Senate Minutes
3-26-07
Bozorth Auditorium

ATTENDEES: Bonnie Angelone, Herb Appelson, David Applebaum, Joe Bierman, Lori Block, Kate Boland, Luis Brunstein, Bruce Caswell, Jay Chaskes, Kevin Dahm, Robert D’Intino, Carol Eigenbrot, Kathy Ganske, Dorie Gilchrest, Erick Guerra, John Hasse, Karen Heinz, Vasil Hnatyshin, Elisabeth Hostetter, Cristina Iftode, Frances Johnson, Candace Kelley, Ernst Knoesel, Lee Kress, Phillip Lewis, Yuhui Li, Matthew Lund, Mary Marino, Brenda Marlin, Mark Matalucci, Afrodesia McCannon, Yusuf Mehta, Phyllis Meredith, Eric Milou, James Newell, Bob Newland, Anne Phillips, Henrietta Pichon, Anthony Robb, Karen Siefring, Tony Smith, Don Stoll, Eileen Stutzbach, Susan Taber, Skeff Thomas, Sanford Tweedie, Bernadyne Weatherford, Patrick Westcott, Cathy Yang, Tricia Yurak, Hong Zhang

NOT IN ATTENDANCE Due to Extenuating Circumstances: Julie Mallory-Church (professional conference attendance) Kathleen Small (student registration problems due to Banner system), Marian Stieber (back injury), Robi Polikar, Barbara Williams (NCATE for College of Education)

NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Joe Basso, Greg Biren, Ihsan Isik, John Pastin, Tanya Santangelo, Dan Schowalter, Marilyn Shontz, Rob Sterner

1. Agenda approved

2. Minutes of February meeting approved as amended.

3. President’s Report

President Newell presented his report, removing the report of the Research Committee from the agenda to be dealt with at the next meeting. He also reported that he had talked to Jim Henderson about the concerns regarding BANNER and believes that these have all been dealt with. This renders moot the resolution which came from the computer science department during the last meeting of Senate Exec.

4. Committee Reports

A. Curriculum – Kevin Dahm moved approval of Proposal 220 dealing with Writing Arts Department program modifications. Proposal discussed and passed. Also approved were Proposal 412, and the Honor’s proposal, # 904. Clarifications regarded the Honor’s Interdisciplinary courses were made.

B. Committee on Committees – Dorie Gilchrist moved approval of two replacement members on the Career Development Committee. Stephanie Weidman replaces Carol Walsh and Charles Brett replaces Krista Hillman.
C. Learning Outcomes – Don Stoll reported on committee progress regarding the Outcomes Survey, which has been based on outcomes identified by the 2003 General Education Task Force. The next step is to bring values identified by the Survey to an Open Hearing for discussion among interested members of the Rowan Community. This takes place on April 2, 2007 in room 226 of the Library from 11 to noon. After these open discussions, agreed upon outcomes will be used to propose a means to assess student learning at Rowan.

D. Technological Resources -Vasil Hnatyshin reminded Senators to return the surveys which are in circulation for skills assessment attributes for the Computer Competency Exam. The questions on this survey were compiled over the summer by the TRC committee.

5. Old Business

A. Resolution on Academic Advising – Susan Taber moved acceptance of a resolution which defines the nature of academic advisement on campus. Several friendly amendments were made and the motion for approval passed.

B. The issue of membership in the process of making Senate constitutional revisions proposed first in 2003, continues to be discussed annually. Bruce Caswell and Karen Siefring brought us up to date on the discussion, so far, regarding membership issues that were recommended by the Constitutional Committee. A motion was made from the floor that adjuncts not be considered for membership. This motion passed. Then other membership recommendations were discussed briefly. This discussion will be continued at the next Senate meeting.

6. Motion to adjourn passed.

Minutes prepared by Dorie Gilchrist