

**Rowan University Senate
General Meeting Minutes
April 23, 2007
3091 Education Hall**

ATTENDEES: Bonnie Angelone, Herb Appelson, Joe Bierman, 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, Matthew Lund, Julie Mallory-Church, Marin Marino, Brenda Marlin, Mark Matalucci, Phyllis Meredith, Eric Milou, James Newell, Bob Newland, Anne Phillips, Henrietta Pichon, Robi Polikar, Anthony Robb, Tanya Santangelo, Dan Schowalter, Karen Siefring, Kathleen Small, Tony Smith, Rob Sterner, Don Stoll, Eileen Stutzbach, Susan Taber, Skeff Thomas, Sanford Tweedie, Bernadyne Weatherford, Patrick Westcott, Barbara Williams, Cathy Yang, Hong Zhang

NOT IN ATTENDANCE-REPRESENTED BY ALTERNATE: Greg Biren represented by Michael Donovan

NOT IN ATTENDANCE: David Applebaum, Joe Basso, Ihsan Isik, Yuhui Li, Afrodesia McCannon, Yusuf Mehta, John Pastin, Marilyn Shontz, Marian Stieber, Tricia Yurak

Call to Order - 10:50a.m. by President Newell.

Introduction of Visitors- Ashley from the WHIT and Prof. Bill Carrigan, History Department.

Approval of Minutes from the March meeting- passed unanimously.

Open Period- President Farish addressed the Senate

Identified two projects in competition with each other: the Rowan Blvd. project and the West Campus project. With Mansion deteriorating, there is a need for additional residential space by the year 2009. 720 are being leased. Even though it was originally planned, no ground was broken in 2006 and thus a growing concern. The soccer stadium plan was cancelled due to lack of money. OPUS wants to bring housing among other things by 2009 if the Rowan Blvd. project falls through. Town houses are most popular and most expensive; parents are complaining about other student housing.

The west campus project would allow for leasing land for a sports complex at no cost to Rowan.

Barnes and Nobles would be a part of the Rowan Blvd. project. They require that their store be the only campus bookstore beginning in September '08. No employees would lose their job. B&N would be a two-story operation carrying their name in small print as they have done on many other campuses. An example is TCNJ where they've been for over 30 years and include a Starbucks. This proposal will be considered in discussions

over the next two months, there is nothing definite yet. A restaurant to be operated by Hilton with 100 rooms, a small restaurant and conference facility, is breaking ground today.

Questions ensued; summarized:

Q: Will B&N carry art supplies? A: There will need to be a broad conversation about products carried by the store.

Q: Concern about housing on west campus being isolated, thus, less secure. A: It will have to be thought of as part of an integrated community. Need for synergy including ER services currently under discussion with Kennedy Memorial.

Q: What about transportation services? A: Shuttle-bus being considered.

Q: What is Rowan doing in wake of V-Tech to increase safety? A: A variety of things are being explored including software for messaging and lock down. Acting Governor Cody has stated that NJ campuses will be the safest by the fall.

Q: As first step, we'd have to work with Rowan's Counseling Center, has this been considered? A: Spoke to Director yesterday, working on supporting both CC and the Health Center's needs. Director/Associate VP shared the magnitude of the problem with the Board. Need to make sure there is enough staff to be supportive and possibly be more intrusive.

Q: What advantage is there in having B&N at Rowan? A: Biggest advantage is to create a campus village atmosphere with Glassboro. The bookstore building will need work if it's kept; is having a large modern building worth it? He hasn't heard of any problems.

Comment: Another college had problems with getting certain editions for faculty. We need to make sure they have some incentive to insure accountability of getting the books we want and when. A: We will need to have assurances of protections built in.

Comment: Urging that environmental concerns be considered. A: IN both cases, both companies have been told that they must follow our standards.

Q: With the agreement with Camden County, when will it be decided which courses will run? A: Not yet sure.

Comment/Q: Growth indicates sprawl; Rowan Blvd came in at goal (excellent). Will services be within walking distance for our students? A: Yes.

President's Report- President Jim Newell

- Debate on the Constitution membership issue- Pres. Newell noted that it is clear that each issues is being considered separately, therefore, an executive decision to separate them was made. The resolutions will go back to the Committee and be returned for approval in the fall after which there will be a campus-wide ratification.
- The May meeting will be two-fold: New Senate elects both officers and chairs. Senators with expired terms and not re-elected don't have to attend this part. The Provost will then summarize his first year, followed by lunch. After lunch, the Senate finishes its business for the year. Newly elected senators have no formal role in this and may leave if they choose.

Verbal Committee Reports

Curriculum- Kevin Dahm

Proposal 116,118,119 were moved together and unanimously approved.

Proposal 223 on Communication Studies concentrations was unanimously approved.

Proposal 417 for a MA in Engineering Management is supported by the Business School; courses are not yet added. Accepted as a friendly amendment “pending State approval” and was then passed unanimously.

Proposal 419 Civil Engineering Statistics I passed unanimously.

Proposal 607 to change the name of Liberal Studies to American Studies, pending state approval (it is seen as a new degree by the state) Discussion ensued.

Vote: 21 in favor; 13 opposed and 10 abstentions. The motion passed by majority.

Proposal 729 concerning a certificate that is mandated by the state passed unanimously.

Proposal 817 requiring state approval for double counting at the BA and masters level. This is considered as an accelerated program for the best math majors. Discussion ensued.

Motion to Table passed.

Proposal 839 passed unanimously.

Proposal 903 the committee report was amended to show that a correction to this being a Specialization not a Concentration. 17 programs are participating; there are two sequences.

Motion carried with 2 opposed and 2 abstentions.

Proposal 908 regarding the sequence of 5 graduate level courses for certification passed unanimously.

Academic Policies and Procedures-Susan Tabor

Chair introduced a proposal as an insertion into the current policy, and allowing for students to be recognized for honors who attend part-time. A concern was expressed over whether Banner can track this nuance.

Motion to Adjourn at 12:07p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Julie Mallory Church, Senate Secretary