I. Agenda approved.

II. Minutes of University Senate meeting of Oct. 10, 2005 approved with correction.

III. President’s Report, Bruce Caswell (separate page.)

IV. Committee Reports

A. Academic Policies and Procedures Susan Taber reported that the committee has been working on the “Grade Grievance” policy. The Provost has informed the committee that the attorney general has clarified that faculty must inform students before submitting grades which would be changed due to plagiarism or other forms of cheating.

B. Campus Aesthetics/Environmental Concerns Skeffington N. Thomas (attached)

C. Career Development Lee B. Kress New proposal deadlines are posted on the web.

D. Committee on Committees Frances S. Johnson Roberto Madero has agreed to serve as the LAS member on the Career Development Committee. The Committee is looking for a Budget Committee replacement.

E. Curriculum Eric Milou The following proposals were submitted for approval. 1. The move of Rowan Seminar to the Office of the Provost was approved as was the 2. Special Education Endorsement. 3. The third item, or the Public Affairs Track for the MA in Public Relations was retabled to permit the PR program and the Political Science Department an opportunity for additional discussion.
Intercollegiate Athletics  Christopher J. Lacke  no report.

G. Learning Outcomes and Assessment  Donald Stoll  no report.

H. Professional Ethics and Welfare  Barbara Bole Williams  related that the Committee is proposing a Task Force to look into a “University Wide Honor Code”. The Committee plans on an organizational meeting of three Senate Committees which have an interest in this issue.

I. Promotion  Sanford M. Tweedie  (report attached)

J. Recruitment, Admissions, and Retention  MaryBeth Walpole  no report.

K. Research  Robi Polikar  The NSFSG Proposal was circulated for discussion and approval at the 12-12-05 meeting.

L. Technological Resources  Vasil Hnatyshin  (attached report)

M. Sabbatical Leave  John Gallagher  reported that with the number of applicants, this year’s process would be competitive.

N. Student Relations  Lori A. Block  Issues have come to the attention of the committee. 1. Cell phone proposal is being discussed. 2. Academic “Code of Conduct” has been changed without appropriate consultation with the Senate. 3. Medallion costs have been unilaterally raised to $300.00. The banquet has been done away with. (written report also attached)

O. Tenure and Recontracting  Tricia J. Yurak  (see attached report)

P. University Budget and Planning  Robert S. Fleming  (report attached)

Q. Ad Hoc Constitution Committee  Karen T. Siefring  Three Open Hearings have been held. The revised Constitution will be posted on the Web site at the end of January.

R. Master Planning Committee  Joe Orlins  Sazaki is awaiting feedback from the campus community. The firm consultants will present three alternative plans in January to the Master Plan Committee.

S. Academic Planning Subcommittee of Master Planning Committee  Sanford Tweedie  There is currently an attempt at “demystifying” the planning document produced by
the Academic Affairs Council.

V. Old Business

A. Resolution on Academic Freedom  David Applebaum moved and passed. (attached)

VI. New Business

A. Research Committee Resolution: Robi Polikar  Non-Salary Grant Guidelines presented for review and discussion at 12-12-05 meeting.

VII. 11:45 AM Open Period  President Farish

President Farish reported on a proposed “Bond Issue” in the amount of 2.7 billion dollars. He said that there has not been a “General Obligation Bond” since 1988 and that 12% of our operating budget is taken up with debt service. He believes that the timing is good for passage this year.

Concerns regarding Affirmative Action continue to be expressed on campus. In terms of hiring, affirmative action is “effectively dead”. The ruling from the Attorney General’s Office is that race and gender cannot be used in hiring.

David Applebaum noted that academic freedom and tenure are under attack. President Farish believes that tenure is necessary.

VIII. Motion to adjourn made and approved.
Academic Policies and Procedures, Susan Taber

The AP&P committee met on November 16. This is a brief report of the issues considered:

a. Is a policy needed for banning cell phones in class? We are not proposing a cell phone policy at this time. We feel that instructors can inform students at the beginning of the semester that cell phones should not be used during class. They can do this verbally or include a statement on the syllabus.

b. Modifications to the Academic Dismissal, Probation and Suspension Policy (passed by the Senate in 2004) that have been proposed by the Academic, Dismissal, Probation, and Suspension Committee. The Academic Policies and Procedures Committee has many concerns about the proposed modifications and their potential effects. In addition there are several aspects of the policy which need to be clarified. We will convey these to the Vice-Provost and continue discussions with her office before bringing any revisions to the Senate.

c. Clarification of the Academic Honesty Policy. We discussed the differing interpretations of the policy as it is written. We affirm that it is the right of the faculty member to assign grades and the right of the student to appeal. We agree that the policy needs to be clarified and are working on a draft to make the policy clearer for both students and faculty.

Promotion, Sanford M. Tweedie*

All of the College Promotion Committees have been formed or are in the process of being voted on by faculty within colleges. Applicant folders, as well as external evaluators' assessments for those applying to full professor, are due to department committees by December 9.

Technological Resources, Vasil Hnatyshin *

Second meeting was held on 10/31/05. Summary follows:

1. Invited speaker Neil Toporski who gave an overview of the current state of TEC classrooms and plans for the future.

2. Computer Competency Test -- following up the progress of obtaining new software for Computer Competency Test.

3. Collecting information regarding current printing/copying spendings on campus and available software/hardware for managing printing/copying on campus (e.g. track and limit a number of copies or prints made per period of time).
III. President’s Report, Bruce Caswell (handout.)

B. Approval of nomination of Karen McGee-Sauer to Women’s Studies advisory board. #

xB. Senate response to administration’s changes to Budget/Planning Committee

B. Need to organize follow-up to last spring’s resolution on military recruiting.

A. The Provost Search Committee has been officially announced with Cindi Hasit as chair.
   1. Senate President will solicit suggestions for interviewing candidates.

B. Senate response to administration’s changes to Budget/Planning Committee

C. Requests to join Senate Executive Committee

B. If your student representatives haven’t been attending committee meetings, please notify Matt Morgan, VP SGA, morgan91@students.rowan.edu

C. On-Line Senate voting system test.

D. President’s Advisory Group (meets next on November 15th)
   1. Ad hoc committee for review of Armed Officers on Campus – no word. #
   2. Notified of elimination of position of Director of Budget and Planning as well as other organizational changes (no specifics until Rowan announcement.)
   3. Discussed issues of staffing for townhouse maintenance and other.
   4. Inquired as to rumors about law suits against the university.

E. Officers Meeting with Provost
   1. Library dean search committee has been formed
   2. Per Senate resolution on priority of library and technology funding, Interim Provost wanted Senate to be aware of new funds for library, $97,100 in AY’06 budget and $78,800 in income from Campbell gift. “Archive on Five” position will be funded after renovations are done.
   3. Wants to create an intellectual property task force to review university’s distance learning and copyright policies (covered by master agreement) as well as parent policy (local.)
   4. Electronic submission of grades – responding to calls for more support.
   5. Looking for possibilities to simplify Sabbatical, Career Development, and Non-Salary Research Support.

F. FoCaL contribution to Katrina impacted school libraries