

Minutes: March 13, 2001 The meeting was called to order by President Streb at 11:10 am. The agenda and the minutes of the February 13, 2001 Senate meeting were approved. President Streb announced that Senate Secretary Rosemarie Wiest is fine and expected to come home tomorrow. Open Period: University President Farish shared information with senators: John Finan is the new Vice President of Administration and Finance, and he will start before June 1st. He is our first choice, and a background check revealed a remarkable character. We are optimistic that he will provide good and effective leadership on campus. A number of concerns have been raised by Nick Schmelz and the Budget & Planning Committee. Last year, after speaking with deans about the desirability of moving the budget out from the central administration, which at times would fund its pet projects, we have developed a fair way to allocate funds to the colleges and departments. Under the old system certain portion of the budget was allocated out each year, and everyone knows it is never enough. Various times throughout the year, people had to come forward, and ask for more monies to continue their work.

Sometimes the money was available, sometimes not. Departments and colleges are far better aware of their needs than anyone in administration. We're moving toward a process that allocates money that is earmarked for certain things. How then do we change the budgeting process to make that work? What is a fair way of allocating money? How do we create accountability for the use of the money? Within the next three years we will be able to raise the base budget of all the colleges to a level that is adequate. Budgets will be a partnership between the administration and college/ departments, with the college/departments having the control to spend their own money.

A question and answer period followed. President's Report

President Streb updated Rosemarie's condition and discussed obtaining extra secretarial help while she is recovering. Departments have been requested to notify the Senate of their new or re-elected Senator by March 15th so the professional staff and then the at-large elections can be held. We want to speed up the process this year, but are handicapped by the Constitution, which should be changed to simplify some areas including the professional staff and at-large elections. Mardi Gras was a success. A survey will follow asking about future events, price, best night, etc. Handouts included the Rowan University Organizational Chart, which will have names added to it in the near future, to be distributed to senators. You also have the skeletal calendar for the next 5 years. E-mail President Streb if you have concerns about it. Calendar committee agrees that it should not be an inflexible document. The Scheduling committee might recommend changes before final approval by the BOT in April. Summer classes that start at such a late date are a concern. A need to shut down the co-generation plant determines the date. August is not practical for shutdown due to air-conditioning needs and numerous campus activities. An alternative date will be considered. A concern has been raised about calendar years with semesters that have only 14 Mondays, for example, Fall 2002. The only way to get around this is for classes to be held on a current holiday [Labor Day or Veteran's Day], or we could have an exam week scheduled for Tuesday through Friday, then wrap around to Monday, which is December 23. The committee felt this is not a good idea. A study week between last day of classes and exam week was suggested. It is now possible, but not popular, to start classes before September 1. You can e-mail President Streb with your comments. The Senate Executive Committee will meet with President Farish on March 27 to discuss academic load and budget and planning. An error was made that might cause some confusion. The Honors Program approved by the Senate was a quasi-curricular proposal and should have not been on the list

later announced by the Curriculum Committee. The time has come to look at the issue of transferring Web-based courses from other institutions.

Currently, Web based courses do not show up on transcripts. We need to set some standards. The policy approved last year that runs through May 2001, states departments are to accept courses based on student material that was submitted to the department. A committee consisting of Mike Kolitsky, Martin Itzkowitz, Don Stoll, and President Streb and someone from Education will be formed. Next year, we will address how to deal with courses that currently exist that are being taught Web assisted, or exclusively over the Web on this campus and how they apply to the curricular process. We need to find a way not to stifle creativity and technology and promote integrity.

V. Regular Business - Standing Committee Report
Learning Outcomes Assessment [Newell] - Have reports from all colleges and in process of formulating recommendations.

Professional Ethics & Welfare [Hasit] - Committee met and determined that not meeting classes during exam week is a violation of ethics and recommends that the Univ. President and Senate President send a joint letter to faculty reminding them of this requirement .

Promotion [Dinsmore] -colleges concluded work. Promotion folders now with the deans and the university committee.

Recruitment, Admissions & Retention [Hartman] - No report.

Research & Technological Resources [Lobo] -No report.

Sabbatical Leave [Spencer] - No report.

Student Relations [Mallory Church] - Committee is continuing to explore policies on conscientious objection and is reviewing the guidelines for advisors to student organizations.

Tenure & Recontracting [Maxson] - the folders are coming in and the committee will meet the week after spring break

University Budget & Planning [Schmelz] - committee held a meeting and, as you heard this morning, President Farish gave committee report.

Academic Policies & Procedures [Levinowitz] - Lehr reported that the committee is looking at the posting of an academic degree and a possible 30 day deadline, from the end of the semester in which a student receives a grade of incomplete, to complete the coursework, get a letter grade and for degree posting to their academic record.

Campus Aesthetics & Environmental Concerns [Rusch] - Will meet April 6 to discuss handicap parking at Savitz, proposed resolution for tree replacement and one percent funding for artwork.

Career Development [Sieftring] - No report.

Committee on Committees [Lehr] - No report

Curriculum [Itzkowitz] - Meeting Friday

Intercollegiate Athletics [Meyers] - Meeting on March 29th

Old Business - None
New Business

H. Rios announced The United Latino Assoc. is holding a fundraising event on March 15th that will include a bake sale, raffle, etc., to benefit El Salvador earthquake victims.
D. Hathaway expressed concern that the Senate not be looked upon by the college community in a social light rather than a substantive way, by co-sponsoring events, especially gala-type events, with the President's Office.
D. Mirchandani discovered gross errors of the Rowan University entry in the Time/Princeton College Guidebook directory in the supermarket. President Streb will investigate.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 12:10 pm. Respectfully Submitted, Joe Barnes,
Secretary