

ROWAN UNIVERSITY SENATE MINUTES

11/27/06

Rowan University Senate

MEETING

November 27, 2006

ATTENDEES: Bonnie Angelone, Herb Appelson, David Applebaum, Joe Basso, Joe Bierman, Greg Biren, Lori Block, Kate Boland, Luis Brunstein, Bruce Caswell, Jay Chaskes, Kevin Dahm, Kathy Ganske, Dorie Gilchrist, Erick Guerra, John Hasse, Karen Heinz, Vasil Hnatyshin, Elisabeth Hostetter, Frances Johnson, Candace Kelley, Ernst Knoesel, Lee Kress, Philip Lewis, Yuhui Li, Matthew Lund, Julie Mallory-Church, Mary Marino, Brenda Marlin, Mark Matalucci, Afrodesia McCannon, Yusuf Mehta, Phyllis Meredith, Eric Milou, James Newell, Bob Newland, John Pastin, Anne Phillips, Robi Polikar, Anthony Robb, Dan Schowalter, Kathleen Small, Tony Smith, Marian Stieber, Don Stoll, Susan Taber, Skeff Thomas, Sanford Tweedie, Bernadyne Weatherford, Patrick Westcott, Barbara Williams, Cathy Yang, Tricia Yurak, Hong Zhang

NOT IN ATTENDANCE-Represented by ALTERNATE: Carol Eigenbrot represented by Bonnie Wilson, Tanya Santangelo represented by Paul Fitch, Karen Siefring represented by Jonathan Foglein, Eileen Stutzbach represented by Nick Schmelz

NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Robert D'Intino, Cristine Iftode, Ihsan Isik, Henrietta Pichon, Marilyn Shontz, Rob Sterner

Call to Order at 10:59 a.m. by President Newell
Acknowledgement of visitor from the WHIT newspaper.
Minutes of 10/23/06 approved unanimously.
Agenda approved unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Newell reiterated that PACE will have no programs or degrees. Thus, the advisory committee will be concerned with curricular and financial matters primarily. He posted the following role for the advisory board members:

- Evaluate Quality
- Offer Guidance
- Recommend Programs
- Review new courses
- Represent the individual colleges
- Promote extension in the individual colleges
- Review financials
- Report to the Provost

A question was raised about whether the committee will put the mechanism in place. President Newell answered affirmatively and suggested that perhaps the approach previously used in establishing the Master Plan Committee would be appropriate to insure that the size of the committee is manageable.

President Newell announced that the proposed changes to the Constitution have been sent out via email. The changes will be introduced as new business at the December meeting. A point of clarification was that this report had gone to the Executive Committee earlier and will be an informational report today.

OPEN PERIOD

Comments were provided by Provost Houshmand regarding the Academic Extension Board; there was a recapitulation of the structure of responsibilities for the oversight group:

1. PACE College will not have its own degree granting programs. Instead, degrees will belong to the appropriate academic units. Faculty will come together to propose new courses, ideas, etc. which will be transmitted through the existing governance structures. There will be interdisciplinary targeting of adult learners. The Board's most important responsibility will be its oversight of curricular and financial decisions to ensure that there will be quality standards adhered to for both academic programs and hires.
2. Academic and financial matters pertaining to PACE will be controlled by the faculty. The faculty will own this college through the Senate, Deans and the Union. The Provost will be looking for a maximum of ten people to serve. Each unit will recommend names with the Provost then choosing from among them. He would like the oversight committee to be in place by January. The Senate can set the parameters for duration of service for the appointees.

A question was raised as to the duties of a committee member. The answer was that the role will be to evaluate, review and appoint adjuncts to teach for PACE. It will not be to make financial decisions although financial information will be made available to the committee. Budgets will remain within each department's internal mechanism. The financial oversight will be similar to that of the Senate Budget Committee.

A question was raised regarding the marketing of a course assuming that the course is available and that there is someone to teach it; the committee will do a market analysis of whether a particular course would be good to offer.

The Provost clarified that the committee will report directly to Dean Sosa. They will provide reports to the Senate at any time that they may be required to do so. He would like to create channels for communication with the existing committees such as with the Curriculum Committee. A question was raised about ongoing departmental responsibility for evaluating faculty through peer observations and student evaluations. The Provost would like to continue the current faculty evaluative processes for PACE.

A question was raised regarding how the AEB will interact with departments. The answer was that the board will work with the department to insure that the standards for teaching will remain consistent with those existing within the department. He stated that he would prefer that full time faculty teach the courses, but he also understands the constraints to this happening.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PROMOTION: Kathy Ganske

College of Education files are complete except for LAS which will go out today. Information will go out to notify college committees as to the guidelines for electing members to serve. Files are due January 5, 2007 and need to be completed by February 2nd. An additional person from LAS is to be added to the committee.

CURRICULUM: Kevin Dahm

The College of Business is proposing three separate degree programs for Marketing, Finance and Business Administration. The BS in Business Administration is no longer a good description for the degree requirement, therefore a new degree is proposed. It was explained that, normally a change occurs over a two year period, however, the State has approved a process to expedite the requested change through simultaneous approval by the State and University.

It was moved and seconded that all three proposals be moved simultaneously; the motion passed unanimously.

Note: Refer to Curriculum Committee Report for details of each proposal.

It was moved and seconded that a graduate level program for the MBA with specialization in Marketing. Discussion ensued regarding the number of credits being consistent with existing standards. The motion was passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES: Dorie Gilchrist

The Chair moved and it was seconded that Seth Bergman be added to the committee. The motion was unanimously approved.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS: Bruce Caswell

The co-chair noted that copies of the proposed changes had been sent to the body via email in January '06. He asked that the document be circulated and discussed within departments. He also asked that any inconsistencies or confusion be brought to the attention of the chairs. The major issue to address is whether we want to increase constituencies represented and, if so, how will they be treated in the committee processes.

MIDDLE STATES: Don Stoll

Co-Chair, Don Stoll, shared that the visit in Spring 2009 will require an institutional self-study. He and Pat Mosto have received training in this and have held forums before Thanksgiving in which a series of issues have been identified. Next steps will be to create a steering committee to design the self-study. They will identify 122-14 people who will serve on the committee with the goals of benefiting the entire community and making the process transparent. This will include a communication committee which shares information via a webpage. The Co-Chairs are gathering data and have sent out invitations for which they await responses.

OLD BUSINESS

It was moved and seconded to reintroduce the Resolution on Diversity. A. Phillips reiterated the resolution's key points. A friendly amendment was accepted regarding changes in bold (i.e.-race, gender, ethnicity, sexual or political orientation, age, religion and disability) A question was raised regarding how Union's representatives might be selected in keeping with proposed changes to the Constitution. Comments regarding the use of the term "Central Administration" culminated in a friendly amendment with revision to read "named by the Provost."

A faculty member commented that departments are at two extremes: either change is seen as badly needed and overdue or that no change is needed. The concern raised is that this proposed committee may impinge on academic freedom such as with pedagogical style, etc. A. Phillips stated that anything recommended would still require Senate approval.

A question was raised regarding "monitoring." Concern is that diversity be promoted versus monitored as though there is an assumption of something being wrong. Information would be gathered as necessary. A comment was made regarding social justice for one being an injustice to another and that the language of monitoring is loaded. There was a motion to extend the discussion. It was suggested that monitor be made clearer. It was suggested that monitor be changed to "conducting research designed to enhance the University's mission and sustain principles and values for all members of the Rowan community. A. Phillips raised a concern that this is the responsibility of Institutional Research. A comment was made regarding whether the committee would be interested in evaluating and promoting the state of diversity throughout all areas.

Motion to Call the Question: motion carried with 5 opposed.

Motion on the resolution to create the committee was passed with 6 abstentions.

Election of chair: Motion was for Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot which then passed.

An additional question was raised regarding membership on this committee. This issue was deferred to the Committee on Committees with approval of members per the usual process.

NEW BUSINESS

EDUCATION COUNCIL

President Newell reported for the Chair on the suggestion of a name change, introduced as new business to be voted on under old business in the next meeting.

Motion to Adjourn at 12:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Mallory Church
Senate Secretary