

UNIVERSITY SENATE MEETING

November 26, 2007, 10:50 am, 3091 Education Hall

ATTENDEES: Keith Adams, Bonnie Angelone, Herb Appelson, Jacqueline Benevento, Krishan Bhatia, Lori Block, Kate Boland, Kate Boland, Joe Cassidy, Bruce Caswell, Doug Cleary, Jennifer Courtney, Kevin Dahm, Michele DiCorcia, Robert D’Intino, Tom Doddy, Carol Eigenbrot, Leslie Elkins, Jon Foglein, Dorie Gilchrist, Erick Guerra, Roberta Harvey, John Hasse, Karen Haynes, Susan Hersh, Olcay Ilicasu, Ihsan Isik, Alison Krufka, Lili Levinowitz, Phillip Lewis, Janet Lindman, Matthew Lund, Midge Madden, Karen Magee-Sauer, Julie Mallory-Church, Douglas Mapp, Douglas Mapp, Afrodesia McCannon, Phyllis Meredith, Eric Milou, Bob Newland, Anne Phillips, Robi Polikar, Natalie Reaves, Anthony Robb, Maria Rosado, Adrian Rusu, Nick Schmelz, Kathleen Sernak, Tony Smith, Sanford Tweedie, Patrick Westcott, Barbara Williams, Tricia Yurak, Ieva Zake

NOT IN ATTENDANCE: (Represented by Alternates) Tanya Santangelo represented by Paul Fitch, Don Stoll represented by Roberta Harvey, Pat Alexy-Stoll represented by Jeff Margolis, and Eileen Stutzbach represented by Mike Dorris.

NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Michael Banutu-Gomez, Joe Basso, Belinda Bragg, Sheri Chinen-Biesen, Candace Kelley, Clara Popa and Rob Sterner.

1. Approval of Agenda – moved, seconded, approved
2. Introduction of Visitors – WHIT reporter
3. Approval of Minutes from October 2007 – Motion to approve, second, carried with correction as follows: “Ad-hoc committee *formed* to respond to the SCI report” corrected to read “Ad-hoc committee *announced* to respond to the SCI report.”
4. President’s Report (see page 4)
5. Open Period:
 - Tim Michener reported to Senate regarding campus response to recent incident at Rowan and campus response to Virginia Tech incident.
 - Rowan University added \$25,000 to the \$25,000 reward offered by the County Prosecutor’s Office to make a \$50,000 reward for information leading to the identification, apprehension and conviction of whoever attacked the Rowan student on the evening of October 27th. Reward has helped to “open up some mouths” with over 60 leads being pursued as a result. About two weeks into the investigation there was a hot lead on 5 people, but these five were questioned and eventually determined not to be suspects. Investigation covers the tri-state area and perhaps will need to be expanded to the New York and DC metropolitan areas. University response to this incident includes 14 initiatives (see Campus Safety Steps on page 5).
 - In response to the Virginia Tech incident, the University is getting Mobile Data Terminals, MDTs, in police cars – in 3 cars so far and 3 more to be installed shortly. MDTs are computers which provide much additional information/communication for officers including diagrams of campus building interiors. The use of MDTs allows

officers to write reports from their cars, which means more time out around campus rather than in an office writing reports. E911 is coming which will give room# and hall where call originates. Recommended to sign up for Rowan's emergency text messaging, which has experienced some technical difficulties. It is also recommended to sign up for emergency text messaging from the county in addition to Rowan's service.

- Rowan is part of National Incident Management Plan, NIMS. Plan is to open an Office of Emergency Management at Rowan which will permit Rowan to have a seat on the emergency management planning board at the county level.
- Rowan has 24 initiatives as a result of the Virginia Tech response and more due to the Rowan homicide – some overlap. Public Safety will be converting our existing emergency management plans to a NIMS compliant document over the next nine months. Check out “Emergency Response” on the web.
- Building specific Emergency Response Plans will be developed in the coming months. Building representatives will be asked to assist in the development of these specific plans. There is an educational component of the Emergency Operations Plan, with training on-line or a trainer to come to the department/office/area.
- The university is looking into camera systems, which brings up privacy issues. We are hiring 5 additional security officers that will move into police officer positions after a year experience on campus. Also have hired some temporary officers through Allied Barton whose specialty is college security; these officers will be unarmed. Crime and assaults on our campus have gone down over past few years. 80 to 85% of crime on campus is committed by our own students.
- Lighting – 4 of the 5 areas suggested by Sasaki have been completed. Another survey of lighting was done last week. Joe Orlins/Facilities did his own survey. Adding 28 additional emergency phones. Rape Aggression Defense program presented in several Rowan Seminar courses, 45 minute program. After a rape situation, need to re-establish sense of personal empowerment, so female will feel more safe/in control around campus. Racial profiling not done at Rowan – but must follow up on suspects.

6. Standing Committees & Task Forces

- a. Curriculum Report was distributed
 - i. Program announcement (waiver) for the B.S. in Athletic Training
 - ii. Program announcement for B.A. in Chemistry
- b. Statewide Transfer Agreement Task Force
 - i. Agreement does not have a literature, arts or multicultural global requirement, which creates an apparent conflict with Rowan's requirements.

7. Old Business

- a. Accelerated Dual Bachelor's and Master's Degrees Policy (**page 6**) Sanford Tweedie discussed minor modifications, motion was made, seconded and the resolution was passed.

- b. Manual Entry of Grading Policy (**page 7**) Motion was made to remove the dean from the processing of the form. Motion failed. Motion was made to approve the proposed policy as written. Motion passed with 2 opposed and 1 abstention.

8. New Business

- a. Senate Constitution Revision (**separate file**) was distributed and discussed, first reading. Senators should bring this document back to their departments/units for discussion. Senate due to vote on this Senate Constitution Revision at the December meeting and then it must go the entire unit and then to the Board of Trustees for their approval.
- b. Public Safety Resolution (**page 8**) was distributed and discussed, first reading. There was discussion regarding step #13, working with faculty to increase the number of daytime classes to allow students to avoid evening classes if they want. Senate will vote on the resolution in December.
- c. Committee on Committees changes (Dorie)
 - i. Ron Block is a new member of the Library Committee
 - ii. Faye Zhu is a new member of the Learning Outcomes Assessment Committee.

9. Adjournment

President's Report:

1. Spring 2008 class cancellation rumors are false. False about need to cancel courses. Chart about money spent fall term and allocated for spring term by college provided to Senate President by the Provost. No full courses will be canceled for spring term. Usual procedure for canceling courses with enrollment below a certain number will still occur. Note that resources have been moved from certain areas (Provost and College of Education) to areas where it is most needed for adjunct and overload for full-time faculty.
2. CPCE Financial Report - Look at any course from your department that is offered at "main" to be sure it is really a CPCE course. Is this accurate? There are more columns to come regarding the expenses, especially instructor salaries.
3. Create ad-hoc committee to review and respond to SCI report (Bruce Caswell, Yvonne Rodriguez, Natalie Reaves) Still looking for two more members, even if currently not a senator.
4. Graduate School Reorganization Open Forum – Provost will hold his open forum in the spring. We need the graduate council to take the lead on this. Need to present our input early in the process.
5. Open Period – rumor that it will be moved to Friday to get more faculty here on Friday and more classes held on Friday. Senate President has suggested that administration offer faculty to run courses with lower enrollment on Fridays rather than not run them at all. Suggested use of the carrot approach.
6. 40th anniversary of Senate ad hoc committee formed (Cindy Vitto, Ed Streb, Nick Schmelz, Karen Siefring, Julie Mallory-Church, Frances Johnson, and Bruce Caswell)
7. (on overhead) Suggestion that before winter break there should be a plan for furniture changes for spring term. Perhaps use rectangular tops for some of the trapezoidal tables. Perhaps return armchair desks to one room in each building.

CAMPUS SAFETY STEPS

1. We immediately will hire additional security staff with the intention of creating a greater sense of presence of security on the campus. These staff will patrol the campus itself, during the evening and nighttime hours, by foot or bicycle, with a special concentration on the parking areas and residence halls. These additional security staff will be in place by this weekend.
2. For the long term, I will recommend to the Board of Trustees that we hire five additional police officers. The hiring process will commence before the end of the semester.
3. Public Safety will provide additional training for the Student Community Policing Practitioners, who currently accompany students to and from campus venues upon request.
4. We will expand our 20-year-old escort program, newly renamed Safe Walk & Ride. Students will be able to call Public Safety if they wish to be escorted or driven to and from nearby off-campus residences and the campus itself.
5. Public Safety will begin a new program called Student Patrol, wherein students will be trained and hired to patrol the campus in uniformed pairs on foot or bicycle.
6. We will investigate the creation of a K-9 corps.
7. We will evaluate lighting throughout campus to ensure that it is well lit and act expeditiously to make improvements where necessary.
8. We will significantly increase student programming funds to allow for more campus events and in that way encourage more students to stay on campus.
9. We will continue to assess the feasibility of installing cameras in certain locations on campus.
10. We will build on existing personal safety programs, including self-defense classes.
11. For the time being, Public Safety has restructured its shifts, increasing them from eight hours to 12 hours. Under this approach, more officers will be on campus at strategic times.
12. The Gloucester County Prosecutor's Office is providing funding to the Borough of Glassboro to expand police coverage in the vicinity of the campus.
13. We will work with the faculty to increase the number of daytime classes to allow students to avoid evening classes if they want.
14. We will continue to strongly encourage members of the campus community and, through the students, their parents to sign up with the text messaging system.

Proposal for Accelerated Dual Bachelor's and Master's Degrees

11-11-07

This policy allows approved university programs currently offering a Bachelor's degree to create an accelerated dual Bachelor's and Master's program. By taking up to 12 semester hours of graduate credit prior to completing the Bachelor's degree, students receive dual credit towards both degrees. Proposals for an accelerated dual degree must be approved by the Curriculum Committee using process C. In addition to any normal curricular requirements, proposals must:

- 1) Stipulate the number of graduate credits that undergraduate students will be allowed to take towards their Master's degrees. A maximum of 12 graduate credits may be counted towards both degrees.
- 2) Stipulate which graduate courses also fulfill undergraduate requirements, since some courses will be double-counted in the accelerated dual degree.
- 3) Demonstrate that double-counting of credits does not compromise the integrity of either degree, including, but not limited to, the Gen Ed course requirements.
- 4) Define entrance requirements that must be met by students applying for the program.
- 5) Designate at what point students may apply for the degree program (for example, as entering freshmen, during sophomore year, when they have 60-90 credits, etc.).
- 6) Propose contingency plans for those students who do not finish the Master's portion of the degree program that will allow them to earn a Bachelor's degree.

Note 1: Students enrolled in the accelerated dual program will pay undergraduate fees for all courses until they have reached the required number of credits for that undergraduate degree, whether the courses are undergraduate or graduate. Beyond this, students will be required to pay graduate credit for graduate courses. Under no circumstances are students allowed to take more than 12 graduate credits at the undergraduate rates.

Note 2: Programs that currently offer a Bachelor's but no Master's must propose and have accepted, via the curricular process, the Master's degree concurrently with the proposal for the accelerated dual degrees.

Proposed Policy on Manual Entry of Grading
10-1-07

In the rare case where exigent circumstances prevent a faculty member from entering final grades, validating class rosters, or reporting last date of attendance (LDA) information into Banner directly, the faculty member may provide the information in writing to the chair of the department on a form signed by the faculty member. This form also must be signed by the department chair and the dean or his/her designee then forwarded to the Registrar's office for manual entry.

ROWAN UNIVERSITY SENATE RESOLUTION

PUBLIC SAFETY INITIATIVE

- Whereas the unthinkable has happened at Rowan University;
- Whereas the Rowan University family has been stunned by the attack which took the life of Rowan student Donald Farrell;
- Whereas one of the ways in which the Rowan campus has responded to the death of Donnie Farrell is the issuing of a 14-point public safety initiative on October 30 by President Farish.

May it therefore be resolved

- That the Rowan University Senate applauds President Farish proposing the 14 point public safety initiative of October 30 and further resolves that the spirit of the public safety initiative continue into the future as an on going effort.