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The University Faculty Senate
Tuesday, January 27, 2009, at 1:30 PM

The University Faculty Senate met on Tuesday, January 27, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.
in room 112 Kern Graduate Building with Ingrid Blood, Chair, presiding.

MINUTES OF THE PRECEDING MEETING

Chair Blood: Let us get ready for our first meeting of 2009. Welcome back. The December 9, 2008, *Senate Record*, providing a full transcription of the proceedings, was sent to all University Libraries and is posted on the Faculty Senate Web site. Are there any corrections or additions to this document? May I hear a motion to accept?

Senators: So moved.

Chair Blood: Second?

Senators: Second.

Chair Blood: All in favor of accepting the minutes, please say aye.

Senators: Aye.

Chair Blood: Opposed say nay. The ayes have it. Motion carried. The minutes of the December 9, 2008, meeting have been approved.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE SENATE

Chair Blood: The January 13, 2009, Senate Curriculum Report is posted on the University Faculty Senate Web site.

In Appendix B, you will see a communication from Faculty Affairs notating revisions to the promotion and tenure rainbow dividers.

REPORT OF SENATE COUNCIL – MEETING OF JANUARY 13, 2009

Chair Blood: Enclosed in today's agenda are the minutes from the January 13 meeting of Senate Council found at the end of your agenda. Included in the minutes are topics that were discussed by the Faculty Advisory Committee to the President, with the Provost, at the January 13 meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIR

Chair Blood: Out of courtesy to our presenters, please turn off your cell phones and pagers at this time. We have begun preparing for spring elections. The elected members of Senate Council nominate for secretary and chair-elect of the Senate, Faculty Advisory Committee to the

President, and the Committee on Committees and Rules. The Senate Council nominating committee is chaired by the Immediate Past Chair of the Senate, Dawn Blasko. You may not think of yourself immediately for these positions and you may be alarmed if you are asked, but I guarantee it is a rewarding and interesting experience. Nominations are also needed for the Faculty Rights and Responsibilities, Standing Joint Committee on Tenure, and University Promotion and Tenure Review Committees. These nominations are done by Committees and Rules, chaired by Leonard Berkowitz. Dawn and Leonard would welcome any additional nominations from you.

The Senate officers will visit the following University Park units this spring: Division of Undergraduate Studies, Dickinson School of Law, Earth and Mineral Sciences, Education, Engineering, and the Graduate School. Please encourage your colleagues and students to attend these meetings. The following visits have been scheduled: February 2, Education; February 3, Engineering and EMS; February 4, DUS; February 13, Dickinson; and March 3, the Graduate School. Those are rewarding experiences.

The annual Rally in the Rotunda will be held in Harrisburg on Wednesday, March 18. I want to encourage the leadership of the Council of Commonwealth Student Governments' efforts to increase public awareness of current funding to institutions of higher education in Pennsylvania. I also want to encourage faculty to work with students in permitting them to make up any assignments missed as a result of their participation in the Rally in the Rotunda. Senate policy 42-27 (class attendance) has a provision for students to make up work for University-approved co-curricular activities. CCSG endorsed a resolution that was distributed to you as you came in today.

Peter Deines has notified the Senate office that because of health reasons he has resigned as University Ombudsman and as the most recently elected retired Faculty Senator. David (Duff) Gold will serve out the remainder of Peter's term as University Ombudsman. Duff served as the first University Ombudsman from 1998-2006. We are grateful to Duff for accepting this assignment. John Moore, past Senate Chair, was the next highest vote recipient from the most recent retiree election. John will complete Peter's term on the Senate. We are happy to have you join us John.

Universities like ours, research universities, are rather unique institutions and we are such a large university defined by our underlying mission of generating knowledge in all spheres. We are a place that brings together artists and scientists and scholars, and if you think about our instinct, we try to analyze everything. When something is new before us, we want to look at it, decipher it, and make sense of it. That is how we are trained. During the spring semester, we will have an opportunity to be more involved in strategic planning.

At this time, I would like to introduce Executive Vice President and Provost Rodney Erickson. Provost Erickson currently chairs the University Strategic Planning Council. I am pleased that he is here today to further discuss Penn State's Strategic Plan.

COMMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY

President Spanier commented on the following topics:

Undergraduate applications for admission;
Donations to the University;
Transition to federal direct lending program;
Penn State financial situation;
Ways for PSU to benefit from stimulus package;
Mid-year rescission (\$21.2 million);
Concern for growing economic burden on students and their families;
Open positions at PSU may not be filled and lay-offs may occur;
Cost-containment actions at Hershey Medical Center;
Importance of faculty being sensitive to student concerns;
Thinking of ways we can save money and looking for frugality in spending;
Under-enrolled classes are unsustainable;
Inefficiencies in the system (want to keep people employed);
Help with fund-raising;
Engage in creative career-development strategies with students.

President Spanier responded to questions about the following topics:

Culture of cost-cutting at the local scale (individual units at Penn State);
Slowing growth in salary for administrators, faculty, and staff;
Flexibility in class size to better accommodate students;
Student housing costs.

SPECIAL INFORMATIONAL REPORT

University Strategic Planning Council Update
Rodney A. Erickson, Executive Vice President and Provost

University Strategic Planning Council Update, Appendix C. Executive Vice President and Provost Rodney Erickson discussed the work of the University Strategic Planning Council (USPC). He outlined the goals and strategies the Council included in the draft plan and the timeline for reviewing and launching the new plan. The slide presentation is posted on the Senate Web site at <http://senate.psu.edu/agenda/2008-2009/Jan2709/appc.pdf>.

FORENSIC BUSINESS – NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – NONE

LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES AND RULES
Revision to Constitution, Article II, Section 3 (1) (Voting Units)
Revision to the Bylaws, Article II, Section 2 (b) (Senate Council)
Leonard Berkowitz, Committee Chair

Chair Blood: We have three Legislative reports from Committees and Rules. The first one appears as Appendix D. Because this report is a revision to the Bylaws embedded within a revision to the Constitution, we discussed the report on December 9 and will vote on it today. Before we vote, are there any questions for Chair Berkowitz?

This will be a voice vote. The report has been brought to the floor by committee and needs no second. Are we ready to vote? All those in favor of this report, please say aye.

Senators: Aye.

Chair Blood: Opposed say nay. The ayes have it. The motion passes. Thank you, Leonard.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES AND RULES
Revision to the Constitution, Article II, Section 5(c) (Membership)
Leonard Berkowitz, Committee Chair

Chair Blood: The next report appears as Appendix E. Because this report is a revision to the Constitution, we will discuss the report today and vote on it at the March 17 Senate meeting. Committee Chair Berkowitz will respond to questions.

Leonard Berkowitz, York: If there any difficult questions, I will refer to Dawn Blasko who wrote the detailed report. Does anyone have any questions or comments?

Chair Blood: Thank you, Leonard.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES AND RULES
Revision to the Standing Rules, Article II, Section 3
(Senate Committee Structure)
Leonard Berkowitz, Committee Chair

Chair Blood: The next report appears as Appendix F. Chair Berkowitz will respond to questions.

Leonard Berkowitz: I want to point out one thing. While this change will allow a senator to be both on Senate Council and serve as a member of another Standing Committee, it will not require it. Only those councilors who request to be on a committee will be assigned. Are there any questions or comments?

Chair Blood: The report has been brought to the floor by committee and needs no second. Are we ready to vote? All those in favor of this report, please say aye.

Senators: Aye.

Chair Blood: Opposed say nay. The ayes have it. The motion passes. Thank you, Leonard.

ADVISORY/CONSULTATIVE REPORTS – NONE

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

ADMISSIONS, RECORDS, SCHEDULING, AND STUDENT AID

Annual Report on the Reserved Spaces Program, Appendix G. This report describes reserved spaces for admission of freshmen who have special needs or talents that cannot be met at non-University Park locations and whose predicted GPAs are below those for regular undergraduate fall admissions to University Park.

ELECTIONS COMMISSION

University Faculty Census Report for 2009-2010, Appendix H.

LIBRARIES

Privacy and Confidentiality in the University Libraries, Appendix I.

RESEARCH

The Scholarship and Research Integrity (SARI) Programs: Training Graduate Students in the Responsible Conduct of Research and Scholarship, Appendix J. Sharon Shriver, Education Specialist in the Office of Research Protections presented the report and responded to questions. The slide presentation is posted on the Senate Web site at <http://senate.psu.edu/agenda/2008-2009/Jan2709/appj.pdf>.

NEW LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS – NONE

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE GOOD OF THE UNIVERSITY NONE

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Blood: Are there any comments? May I have a motion to adjourn? All in favor please say aye. Motion carries. The Senate is adjourned until March 17, 2009. The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

The following Senators signed the Attendance Sheet and/or were noted as having attended the January 27, 2009 Senate Meeting.

Abrams, Marc	Clark, Mary Beth
Agawu-Kakraba, Yaw	Clark Halpin, Elisha
Aggon, Norman	Cohen, Jeremy
Albaugh, Vance	Conroy, David
Aldinger, Michael	Coraor, Lee
Al-Mondhiry, Hamid	Crivello, Ralph
Ambrose, Anthony	Daerr, Alicia
Amburgy, Patricia	Davis, Dwight
Atchley, Anthony	Day, Rick
Aurand, Harold	Deutsch, Peter
Avery, Christine	Ebitz, David
Aynardi, Martha	Eckhardt, Caroline
Babb, David	Egolf, Roger
Backer, Larry	Englund, Richard
Badiali, Bernard	Erickson, Rodney
Bagby, John	Eze, Ezedube
Baggett, Connie	Fernández, Juan
Ballora, Mark	Floros, Joanna
Barron, Ori	Fosmire, Gary
Baum, Paul	Franchetti, Nicole
Benson, Thomas	Furlough, Michael
Berghage, Robert	Gandhi, Farhan
Berkowitz, Leonard	Gest, Scott
Bittner, Edward	Gilchrist, Ian
Blasko, Dawn	Gingrich, Dennis
Blood, Ingrid	Glantz, Edward
Boehmer, John	Glumac, Thomas
Bowers, William	Gouran, Dennis
Bridges, K. Robert	Gray, Barbara
Brown, Frederick	Grimes, Galen
Brunsdon, Victor	Halstuk, Martin
Buckley, William	Hampton, Grace
Burlingame, Philip	Hannan, John
Butler, Peter	Harmonosky, Catherine
Butler, William	Hasan, M. Abul
Casteel, Mark	Hayford, Harold
Catchen, Gary	Hellmann, John
Cherry, Robert	Hesse, Brian
Chorney, Michael	Hester, Anne
Clariana, Roy	High, Kane
Clark, Darlene	Hinchey, Patricia

Holcomb, E. Jay
Holen, Dale
Hufnagel, Pamela
Hupcey, Judith
Idowu, Peter
Irwin, Zachary
Jackson, Eric
Jago, Deidre
Jayakar, Krishna
Johnson, Ernest
Jones, W. Terrell
Jonson, Michael
Ke, Bin
Keiser, Joseph
Kester, Mark
Khalilollahi, Amir
Koch, Patricia
Korostoff, Neil
Kulikowich, Jonna
Lagoa, Constantino
Laman, Jeffrey
Lawlor, Timothy
Lee, Barrett
Lesk, Arthur
Leva, Martha
Lightfoot, Cynthia
Liu, Ying
Liu, Zi-Kui
Loewner, Samuel
Long, Christopher
Luhman, Kevin
Luloff, Albert
Lynch, Christopher
Mahon, William
Maple, Amanda
Maroncelli, Mark
Masters, Katherine
McCarty, Ronald
McDonald, Anita
McKinney, Karyn
McLucas, John
Melnick, Steven
Miles, James

Miller, Timonty
Mockensturm, Eric
Mohney, Suzanne
Moore, John
Morales, Aldo
Mullin, Christopher
Myers, Jamie
Ofosu, Willie
O'Hara, Dolores
Okkelberg, Elyssa
Page, B. Richard
Pangborn, Robert
Paterson, Eric
Pauley, Laura
Pell, Eva
Pendharkar, Parag
Peterson, Steven
Plumb, Peter
Poole, Thomas
Pytel, Jean Landa
Rannels, Stephen
Richards, Winston
Ricketts, Robert
Romano, John
Romberger, Andrew
Rosson, Mary Beth
Ruiz, James
Rung, Donald
Salvia, A. David
Sanchez, John
Sanders, Amy
Sandmeyer, Louise
Sathianathan, Dhushy
Schengrund, Cara-Lynne
Schreier, Benjamin
Schultz, Karen
Schwab, Jacqueline
Selzer, John
Shannon, Kathleen
Shannon, Robert
Shirer, Hampton
Sims, Barbara
Slusser, Philip

Smutz, Wayne
Spanier, Graham
Spector, David
Staneva, Marieta
Stene, John
Strauss, James
Strauss, Susan
Strikman, Mark
Szczygiel, Bonj
Taylor, Ann
Thurman, James
Tierney, John
Truglio, Maria
Turner, Tramble
Van Meter, Peggy
Vandiver, Beverly
Wagner, Amy
Wardrop, Denice
Waterhouse, William
White, Eric
Wiens-Tuers, Barbara
Wilson, Ronald
Wolbrette, Deborah
Wolff, Sarah
Yarnal, Brenton
Yarnal, Careen
Zambanini, Robert

Elected	166
Students	14
Ex Officio	6
Appointed	9
Total	195