

# Minutes of February 13, 2001

I.&II. The meeting was called to order by President Streb at 11:05 am. The agenda and the minutes of the January 23, 2001 Senate meeting were approved. President Streb reminded the Senate that when just one non-senator addresses the Senate, and that person is the University President, the time limit can be expanded up to thirty minutes, if necessary. Open Period: President Farish shared the following information with senators:

1. Decision of the new VP/Finance & Administration will be announced soon.
2. The 110 acre north side Zee property has been acquired by the University.
3. An announcement on the tech center will be made within 6 weeks.
4. Financial assistance will be available to faculty and staff living in Glassboro.
5. Helen Gile Gee will be in town and formally confirmed as new VP/Provost at the BOT meeting, Feb. 21.
6. I will meet with a group of up to 100 Rowan Alumni in NYC on Thursday. It is impressive that such a large group meets outside of NJ boundaries. Most are graduates from the 1990's.
7. Glassboro Redevelopment meeting was well attended by Rowan faculty and staff members. We are about to witness a resurgence in the downtown area. Rowan cannot ignore the surrounding area. A safe area should surround the campus. The aesthetics of the area is important to attract new faculty and students. A question and answer period followed.

## President Streb's Report \*

Mardi Gras is a sellout, and there is a waiting list.

Thank you all who helped with the SGA Jail/Bail. \$2500 was raised.

Executive committee will meet with Dr. Farish to discuss academic load issues on March 27th.

A328 [Career Development] money should be increased to accommodate a larger number of faculty that will be applying. Union leadership should be made aware, as the money is not a Senate matter.

Departments should elect their new senators by March 15th to allow Senate to hold Professional Staff and at-large elections in a timely manner.

The Senate meeting was moved from 2/20 to 2/13 last August to avoid conflict with President's Lecture Series [Alexander]. The Seals conflict was unavoidable. Efforts to avoid conflict with Senate/Union meetings are appreciated. The Academic Schedule Committee is aware of conflicts.

By slim margin, a show of hands indicated that people prefer Good Friday, rather than President's Day as a holiday. Discussion ensued concerning a 'short' spring semester, exam week, reading periods, and faculty members meeting their professional obligations. Regular Business \* Standing Committee Reports

Intercollegiate Athletics [Meyers] - Still waiting for Joy Reighn's draft of the self-study Learning Outcomes Assessment [ Newell] - No report Professional Ethics and Welfare [ Hasit] - Senate code will be incorporated into the University Code of Ethics Promotion [Dinsmore] - Committee met with Bob Zazzali and Ron Czocho, and the committee will meet again shortly Recruitment, Admissions & Retention [ Hartman] - Committee to meet on Feb. 21 Research and Technological Resources [ Lobo] - Committee to meet Thursday, Feb. 15 Sabbatical Leave [Spencer] - Committee reviewed 31 applications with 22 being accommodated for the 24 available semesters. Applications have been forwarded to President Farish for approval at the BOT meeting on February 21st

Student Relations [Mallory Church] \* The committee has asked Mr. Calandrella to look into the legal issues concerning conscientious objection to dissection in biology labs. Tenure & Recontracting [Maxson] - No report University Budget & Planning [Schmelz] - A big thank you to the members of the Budget Committee who attended the VP/Finance & Administration interviews. All interviews were well attended, hopefully leading to a good choice. Academic Policies & Procedures [Levinowitz] - Meeting 2pm Friday, Feb. 16th Campus Aesthetics/Environmental Concerns [Rusch] - Update on Rowan recycling plan. Recycling pilot project being implemented. Career Development [Siefiring] - Committee met with Bob Zazzali. Committee will review 35 faculty, 27 professional staff and 4 leftover applications from 2000. \$40,000 is available. Committee on Committees [Lehr] - 2 committee changes: Motions made and approved to replace Peg McFadden with Wm. Carrigan on RAR and replace Jay Kuder with Nancy Tinkham on APP. Curriculum [Itzkowitz] - Friday is deadline for courses to be implemented in Spring 2002 Old Business - None  
New Business - A motion was made that the Senate Professional Ethics Committee look into the issue of faculty who fail to meet with classes during exam week. It was moved, second, and approved. Motion to adjourn at 12:30pm was approved.  
Respectfully Submitted, Joe Barnes, Secretary