

Minutes

Faculty Senate Meeting

4 November 1997

Chairperson D. Eidam called the meeting of the Faculty Senate to order at 4:08 p.m. in Chryst 210. All departments except Music were represented. Ryan Kunkel, Emily Brennan, and Melissa Dinofia attended for the Student Senate. **MINUTES**

The minutes of 7 October 1997 were approved with one clarification. The four ESCI courses approved on 7 October are not part of the Liberal Arts Core.

REPORTS

Chairperson

D. Eidam thanked Senator M. Warmkessel for serving as Acting Secretary at the 7 October meeting. He reported administrative approvals had been received 13 October on the Senate's September actions: these included the one-meeting rule. Additional information on the approvals can be found on the web at:

http://muweb.millersville.edu/~fsenate/Senate_Docs/Admin/1997/10_13_97.html

Eidam reminded Senators of the Facilities Master Planning Group meeting 5 November at 4 p.m. He announced the next SPARC meeting is 13 November at which time the Technology Visions Report will be discussed. Dr. Mary Burger of the Chancellor's Office will be in attendance.

An e-mail informational exchange between Chairperson Eidam and the West Chester University Senate Chairperson, initiated by WCU, on ethical and professional conduct of faculty in the classroom occurred.

The Capital Campaign raised \$14.4 million, a 111% response. Faculty funds reflected a 103% participation rate.

Student Senate

M. Dinofia announced the first on-the-road meeting of the Student Senate is scheduled for 6 November in Burrowes Hall. The Homecoming Reunion of student senators brought alumni from 1984--on together. The Student Senate's recent business includes elections of six representatives to open committee seats; revision of the allocation process with informal meetings on campus to communicate any changes; discussion of the off-campus housing problems; and meeting with the H2L2 group. On 13 November President DiNofia will accompany Mu President F. McNairy to the Union League Club's dinner in Philadelphia, and on 14-15 November, with Ms. Amy Dmitzak (public Relations), DiNofia will make a presentation at the Higher Education Leadership Conference.

Administrative Officers

President

President F. McNairy urged faculty to participate in the H2L2 planning meetings, town meetings, and to complete the H2L2 survey now being distributed from her office. She commented on the success of the Homecoming Weekend and she thanked the faculty for participating in the Capital Campaign.

President McNairy stated the State System is seeking a 7% increase in the operating budget to avoid any likelihood of a tuition increase. A 3%-4% increase in funding is most probable. Lastly, she acquainted the Senators with the nature of legislative discussions on articulations between state schools and community colleges and schools in the SSHE system. Quality of academic programs has not been a priority in these discussions while timely graduation for transferring students has.

Provost

Provost J. Stager described the presentation he and five faculty members will be making when Dr. Burger visits. He said ten proposals for projects dealing with Distance Learning have been received. The TLTR Task Force will be deciding how to distribute the \$48,000 in allocated funds by the end of the semester. PAC met with the Technology Vision Task Force and reviewed its recommendations. Members of both groups will be visiting academic departments to discuss their findings. Provost Stager asked Chairperson Eidam to schedule a presentation for the Senate, too. The Provost clarified the +/- grade policy as it pertains to graduate students. Graduate students enrolled in undergraduate courses would be graded on the +/- system. Students in 500- and 600-level courses are presently exempted from the policy. Associate Provost S. Casselberry thanked faculty for their work on the catalog revisions. He complimented the Registrar's Office on its ability to manage the move to Lyle and still distribute Spring registration materials on time. He encouraged faculty advisors to schedule appointments with advisees as early as possible, so faculty could volunteer for on-site advisement during the registration period.

Committees

Undergraduate Course and Program Review Committee

Senator R. Wismer introduced three courses under the one-meeting rule:

ENGL 416: The Woman Writer and Her World

ENGL 418: The Literature of Scotland and Ireland

SPED 433: Current Issues and Trends in Special Education

He commented on the need for all changes to courses handled by school curriculum committees to be reported to the Senate. The Wismer-Dorman motion to report "minor" changes in courses to the Senate was referred to the Academic Policies Committee on a Hutchens-Wisner motion.

Graduate Course and Program Review Committee

Senator R. Kerper reported a +/- task force had been formed.

University Honors Program

Senator M. Warmkessel placed the Honors Committee's position on +/- grading's effect on University Honors students on the 18 November agenda (see Attachment 2).

Academic Standards

Senator J. Piperberg reported a meeting is scheduled to discuss the texts of the new letters to be sent to students.

Academic Policies Committee

Senator K. Bookmiller placed two topics on the 18 November agenda: 1.) a document on departmental honors projects grading; and 2.) a document defining "major" and "minor" changes to courses and programs (Attachments 3 and 4).

Faculty Emeritus

On a R. Sykes-J. McCade motion, Art Professor Robert A. Nelson was recommended for emeritus status (see Attachment 1).

Business

Proposed Course

EDFN 587: Topics in the Social Foundation of Education and EDFN 606: Childhood and Youth in America: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives were approved.

Elections

A Social Sciences representative to the General Education Review Committee needs to be elected. No nomination was made at the day's meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m. The next meeting of the Faculty Senate is 18 November at 4:05 p.m. in Chryst Hall, Room 210.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Schneller
Secretary

Action Summary
4 November 1997

1. Professor Emeritus status was recommended for Robert A. Nelson (Art) on a Sykes-McCade motion.
2. Two courses were approved:
 - EDFN 587: Topics in the Social Foundation of Education
 - EDFN 606: Childhood and Youth in America: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives

Attachment 2
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TO: Faculty Senate
FROM: Marjorie M. Warmkessel, Chair
University Honors Program Committee
DATE: November 4, 1997

SUBJECT: Changes in the Governance Manual Due to the Implementation of the Plus/Minus Grading system
At the 22 September meeting of the University Honors Program Committee a motion was made to change all references to grade minima in the *Governance Manual* that relate to the University Honors Program from B to B-.

The following sections of the *Governance Manual* are affected:

Honors Courses, p. 76

FROM:

"A grade of A or B must be received in an honors course for the course to earn honors credit."

TO:

"A grade of B- or better must be received in an honors course for the course to earn honors credit."

University Honors Program, p. 77

Academic Requirements:

FROM:

"Completion of the program requires that a minimum of 30 hours of honors credits be taken. All honors courses must be passed with grades of A or B to receive honors credit."

TO:

"Completion of the program requires that a minimum of 30 hours of honors credits be taken. All honors courses must be passed with grades of B- or better to receive honors credit."

Academic Standards and Graduation Requirements:

FROM:

"To graduate with the University Honors Baccalaureate degree a student must complete all work required in the program with grades of A or B and must qualify to graduate with honors (3.35 cumulative grade point average)."

TO:

"To graduate with the University Honors Baccalaureate degree a student must complete all work required in the program with grades of B- or better and must qualify to graduate with honors (3.35 cumulative grade point average)."

Attachment 1
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WHEREAS, Professor Robert A. Nelson has announced his retirement from the Art Department after 18 years of service; and

WHEREAS, he has compiled an exhibition record of over 150 one-person shows in drawing, printmaking, painting, and sculpture, in Philadelphia, Washington, DC, Topeka, Kansas, Springfield, Missouri, and a wide variety of other locations; and

WHEREAS, his two-, three-, four-person, and group shows are almost innumerable; and

WHEREAS he has received literally hundreds of awards and purchase prizes for juried exhibitions; and

WHEREAS his work is part of the permanent collections of the Smithsonian Institution, Seattle Art Museum, Ohio University, Brown University, and the Universities of Texas (Austin), Texas Tech, Arizona, and North Dakota; and

WHEREAS he was awarded the Cezanne Medal by the French government for excellence in the arts; and

WHEREAS he has either directed or participated in over 60 major workshops and artists-in-residence programs; and

WHEREAS he is listed in *Who's Who in America* and *Who's Who in American Art*; and

WHEREAS he has brought many well-known speakers to campus; and

WHEREAS he has sponsored many young artists-in-residence; and

WHEREAS he has curated at least a dozen exhibitions on campus; and

WHEREAS he directed the Swift Gallery in Breidenstine Hall; and

WHEREAS he served as the faculty advisor to the Millersville Fencing Club; and

WHEREAS Dr. Nelson has enjoyed the rank of full professor at the University of North Carolina, the University of North Dakota, Cleveland State University, as well as at Millersville.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Art Department, in honor of Professor Robert A. Nelson's many accomplishments as a printmaker and draughtsman, recommends that he be granted the rank of professor emeritus.