

**University Senate**  
*Minutes*  
Bozorth Auditorium  
April 17, 2006

**In Attendance:** Herb Appelson, David Applebaum, Greg Biren, Lori Block, Luis Brunstein, Larry Butler, Bruce Caswell, Jay Chaskes, Joe Coulombe, Kevin Dahm, Roberta DiHoff, Richard Earl, Carol Eigenbrot, Robert Fleming, Kathy Ganske, Dorie Gilchrist, Karen Heinz, Vasil Hnatyshin, Judy Holmes, Elisabeth Hostetter, Cristina Iftode, Ihsan Isik, Frances Johnson, David Klassen, Lee Kress, Christopher Lacke, Phillip Lewis, Brenda Marlin, Yusuf Mehta, Eric Milou, Esther Mummert, Bob Newland, John Pastin, Anne Phillips, Robi Polikar, Tanya Santangelo, Dan Schowalter, Karen Siefring, Mickey Smith, Marian Stieber, Maria Sudeck, Susan Taber, Sanford Tweedie, Mary Beth Walpole, Michael Weiss, Barbara Williams, Tricia Yurak, Eileen Stutzbach.

**Not in Attendance/Represented by Alternate:** Yuhui Li represented by Tony Sommo, Mark Matalucci represented by Bonnie Wilson, Pat Alexy-Stoll represented by Jeff Margolis, Skeff Thomas (Sabbatical) represented by Andrew Hottle, Cathy Yang represented by Charles Schultz

**Not in Attendance:** Joe Bierman, William Carrigan, John Gallagher, John Hasse, Candace Kelley, Mary Marino, Ellen Miller, Kathleen Small, Rob Sterner, Don Stoll, Hong Zhang

- I. Agenda approved.
- II. Minutes of University Senate of March 27, 2006 approved.
- III. President's Report: **Bruce Caswell** (report separate page)
- IV. Committee Reports
  - A. Curriculum: **Eric Milou** (report of announcements on separate page)

The following "major changes to degree programs" were approved.

- BA in Education (Specialization in Health Exercise Science)
- MA in Health Promotion Management
- MA in Mathematics
- Statistics Concentration
- Physical Science

A new minor in Art History was approved.

A quasi curricular course revision to "Adventure and Experimental Learning" was approved.

Eric also reported that his discussion with the Provost reached a satisfactory conclusion and no further action will be taken on the resolution passed during the March 27 Senate meeting.

- B. Academic Polices and Procedures: **Susan Taber** (written report separate page)

The most recent version of the "Academic Dismissal, Probation and Suspension Policy" was presented. The Committee is recommending that the 1999 – 2004 approved policy should be implemented as per report. The committee further recommended that an impact study be conducted before any additional higher GPA "thresholds" be considered. The vote on these recommendations will take place at the May meeting.

C. Promotion: **Sandy Tweedie**

The committee has certified 24 folders out of 34. Certification means that all Promotion application requirements have been met. Concerns were expressed about the high number of non-certified folders and if something changed this year, since in prior years there was a much lower percentage of non-certified applications. Sandy reported “multiple problems,” such as disagreement on college or departmental committees which made statements which were “vague” or unclear. In response to questions from the floor, He could not speculate why this occurred in the present year as opposed to previous years.

D. Research: **Robi Polikar**

The Non-Salary Financial Support proposal was sent to the Academic Affairs Council, which totally changed most of it, taking four months to do so. The Committee will meet with the Council next week to find out why.

Robi presented a committee proposal for Graduate Research Assistantships – Tuition Assistance Program. With the assent of the Senate, rules were suspended regarding the length of time required for reading the proposal and it was passed.

E. Student Affairs: **Lori Block**

Lori gave a report on the success of the Academic Integrity Forum which took place on March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2006. All attendees reported that it was excellent. A formal evaluation is forthcoming.

F. Tenure and Re-Contracting: **Tricia Yurak**

Today is the deadline for T&R materials to be delivered to the Senate office (extended from the 14th, Good Friday).

G. Ad Hoc Constitution: **Karen Sieftring**

In the spirit of working toward consensus regarding the Constitution revisions, a survey will soon be sent to all Senators dealing with issues of concern which have come up in various campus forums and discussions.

V. Old Business

A. Campus Aesthetics Committee resolution: The resolution on “Rowan University and the New Jersey Higher Education Partnership for Sustainability” (NJHEPS) was moved, seconded and passed. (see attached)

B.. Intercollegiate Athletics Committee Bylaw proposal for change was presented, amended and approved. (attached)

VI. New Business

A Budget Crisis Resolution was presented by the President, it was amended and approved as attached.

VII. Motion to adjourn approved.

