luek, Faculty Senator)

DATE: May 4, 1998

SUBJECT Faculty Emerita Status for Dr. Joyce Scout Smedley

WHEREAS Dr. Joyce Scout Smedley has faithfully served Millersville University for 25 years and the field of education for a total of 36 years, and

WHEREAS Dr. Smedley served as Chair of the Department of Counselor Education from 1989-1991, and has served as the Director of the School counseling Program in the Psychology Department from 1991-1998, and

WHEREAS Dr. Smedley served as Faculty Senator from 1976-1989 and Alternate Faculty Senator from 1973-1975 and from 1992-1998, and

WHEREAS Dr. Smedley served as a member of the Graduate Course and Program Review Committee from 1982-1989 and chaired the committee for six years, and

WHEREAS Dr. Smedley served on faculty evaluation committees and search committees of several departments, as well as on many other university-wide and departmental committees and

WHEREAS Dr. Smedley served as the Graduate Faculty Marshall for graduations held from 1991-1993, and

WHEREAS Dr. Smedley served as an active member of many professional organizations, including the Pennsylvania Association for Counselor Educators and Supervisors, for which she served as chairperson of the Awards Committee from 1978-1990, and the Pennsylvania Counseling Association, for which she served as newsletter editor from 1978-1987, and

WHEREAS Dr. Smedley has given liberally of her time and expertise in the provision of in-service presentations to numerous local organizations and school districts, and

WHEREAS Dr. Smedley has presented many papers at state and national conferences of the American Counselors Association, and

WHEREAS Dr. Smedley was appointed by the Secretary of Health of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to serve on the Board of Trustees of the Elizabethtown Hospital for Children and Youth in 1978 and was presented with the Meritorious Service Award in 1986 by the Pennsylvania State University for her dedicated service on the Advisory Board and her outstanding contributions to the program, and

WHEREAS Dr. Smedley served on the Board of Directors of the Mental Health Association in Lancaster County and on several task forces of the Mental Health/Mental Retardation Program of Lancaster County, and

WHEREAS Dr. Smedley served on several invitational committees, including the

committee to review the standards for Certification of Professional School Personnel appointed by then Secretary of Education, Robert G. Scanlon, and Dr. Smedley served on seven Pennsylvania Department of Education Program Review Teams and on the Commission on the Future of Graduate Education from 1991-1993, appointed by Chancellor McCormick, and Dr. Smedley was the recipient of many awards and honors, including a Teaching Excellence award by the Millersville State College Faculty Association in 1980; a Professional Development Award, as one of 60 to participate in a national project for preparation of Gerontological Counselor Trainers, in both 1985 and 1988; Counselor Educator of the Year in 1997, by the Pennsylvania School Counselors Association; and the 1997 Susquehanna Township High School Alumni President's Award for Outstanding Service to All Humanity.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the faculty members of the Department of Psychology recommend that Dr. Joyce Scout Smedley be granted the honorary title of Professor of Psychology Emerita.

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Emeritus Resolution
Prof. Gerald W. Burkhardt

WHEREAS Professor Gerald W. Burkhardt retired from Millersville University on January 2, 1998, after 30 years of highly distinguished service to the University community as Registrar, Coordinator of Academic Support Services, and Associate Director of the Office of Academic Advisement; and

WHEREAS Professor Burkhardt, in all his University positions consistently and aggressively served as an advocate for students so that they could fulfill their academic requirements and aspirations; and

WHEREAS Professor Burkhardt promoted a sense of responsibility among students by fostering the notion that they be informed and accountable; and

WHEREAS Professor Burkhardt enhanced a spirit of cooperation and trust between students and staff by his accessibility, congeniality, sense of humor, and concern; and

WHEREAS Professor Burkhardt worked tirelessly on behalf of students with physical and learning disabilities, as well as with students in the June-January Program, by endeavoring to assure that special needs be efficiently and effectively attended to; and

WHEREAS Professor Burkhardt was highly regarded by his colleagues across campus for his professional excellence and his personal attributes; and

WHEREAS Professor Burkhardt counseled students not only regarding their general education and major requirements, but also in such areas as improving study skills, using time productively, preparing for examinations, and developing career goals; and

WHEREAS Professor Burkhardt provided highly effective training of faculty on academic policies, general education, degree requirements, and learning disabilities; and

WHEREAS Professor Burkhardt worked unstintingly for the general welfare of the University by serving on a vast range of committees, including Faculty Senate; and

WHEREAS Professor Burkhardt served as an adviser to the Sigma Chapter of Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity for 15 years, the last two as president of the national organization; and

WHEREAS Professor Burkhardt brought to every activity he was engaged in at Millersville University strong conviction, resourcefulness, and support to colleagues and students; and

WHEREAS Professor Burkhardt brought to the department and to the University a steady hand of reason, cooperation, fairness, wisdom, perspective, and an exemplary approach to guiding and inspiring students;

NOW BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Developmental Studies recognizes and is grateful for Professor Burkhardt's many unique achievements and contributions to the Department, to the University at large, and, most importantly, to the welfare and benefit of thousands of Millersville University students; and, further,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty of the Department of Developmental Studies wishes Professor Burkhardt and his wife, Joanne, untold joy, peace, and happiness in their retirement; and finally

BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty of the Department of Developmental Studies recommends that Professor Gerald W. Burkhardt be granted the honorary title of Assistant Professor of Developmental Studies, Emeritus.

Proposed Motion: The Faculty Senate of Millersville University recommends Gerald W. Burkhardt to the Council of Trustees for approval as Assistant Professor of Developmental Studies, Emeritus.

Attachment 5

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To: Faculty Senate
Millersville University
From: Department of History
Date: April 16, 1998

Re: Faculty Emeritus Status for Dr. Ronald M. Benson

- WHEREAS Dr. Ronald M. Benson provided thirty-one years of dedicated service to the university, and
- WHEREAS Dr. Ronald M. Benson was a valued colleague and participant in the History department governance, and
- WHEREAS Dr. Ronald M. Benson was instrumental in curriculum development in the Schools of Social Sciences and Humanities
- WHEREAS Dr. Ronald M. Benson faithfully taught thousands of students in the Commonwealth, and
- WHEREAS Dr. Ronald M. Benson was a member of the MU-APSCUF, taking an active role in Representative Council and other APSCUF committees, and
- WHEREAS Dr. Ronald M. Benson took an active role in faculty governance through his participation in the Faculty Senate, and
- WHEREAS Dr. Ronald M. Benson played an important role in the development of the University's Pre-Law program, the History Club, and the Social Science Honorary Society, and
- WHEREAS Dr. Ronald M. Benson was active throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in promoting an understanding of the state's labor history and economic development, and
- WHEREAS Dr. Ronald M. Benson made numerous presentations before state and regional professional historical societies, and
- WHEREAS Dr. Ronald M. Benson published several journal articles and scholarly reviews in his field of research,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Department of History recommends that Dr. Ronald M. Benson be granted the honorary title of Professor of History Emeritus.