

Rowan University Senate Minutes

September 18, 2006

Attendees: Bonnie Angelone, Herb Appelton, David Applebaum, Joe Basso, Joe Bierman, Greg Biren, 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, Ihsan Isik, Frances Johnson, Lee Kress, Phillip Lewis, Yuhui Li, Matthew Lund, Julie Mallory-Church, Marin Marino, Brenda Marlin, Mark Matalucci, Afrodesia McCannon, Yusuf Mehta, Phyllis Meredith, Eric Milou, James Newell, Bob Newland, Anne Phillips, Henrietta Pichon, Robi Polikar, Anthony Robb, Tanya Santangelo, Dan Schowalter, Marilyn Shontz, Karen Siefring, Kathleen Small, Tony Smith, Rob Sterner, Marian Stieber, Eileen Stutzbach, Susan Taber, Skeff Thomas, Sanford Tweedie, Bernadyne Weatherford, Patrick Westcott, Barbara Williams, Cathy Yang, Tricia Yurak, Hong Zhang

Not in Attendance/Represented by Alternate: Cristina Iftode represented by Courtney Richmond, Don Stoll represented by Jennifer Courtney

Not in Attendance: Candace Kelley, Ernst Knoesel, John Pastin

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by President Newell at 10:51a.m.

President's Report:

No resolutions or speakers, therefore, the agenda was suspended by President Newell with suggestions that important issues be raised as motions under New Business. On the question of what the dean's role will be in the University College: Hiring of an interim dean without input raises questions; it was suggested that the Senate can invite the interim dean to a meeting.

The Provost apologized for the "invasion of space" that affected all faculty who were moved.

Point of Privilege: AFT President, Karen Siefring asked that the minutes note that there has been no conversation with President Newell related to promotions. The information as presented in President's written report was stated as misleading. (i.e. - reference to fourth paragraph).

Committee Reports

Presentation of Committee List: Deferred to future meeting.

Nomination of the Parliamentarian: by unanimous consent, **Afrodesia McCannon** was elected to the position.

RE: Tenure and Recontracting and Sabbatical Deadlines:

10/17 is the deadline for T&R packets. The deadline referred to in the downloaded forms is wrong.

According to Frances Johnson, 10/16 is the actual date to sign up (to apply). Also, noon of 11/13 is the deadline for Sabbatical requests to be submitted. Forms are downloadable on the Senate Webpage at <http://www.rowan.edu/president/senate/sabbatical>. Eligible faculty can apply every 7 years.

Old Business

Question raised by Skeffington Thomas: Where does information fit in the new order of the agenda?

Status of the Truth in Military Recruiting Resolution:

The Administration position is unified in its opposition to the resolution and there appears to be no willingness to move. Senate needs to revisit its position.

Status of the Fingerprinting/Criminal Background Check Resolution:

The resolution was rejected by the administration; however, there is a possibility that the Provost may be an ally against the current policy. Just what his opposition may mean is unclear. President Newell met with Tom Gallia, President's Office, establishing an agreement that records will be destroyed after the person is hired and that records will initially be kept with Human Resources as opposed to Public Safety. President Newell asserted that it is incumbent upon the Senate to propose an alternative position.

Motion: It was moved to reconfirm the original motion on fingerprinting; there is also a request that details about how fingerprinting should be used be included.

Comment by President J. Newell that the Administration's opposition may remain.

Discussion ensued regarding the claim that including the bargaining agent will be too cumbersome.

Questions Raised:

- Do we think they're right? (re: fingerprinting) What should we do about them?
- Can we get confirmation whether or not **TEMCO** is remaining?
- Whatever happened to the **committee regarding the arming of Public Safety officers?**

(Answer: According to Jay Chaskes, a report will be forthcoming. A focus group was done with students with plans to later include staff focus groups and a survey.)

A question was raised by Anne Phillips regarding **what happened to the report on academic freedom**. Pres. Newell requests that the task force on academic freedom continue; he will send out an announcement to reconvene the task force.

Motion: It was moved that Senate (standing) committees that are already accepted by chairs be approved. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

It was noted that the Department of Economics needs a representative from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

There was a request from the floor that each paper distributed at Senate meetings have dates.

A question was raised regarding **the status of the revision of the By Laws and Constitution:**

Pres. Newell will ask Karen Siefring to present the revisions at an upcoming meeting, and to bring forward her report by end of the year for a vote.

New Business

Regarding T&R:

AFT leadership has requested clarification of the role of the Senate in the R&R process. President Newell proposes a meeting consisting of 2 representatives of the outgoing T&R Committee along with 2 AFT representatives.

A question was raised regarding status of **changes in the T&R process**: When will the report be available on the changes in the T&R process? Pres. Newell will refer this to the AFT. It is anticipated that the changed T&R document will be ready at the end of the month. Candidates will fill out their documents the same as usual; there is no change in the dates.

Additional question pertaining to T&R process: Can't candidates be informed of problems in order to fix them instead of being rejected without this requiring a minor change to the process? Discussion ensued re: the possibility of changes to departmental deadlines. Candidates have a right to respond in writing to their evaluation. There is no similar process in promotions- except at the provost level- in which changes can be made. It is anticipated that the changed T&R document will be ready at the end of the month. Candidates will fill out their documents the same as usual; there is no change in the dates.

Question of outside attendees: The WHIT Editor and a photographer for the WHIT were present; both introduced themselves and were granted permission to remain.

Bruce Caswell, speaking **on the possibility of a second open period**, noted the following:

1. That students first brought this idea forward
2. That (we) don't want to limit the days. President Newell will draw on Bruce Caswell's experience, meet with the provost, then, and possibly reassemble the original group. The current provost has had no experience with open periods, but he is willing to generate the data to explore the possibilities.

University-wide committee approval was moved by D. Gilchrist and was approved by unanimous consent.

Ann Phillips questioned whether everyone was able to get on a committee. She asked that those who requested committee assignments but were denied them receive written notification of such to be included in their packets.

Various typos and corrections to officer reports were made.

Motion to Adjourn at 11:35a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Mallory Church, Senate Secretary