

Tentative Agenda
Arts & Sciences Senate
November 18, 2002

- I. Approval of tentative agenda
- II. Approval of minutes from October 21st meeting
- III. Report of Arts & Sciences Senate President (J. Kuchner)
- IV. Brief follow-up report from Dean Staros on new faculty hires and searches (tentative)
- V. Report from Deputy Provost Mark Aronoff on the undergraduate colleges
- VI. Other Old Business
- VII. Other New Business

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October 21, 2002

- I. Approval of tentative agenda: Yes
- II. Approval of minutes of September 23, 2002 with corrections.
See clarification below from Provost McGrath.

III. Report of the Arts & Sciences Senate President (J. Kuchner)

J. Kuchner received the following e-mail from Provost McGrath with respect to the General Education issue -

Provost McGrath clarified that in the process of extended negotiations during the summer of 2001 Mark Aronoff wrote a letter (as part of the long back and forth with SUNY ADM) that as a last resort we would supply syllabi if required. That letter was copied to the Provost and President Kenny.

Subsequently, on July 8, 2002 Provost McGrath sent a letter to SUNY ADM in which he ignored that offer and argued that they should accept the good judgments of our curriculum committee. Both Bob Cerrato and Ben Walcott (and others) saw that letter and thought it took a reasonable stand.

J. Kuchner introduced New Vice President - Everett Waters

H. Silverman proposed motion to approve E. Waters as Vice President of Arts and Sciences senate, motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Update on A&S Senate subcommittees:

- PTC Committee has a non tenured person - Gillian Johns
- CASA - selected a new chair - Eduardo Mendieta
- J. Kuchner requested that each committee examine the sections of the constitution and bylaws that relates to them and report any suggestions for revisions. She also requested that each committee take part in a self study that considers the charge to the committee, the committee and turn over, the reporting process, the relationship to administration, and the overall utility and function of the committee. Committee chairs were asked to provide a written report to the Arts & Science Executive Committee by November 18.
- Graduate Program Committee is a standing committee. J. Kuchner will contact previous members to participate in this self-study
- J. Kuchner invited all senate members to review the constitution and by laws on the website and send suggestions by e-mail or written mail by November 18th.
- Reactivate ad hoc committee faculty rights and retirement and see if this should be a standing committee. The University Senate has a committee that primarily handles negotiations and specific cases.

- E. Waters suggests at the end of the review, the changes be reported to the President and Dean's office and they acknowledge the changes were reviewed. N. Goodman stated any changes made need to go to the President of the University.

IV. Report from Dean Staros

Two Associate Deans position and an advancement officer searches are now in process. Hopes that two out of 3 positions are filled by next A & S Senate meeting

General Faculty meeting 11/6 12:30-2pm in SAC, announcement will be released from Dean's office.

Dean reported budget situation

- Dean's office does not yet have final results from early retirement incentive.
- State allocates \$3,019,695 fewer than all salaries and obligations put together for CAS.
- An accounting procedure already has estimated a certain number of likely sabbaticals and leaves, even retirements. The money that would be saved from these individual decisions is already entered into the budget as money contributing to the general funds. Salary savings have been consumed before the Dean gets the budget.
- Provost and Deans have been working on how to raise income instead of cutting back salaries. Looking to retain upper class students (graduation) to retain capitation funds. We lose twice the amount of students after freshmen year than we do first semester.
- When asked about new searches, J. Staros did not have specific information but indicated that he would provide more details at the next meeting.
- New search for Dean of Admissions is currently being launched

V. Report of the Promotion and Tenure Committee (F. Gardaphe)

- Last page of Tentative Agenda shows report of School Year Fall 2002. - 11 faculty have been promoted to Professor & 11 have been promoted to Associate Professor.
- Provost is talking to PTC before making decisions (E. Waters)
- E. Waters provided feedback that many people realize prior to their tenure review that they will not be promoted and therefore leave before they come up for review.

VI. Resolution regarding General Education

The Arts and Science Senate Executive Committee approved the following Resolution. It was presented to the Arts and Science Senate for approval.

The Arts and Science Senate reaffirms the statement of the State University of New York Board of Trustees Resolution 98-241 - Regarding General Education (First resolved clause) which states:

The faculty of each institution will retain the responsibility for establishing the specific course requirements and content of a General Education curriculum reflective of the best practices in American higher education.

And therefore the sole responsibility for approval of general education courses at the State University of New York at Stony Brook shall rest with the appropriate Arts and Sciences Senate committee.

Motion passed unanimously.

N. Goodman: Report on Meeting at Purchase with Trustee Daniels

- Trustee Daniels reaffirmed trust in the faculty and did not support the decision made by PACGE to set up a committee to review curricula. This discussion will be followed up tonight at the SUNY Senate meeting in Syracuse

VII. Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Faculty Rights, Responsibilities and Retirement: Cross Departmental appointments and special designation of appointments (H. Silverman) (see guidelines handed out at meeting)

N. Goodman asked that we have a report but not take action.

Guidelines were presented which provide descriptions of appointment titles.

According to the committee, the Provost is waiting for action on this so that his office can begin using the guidelines.

Discussion followed as to whether these were guidelines or responsibilities

H. Waters stated that Psychology is uncomfortable with the designations. They have many faculty who are joint faculty members with other departments.

Other concerns raised include:

- The issue of titles as honorifics and their use off campus.
- The need for flexibility for departments.

J. Staros suggested that:

- a. It is problematic to have titles that have two meanings. Titles should be distinct.
- b. Secondary appointment is a common terminology that avoids some sources of confusion.

J. Kuchner asked for people to contact the ad hoc committee of the A & S Exec. Committee with comments and ideas so that these issues could inform the decision making process before the guidelines are brought to the entire A & S Senate.

N. Goodman suggested that senators be invited to a special meeting on this topic.

VIII. No Old Business

XI. No New Business.

Motion to adjourn @ 5:10pm

Respectfully submitted,
Diana Voss, Secretary
A & S Senate

