Chairperson Piperberg called the meeting to order at 4:10 PM in Chryst 210. All departments were represented with the exception of the following:

Additions to 12/5 Minutes: We will correct the spelling of Carol Phillips’ name in the Minutes.

Hearing no further objections, the Minutes for December 5, 2000 were approved.

**Report of the Faculty Senate Chairperson**

*Announcements*

(1) Chairperson Piperberg announced that George Stine has replaced George Yelagotes as Senator from the Sociology-Anthropology Department and that Deb Castellucci will be the senator for the Nursing Department.

(2) Mark your calendars for Tuesday, June 12 at 3:00 PM for our Summer meeting. The meeting is presently planned for Myers Auditorium. Should there be a location change, all senators will be notified.

(3) Chairperson Piperberg reminded faculty that the terms of Senators in the departments listed below will be over in September. The governance manual stipulates that elections should be held between April 1 and May 31. The results of elections for Senator and Alternate should be sent to him as soon as possible after the election. If there have been any changes in representation from any departments (Senator or Alternate), please let him know as well. The following departments are scheduled for a Senate election this year: Business, Administration, Computer Science, Earth Sciences, Economics, Wellness & Sports Sciences, Nursing, Physics, Psychology, and Special Education.

(4) Annual reports will be due from Committees at the May meeting. The Chairperson will send Committee chairs a sample format soon.

**Report of the Student Senate President**

Student Senate President Baker announced that: (1) on February 22, President Caputo will meet with students in the Café De Ville; (2) there is a million dollars in allocation funds for student-run organizations and that the application form for funds is due in two weeks; and (3) that nominations for "Person of the Year" Award for outstanding faculty, staff, and student are now being accepted.

**Report of the Graduate Student Organization President** None.

**Report of Administrative Officers**

Dr. McNairy announced that the third open house went well in its effort to recruit prospective students. She further commented that if there is a particular "list-serve" on which a faculty member does not wish to be, s/he should notify the sender before contacting the Provost's office. She also asked that departments across campus determine whether they are involved in Service-Learning. They will be contacted soon to find out whether any of their courses or curricula possess elements that could fit the criteria for Service Learning. There will be more information this issue later.

Dr. Stager reported that winter enrollments were up 6.8% over last year. He added that enrollments were generally higher than they were last year. He also announced that he was no longer involved in General Education exceptions; those decisions are now being made by the Deans. He remarked that entries into DARS are a bit behind because of a staffing change and assured faculty that entries would be caught up as soon as possible. Summer registration began January 24; this is much earlier than ever before. Web registration is on the way. Finally, he noted that Spring enrollments were up180 students over last year's totals.
Dr. McNairy asked that procedures concerning General Education be tightened up so as not to freely recommend exceptions to the General Education program within departments. She continued to say that while the Board of Governors had made it clear that the direction of Science and Technology was a top priority, moneys were not being taken away from the Arts and Humanities to support these initiatives.

Dr. Stager added that the General Education objectives had been officially updated by 4:00 PM February 6, 2001.

Dr. Phillips announced (1) that focus groups would soon be arranged to better assess the advisement needs of students. (2) There will be more tutoring available for students taking science courses in the future.

**Reports of Faculty Senate Standing Committees**

Dr. Kerper, from the Academic Standards Committee, discussed the results of appeal hearings concerning the dismissal of students. {See attachment}. We will discuss the composition of this committee next meeting since concern has been raised about the distribution of faculty from different schools on the committee.

Dr. Rosenthal, from the Joint-Senate Committee, reported the results of discussions concerning the wearing of decorations at commencement. It was the Committee’s opinion that cords and decorations other than those specifically recognized as university sanctioned honors should not be worn at the time of commencement. It was added, however, that there may be appropriate times other than that of commencement when such decorations could be worn.

Chairperson Piperberg asked that a formal proposal be presented to Senate from the Committee.

**Reports of the Faculty Special Committees**

Dr. Schreiber, from the Ad Hoc Honor Code Committee, announced that on April 12 at 4:00 p.m. Rebecca Moore Howard will be speaking at the Spring Convocation. The event will be sponsored by the Committee with the support of the Provost's office.

**Undergraduate Honors Program Proposal**

Dr. Glenn, from the Undergraduate Honors Program, presented a proposal that would delete certain requirements for students graduating May 2001 and thereafter. {See attachment}. The proposal was approved by a unanimous vote.

**Proposed Courses and Programs**

(1) **NEW GRADUATE COURSE**

PSYC 511 - Substance-Related Disorders, 3 credits. Effective Summer 2001.

Hearing no objections, the course was approved.

(2) **CHANGE IN UNDERGRADUATE COURSE/CURRICULA**

Changes to the credit requirements and choices of economics electives and required-related courses for the Political Economy option. Movement of ECON 215 (Money, Credit and Banking) from the core requirements to the approved electives list. Changing the number of credits of approved electives in the major from 9 to 12. Increasing flexibility in the required-related course block. Effective Fall 2001.

Hearing no objections, the changes were approved.

(3) **CHANGE IN UNDERGRADUATE COURSES/CURRICULA**

Changes in the Economics Department majors and minors. Addition of ECON 327 (Women and Global Economics Development), a Perspectives course, to the list of electives in the economics major and minor. Effective Fall 2001.

Hearing no objections, the change was approved.
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ESCI 385 - Global Change, 3 credits, Writing Across the Curriculum "W" course, requirement for the Geological Oceanography major in the Earth Sciences Department. Effective Fall 2001.

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Hearing no objections, the change was approved.

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Change in designation of the following four courses to General Education G3 from Non-General education courses:

ECON 246 - Economics of Health and Healthcare, pre-existing course is already a "W" course, 3 credits. Effective Fall 2001.

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Change in Biology major, Marine Option. There will be no change in the minimum total credits required. The major field requirements have been restructured to enhance marine focus and encourage majors to select the Oceanography Minor. The net effect of the proposal is to move BIOL 241 (Ecology) from an elective to a required course and to change the elective required-related mix to include ESCI 363/MS 331 (Chemical Oceanography). Effective Fall 2001.

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Hearing no objections, the course was approved.

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**Faculty Emeritus**

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Dr. Schreiber moved that the proposal be approved. Dr. Heintzelman seconded the motion. The motion to approve passed unanimously.

**Freshman Weekend**

Joe Lynch, from Counseling and Human Development, discussed the successes of the "Weekend Retreats." (See attachment). He encouraged more faculty members to get involved.

**Elections for Faculty Senate Officers**

Nominations for Faculty Senate Chair were declared open. Joel Piperberg was nominated. Nominations were then closed. A Borger-Greco/Heintzelman motion was made. The motion instructing the Secretary to cast a ballot in favor of Dr. Piperberg’s for Chairperson of Faculty Senate passed.

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**Fall Calendar**

Dr. Rosenthal, from Joint-Senate Committee, reported that, after careful consideration, it was the consensus of that Committee, that no changes be recommended for the calendar. While imperfect, it would be too difficult to alter at this time. A brief discussion followed.

**Elections**

There were two nominations for the vacant GERC--Education Seat: Dr. Garner from Psychology and Dr. Hossain from ELED. Ballots were collected at the end of the meeting. Dr. Garner was elected to fill the seat.

**Other /New Business** None.

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.
Respectfully Submitted,

Jen Miller
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TO: FACULTY SENATE  
FROM: ACADEMIC STANDARDS COMMITTEE  
DATE: FEBRUARY 6, 2001  
RE: RESULTS OF APPEAL HEARINGS

On the reverse side of this sheet, you will find the numerical results of the hearings held in response to the appeal of dismissals from the University following the Fall 2000 semester. The Registrar prepared the tables.

The information shows that more dismissals (n - 123) occurred following the Fall 2000 semester than have occurred during the previous 10 Fall semesters for which information is available. Previously the range was 89 - 120 with a mean of 108.6.

During this round of hearings, 58 out of 123 students appealed their dismissals. The Committee approved 70.6% of the appeals, permitting 41 students to return to the University for the Spring 2001 semester. Previously the percentage of approvals ranged from 55.99% to 84.1% with a mean of 67.9%.

After the recent hearings, the final number of students dismissed was 82. This is the highest number dismissed since the Fall 1991 semester. The number of final dismissals has ranged from 57 - 90 since the Fall 1989 semester.

Issues

1. The hearings are complicated when students have contacted professors and have been told that a change of grade will be filed. Many of these students arrive with a three-quarter-page letter explaining to the Committee that a change of grade will be filed, the new grade, and the reasons for the change. In most cases, the reasons do not assist the Committee in guiding the student to improved academic performance. Since it would take professors less time to file a change of grade form than to write a letter, we suggest that whenever possible professors file the changes before the hearings are held. In many cases, the filing of a change of grade means the difference between dismissal and continuation on academic probation. Without the grade being certified by the Registrar prior to the hearings, some students are needlessly appealing their dismissals and traveling many miles to do it.

2. Faculty, students, and parents have brought the composition of the Committee to our attention. Currently, faculty from the School of Science and Mathematics dominate the Committee (Science & Mathematics - 7; Arts & Humanities - 2; Education - 2 (including chairperson); Non-school - 1). This dominance could vary from time to time. It might be suggested that perspectives on students' academic situations vary in part due to the disciplines of which we are a part Faculty Senate should consider the advantages and disadvantages of
retaining the current system of electing members, whereby all seats are open to all faculty in the University. The allocation of some or all seats by Schools is one alternative to the current electoral system.

3. The on-line Governance Manual does not reflect the current composition of the committee. The conflicting information relates to the number of elected members. The Governance Manual states 7, but we elected 11.

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Undergraduate Honors Program Committee

**Background:** According to the Honors Program Academic Requirements, students are required to take a minimum of two honors courses in each of the following academic areas: Humanities and Fine Arts (G1); Science and Mathematics (G2); and Social Sciences (G3).

**Proposal:** On Tuesday, October 31, 2000, the Undergraduate Honors Program Committee unanimously recommended a proposal that deleted the above requirement, effective for those students graduating May 2001 and thereafter.

**Justification:** The change simplifies and streamlines the requirements, giving students more freedom to choose while maintaining core requirements of Calculus, Lab Science, Literary & Intellectual Traditions, and Perspectives with Honors designation.

**Note:** The deletion of this requirement has no effect whatsoever on the general education distribution required of all students. Moreover, all honors students are still required to take no less than one honors course in each of the academic areas.
Statement of Declaration of Faculty Emeritus Status for Professor Gary Hovinen

Whereas Gary Hovinen developed and taught ten separate courses throughout his 27 years at Millersville University, and each and every semester maintained the highest expectations and standards for student performance at the university,

Whereas Gary Hovinen served on numerous university and departmental committees, including two terms as faculty senator, and twice as Chairman of the Department of Geography,

Whereas Gary Hovinen spent hundreds of hours helping to develop the Lancaster County's heritage tourism program, helping to bring the program international recognition, and worked on numerous community planning projects, including the recent Route 23 corridor study,

Whereas Gary Hovinen published numerous peer-reviewed research articles, a number of which have been reprinted and cited in a dozen books and two dozen research articles,

Now therefore be it resolved that the Geography Faculty of Millersville University thank and congratulate Dr. Hovinen for his valuable contributions to the life of the university and the department; and wishes him much continued success and happiness; and further

Be it resolved that the Geography Department recommends that Dr. Gary Hovinen be granted the title Professor Emeritus of Geography.
ON-CAMPUS REPORT

Getaway Weekend Helps Students Connect

For the last four years, a group of students, staff, and faculty at Millersville University have been taking the issue of helping new students adjust to college to the next level. In order to facilitate the transition process for new students and address some of the challenges that they will encounter, the program “Getaway Weekend” was developed and implemented. During the early portion of the fall semester, new student leaders, faculty, and staff join two groups of up to 40 students each for a cabin camping “Getaway Weekend” to a remote and beautiful off-campus setting.

The purpose of the Getaway Weekend is to provide an opportunity for these new students to feel that they belong somewhere and do have a community that they can connect with.

Getaway weekend... from page 1

Students enjoy some free time for personal reflection, exploration, and informal connection with peers.

Getaway weekend is associated with New Student Orientation and solicits most of its participants from the activities fair during each of the orientation sessions. The cost of the program for each student is $20, with $5 being refunded to each of them when they arrive on the bus for the trip to the campground. The bus leaves campus on a Friday evening and returns late in the day on a ful experience that will last a lifetime”; “I learned that others share my fears about freshman year”; “... a great learning experience, a fun textbook for life”; “... an opportunity to open myself up to new people and new ideas”; “Great! Best thing I’ve done in a while.”

Contact: Pete Messimer, associate dean of resident life, at 717-572-3162, or Joseph F. Lynch, psychologist/associate professor.

http://sites.millersville.edu/fsenate/Senate_Docs/Minutes/2001/D02_06_01.gif
The evaluations from previous weekend trips have been overwhelmingly positive. Some examples of student-written feedback from last year's two weekends: "... a wonderful experience."