

ROWAN UNIVERSITY SENATE

Senate Minutes

Tuesday, May 8, 2007

3091 Education Hall

New Senators in Attendance: Keith Adams, Jacqueline Benevento, Krishan Bhatia, Joan Bryant, Sheri Chinen-Biesen, Doug Cleary, Jennifer Courtney, Michele DiCorcia, Leslie Elkins, Jon Foglein, Roberta Harvey, Karen Haynes, Susan Hersh, Olcay Ilicasu, Alison Krufka, Lili Levinowitz, Douglas Mapp, Clara Popa, Natalie Reaves, Adrian Rusu, Kathy Sernack (completing Pichon term), Pat Alexy-Stoll, Ieva Zake

New Senators Not in Attendance: Michael Banutu-Gomez, Joe Cassidy, Tony Lisa, Nick Schmelz represented by Kathleen Small, Karen Magee-Sauer (family funeral)

06-07 Senator Attendance: Bonnie Angelone, Herb Appelton, David Applebaum, Joe Bierman, Greg Biren, Lori Block, Kate Boland, Luis Brunstein, Bruce Caswell, Jay Chaskes, Kevin Dahm, Robert D'Intino, Carol Eigenbrot, Kathy Ganske, Dorie Gilchrist, Erick Guerra, John Hasse, Karen Heinz, Vasil Hnatyshin, Elisabeth Hostetter, Cristine Iftode, Frances Johnson, Candace Kelley, Ernst Knoesel, Lee Kress, Phillip Lewis, Yuhui Li, Matthew Lund, Julie Mallory-Church, Mary Marino, Brenda Marlin, Mark Matalucci, Afrodesia McCannon, Yusuf Mehta, Phyllis Meredith, Eric Milou, James Newell, Bob Newland, Anne Phillips, Henrietta Pichon, Robi Polikar, Anthony Robb, Tanya Santangelo, Dan Schowalter, Karen Sieftring, Kathleen Small, Tony Smith, Rob Sterner, Don Still, Eileen Stutzbach, Susan Taber, Skeff Thomas, Sanford Tweedie, Bernadyne Weatherford, Patrick Westcott, Barbra Williams, Cathy Yang, Tricia Yurak

06-07 Senators Not in Attendance/Represented by Alternate: Karen Heinz represented by Olcay Ilicasu

06-07 Senators Not in Attendance: Joe Basso, Ihsan Isik, John Pastin, Marian Stieber, Hong Zhang

1. Senate Election Results:

President- Eric Milou; Vice President- Nick Schmeltz; Secretary- Carol Eigenbrot

Standing Committee Chairs:

Academic Policies and Procedures- Sanford Tweedy

Campus Aesthetics and Environmental Concerns- Eileen Stutzbach

Career Development- Phil Lewis

Committee on Committees- Dorie Gilchrist

Curriculum- Kevin Dahm

Diversity- Anne Phillips

Intercollegiate Athletics- Rob Sterner

Learning Outcomes Assessment-Don Stoll

Professional Ethics and Welfare- Barbara Williams

Promotion- Lili Levinowitz

Recruitment/Admission/Retention- Matt Lund

Research- Clara Popa

Sabbatical Leave- Anthony Robb

Student Relations- Pat Stoll

Technological Resources- Adrian Rusu
Tenure and Recontracting- Natalie Reaves
University Budget and Planning- Bob Newland
At Large Committee Members- Julie Mallory Church, Bruce Caswell

2. Presentation by Provost Houshmand

Creation of the new college- Hiring continues; four courses will be offered during the summer; joint degrees with Cumberland have been established. There will be graduate courses by Spring'08. Talks with Camden County resulted in an agreement that has been sent to the deans for input.

The Provost looks forward to continuing his bi-monthly meeting with the Senate Executive officers. He has met with all departments and learned about the challenges of each and the resources need for all.

Graduate Education- He has managed to get the administrators to forgo graduate assistantships. In his view, graduate assistantships must be for academics only. If making a request for GA's, do it before September.

As of last Friday, deposits and application are up for freshmen and transfers from the same time last year. Quality of the class is the same with a large surge. The number of acceptances of minority students is up.

A retreat with the deans around special admits is scheduled. He is looking at ways to improve "undeclared" services. He respects the work of the CAP Center; however, 800 students are without academic departments.

Regarding the budget: Three years of historical data has been collected for each department and he has had numerous discussions at retreats with the deans. We are closer to a budget with reallocations of more to the academic side which he views as being short-changed. This noticeably has affected faculty attendance at conferences in every department. He intends to give every dean a figure to work with; whatever is saved is being kept by the department. His approach has the support of Dr. Farish. A 12% increase is anticipated over the current year with 100 additional sections across colleges. He seeks for more fairness and equity in new budgeting procedures. There will be an increase of approximately 1005 for chairs over the summer at a cost of \$90,000.

The Technology Review Committee has been put together to review IT system's lack of reliability and redundancy. At least .5 million dollars has been set aside to fix this problem, with \$300,000 from the Provost. He is asking for 1.2 million to restructure over a two year period.

The Dean of FPA Search has been completed and an offer has been made. The Dean of Business has resigned and the search for a new dean is about to begin.

He supports additional resources for the enhancement of the Faculty Center.

He addressed the following concerns raised from the floor: IT funding, cuts to graduate assistants in Academic Affairs offices, library enhancement, and compensation for increased

workloads of academic secretaries. The Provost emphasized that no graduate assistants will teach.

President's Report

President Newell made a brief report in the interest of time, referring to his written summary.

- Meeting with the Provost- they met regarding the Graduate Council's proposal. The Council will be reconstituted to have one representative from each college. The Provost is drafting procedures for how proposals will come to the Senate.
- Constitution Reform- President Newell asked Bruce Caswell to clean up the language in the document in committee. He also proposed that each membership issue be addressed for a 5 minute discussion, then, put to a vote. Changes will return to the Constitution Committee for the "final" draft to be brought back to the senate in the fall.
- President Newell proposed combining report recommendations if time ran short towards the end of the meeting.

Old Business

Academic Policies and Procedures- Susan Tabor

Chair, proposed the ***Resolution on the Dean's List Policy***.

Carol Eigenbrot proposed an amendment; seconded by Eileen Stutzbach: *That feedback be by each semester with a 6 credit, instead of a 12 credit threshold.*

The amended motion was defeated.

The proposed resolution (as revised) **passed** with 1 "no" and 1 abstaining vote.

Resolved that...*Part-time students who have completed 12 or more semester hours with letter grades during the academic year (Fall, Winter, Summer1, and Summer semesters) and who achieve a grade point average of 3.450 or better will be placed on the Dean's List in August.*

Ethics in Research - Robi Polikar

Chair, proposed the ***Resolution on Establishment of a Training Program for Ethical and Responsible Conduct of Research***. With the addition of a Friendly Amendment to add "faculty/faculty staff," the motion carried unanimously. It applies to anyone with externally funded grants and dissertation research students.

Curriculum- Kevin Dahm.

The list of courses to be de-listed has circulated twice to the Senate, chairs and Curriculum Committee. The goal is to remove courses from the catalog that are unavailable to students.

Chair is proposing a ***Resolution to Delist Classes*** with the list to be forwarded to the Provost one week from today. Requests to keep from 15-20 courses have already been received. Any course can be brought back by calling the Provost's Office.

The motion passed unanimously.

Constitution Reform- Bruce Caswell.

Other bargaining units and adjunct unit have already been discussed, adjunct representation was defeated. Other units, Camden campus and SGA are left to decide. If the revisions are approved by the Senate, the document goes to referendum and then to the Board of Trustees.

The Camden Campus is defined as one unit for representation purposes making them ineligible for other representation. Camden has unique issues.

- It was moved that Camden receive representation; the vote carried with 40-Yes, 9-No and 2-Abstentions.
- The proposal to have student representation was defeated 45- No, 7- Yes and 1- Abstention.

Discussion ensued related to CWA and IFTE locals as an attempt to promote communication and create a dialog. It was moved and seconded to extend the discussion on bargaining unit representation by 5 minutes; the vote ended in a tie with President Newell voting against extension.

- Motion to include the other bargaining units was moved and seconded; it was defeated by a vote of 34-no, 17-yes and 1-Abstention.

In summary, the Senate voted to include Camden representation.

New Business

Technological Resources Committee- Vasil Hnatyshin

The committee presented a resolution on the formation of laptop policy which involves incorporation of laptops into teaching. According to the Chair, this is a complex issue involving faculty, facilities, administration and industry input that is being considered at other colleges, many of which have policies. The proposal is for an ad hoc committee consisting of representation faculty, librarians, Student Affairs, IT and SGA. A friendly amendment to include a Financial Aid rep was defeated by a 28:24 vote. The motion for the ad hoc committee passed with a vote of 50-for and 2 abstentions.

Promotion- Kathy Ganske

The first two issues of the memorandum don't account for load outside of faculty (i.e.-as administrators); this led to confusion.

There is an issue of how to evaluate scholarship when someone is appointed to two programs. It was recommended that the bargaining Committee review what to do with those who don't fit simple categories for promotion. Discussion ensued around how to have a fair and equitable procedure for all and whether the document reflects equity change issues.

A motion requesting that the Bargaining Agent "review equity" passed with 2 abstentions.

Committee Reports

President Newell requested altering the agenda to allow for Math Department speaker to arrive later; approved.

Professional Ethics and Welfare- referred to the written report.

Regarding the Academic Integrity Task Force, a survey request was sent out. Don McCabe was brought to campus to address the issues.

Campus Aesthetics- Skeffington Thomas

Chair thanked the Senate. He noted the banning of vehicle traffic on walkways as an example of the committee's work.

Technological Resources- Vasil Hnatyshin

Discussion ensued regarding developing a less rigid test; it was stated that the cost and time of doing so is prohibitive. Questions were raised as to why students are failing the exam. Email comments to the Chair.

Curriculum- Kevin Dahm

The 5 year BA/MA Math Degree Proposal was untabled. The sponsor, Hieu Nguyen, addressed the rationale for the proposal stating:

1. More students are coming with AP credits who are very advanced. With this degree they could receive more advanced training.
2. This degree would increase the number of graduates enrolled
3. The degree presents an opportunity to promote advanced training in math.

In the proposed program, graduate courses replace undergraduate requirements, not vice versa. They are not replacing General Education requirements, only math requirements.

With a 5 minute extension, discussion ensued. A Motion to Table was defeated by a vote of 28:15:6.

Motion to Call the Question carried: 36:6; 2

Voting on the motion resulted in a tie vote: 24:24:3. The tie was broken by President Newell against the proposal based on not establishing a new precedent before the Senate fully discusses the matter next fall. **The motion was defeated.**

Sabbatical- Frances Johnson

Chair referred to her written report. There were 15 applications with faculty continuing to call about not taking their sabbaticals. She urged reps to take back to their departments the importance of being careful and astute about applying.

Budget and Planning- Bob Newland

A motion to continue with the previous committee over the summer until work is completed was unanimously approved.

Academic Policies and Procedures- Kathy Ganske

Chair referred to non-discussed items; there was no further discussion.

President Elect, Eric Milou, scheduled a meeting with all chairs to go over committee for 9a.m. on May 22 in Library Room 226.

A request was made for the LOA Chair to include the committee's charge in its report was noted.

A motion to accept all committee reports passed unanimously.

Ad Ho committee Reports

Moved acceptance of the **Awards and University Scholarships** report, passed unanimously. The chair, Claudia Cuddy, was thanked for service.

Library- Lee Kress (reporting as a member)

Provided a written report mentioning problems with the budget. The first and second priorities were accomplished, but he wanted it to be emphasized as a priority of the incoming president that costs continue to rise.

Bookstore, represented by Robert D'Intino, had an interesting year. An MBA student did a freight analysis finding a \$50,000 savings over 5 years. The privatization issue came up with the committee raising questions as to what is in the best interest of Rowan's students. There were 2 recommendations.

The "*Chaskes Amendment*" of a few years ago was suggested as a priority with the Middle States review be used to leverage the issue.

Master Plan Report- Sanford Tweedie

Committees are still working with the review coming forward for a few months.

Discussion ensued regarding the poor quality and cost of the report.

International Education Council- Joy Xin

The committee reviewed several proposals for International Studies trying to get one for each continent. The committee created a group of faculty experts who can share with student who study abroad, giving workshops on relevant issues such as culture, safety, etc. International students met with the committee on their experiences here regarding housing, food services, etc.

Committee Recommendation: Increase enrollment of international students; address their housing problems.

A resolution for providing housing for foreign faculty at Rowan was introduced.

Motion to Adjourn at 2:45p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Mallory Church, Senate Secretary