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The University Faculty Senate
Tuesday, March 17, 2009, at 1:30 PM

The University Faculty Senate met on Tuesday, March 17, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.
in room 112 Kern Graduate Building with Ingrid Blood, Chair, presiding.

MINUTES OF THE PRECEDING MEETING

Chair Blood: The January 27, 2009, 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 January 27, 2009, meeting have been approved.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE SENATE

Chair Blood: The February 24, 2009, Senate Curriculum Report is posted on the University Faculty Senate Web site.

REPORT OF SENATE COUNCIL – MEETING OF FEBRUARY 24, 2009

Chair Blood: Enclosed in today's agenda are the minutes from the February 24 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 at the February 24 meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIR

Chair Blood: Out of respect to our presenters, please turn off your cell phones and pagers at this time.

I'd like to take a few minutes and introduce you to the newest member of the Senate office staff. Julia Gibboney joined the Senate office staff on March 2 as the Curriculum Coordinator. Julie comes to the Senate from the College of Health and Human Development where she was the administrative assistant and office manager in the Student Services Center. Prior to that position, Julie served for nine years in the Office of the University Registrar working primarily

with the Degree Audit System and before that she was the supervisor of Medical Records at University Health Services. Julie brings outstanding organizational skills and an extensive knowledge of the University to the Senate. She says she thrives in a fast-paced, detail-oriented, and busy work environment. We promise her that she will certainly find a welcoming and acceptable working environment.

The Senate officers have completed their spring visits and will debrief with Provost Erickson on March 26.

The Web site for the Committee Preference Form was sent to 2009-2010 Senators on March 2. We request that you complete this on-line form by Friday, March 20. To-date we have a 70 percent response. I want to encourage Senators to consider serving as a committee chair or vice-chair.

President Spanier has approved the report from the January 27 Senate meeting revising the Senate Constitution, Article II, Section 3(L) Voting Units.

The reviews of College, Campus, and DUS First-Year Engagement plans are almost complete and committee feedback will be shared with the units. Once units receive and respond to feedback and any suggestions for plan improvement, all plans will be posted on the FYE Web site found on the Senate home page.

The leadership of the Senate and the University Planning Committee were invited to participate in the review of the draft Strategic Plan. On February 23 and 24, 45 Senate representatives, including the Senate officers, elected members of Senate Council, Faculty Advisory Committee to the President, and committee chairs and vice-chairs met in two two-hour sessions to provide feedback on the draft Strategic Plan. The feedback was summarized and sent to Louise Sandmeyer, Executive Director of the Office of Planning and Institutional Assessment.

Tomorrow, all elected faculty and student senators will receive electronically the second draft of the University Strategic Plan and Executive Summary. This confidential draft has been sent to the members of the Board of Trustees and members of the University Strategic Planning Council and Task Forces. Please take time to review it.

An ANGEL group will be created by the Senate office for senators to provide feedback on the plan. You will receive instructions on how to join this ANGEL group. We would like feedback by Friday, March 27. I am pleased that the Senate Committee on University Planning will compile the feedback and present a summary of your feedback at the April 14 Senate Council meeting as well as to Provost Erickson and Louise Sandmeyer. Thank you to the committee.

I am pleased to share with you a unique and innovative partnership between the Senate and the Division of Undergraduate Studies. Beginning this summer, staff in the First-Year Testing, Consulting, and Advising Program (FTCAP) will use the Senate's clickers as an integral part of the academic orientation program for entering first-year students at Penn State.

The clickers will be used to increase student participation during group activities; ensure student comprehension of the academic material; receive student feedback about their educational objectives and their overall FTCAP experience; and expose new students to the technology they are likely to experience in many of their classes.

This partnership provides a win-win, cost-effective use of technology, by taking the clickers not used by the Senate in the summer months and using them with more than 6,500 FTCAP students this summer.

Hillary Himes and Jeff Gugino, both senior undergraduate studies advisers, are providing leadership for this project. Susan invited them to attend today's meeting, for you to show them how adept you are with the clickers, but they are presenting their work with the clickers at a regional advising conference.

The campus faculty governance leaders meeting is scheduled for July 16 and 17 at Penn State Abington. Tramble Turner and his Abington colleagues are organizing the meeting and a date-saver will be sent to all campus governance leaders in the next few weeks.

COMMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY

President Spanier commented on the following topics:

Status of the Strategic Plan;
Fall 2008 Employee Survey results;
The Federal stimulus package and its affect on the higher education community;
Board of Trustees Meeting held at Hershey Medical Center on March 19 and 20;
Bruce McPheron has been appointed Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences (effective July 1);
Undergraduate applications for admission;
Economic impact on enrollment;
THON (raised \$7.5 million);

President Spanier responded to questions about the following topics:

Target for first-year enrollment;
Downtown safety and security;
Town-wide alcohol events promoted by Penn State student leaders.

FORENSIC BUSINESS – NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – NONE

LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

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

Chair Blood: We have two Legislative reports from Committees and Rules. The first one appears as Appendix B. Because this report is a revision to the Constitution, we discussed the report on January 27 and will vote on it today. Before we vote, are there any questions for Chair Berkowitz?

Leonard Berkowitz, York: The first report is moving from having one student senator from the University College to two student senators because of the size of the unit and its geographic distribution.

Chair Blood: We will use the clickers for voting today. Senators should have received a clicker for voting. Raise your hand if you need a clicker.

The report has been brought to the floor by committee and needs no second. Are we ready to vote? To accept the motion, press the letter A and the enter key. To reject the motion, press the letter B and enter.

The motion passes, 163 in favor, 2 opposed. Thank you, Leonard.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES AND RULES
Revision to the Senate Standing Rules, Article I, Section 9 (Senate Record)
Leonard Berkowitz, Committee Chair

Chair Blood: The next report appears as Appendix C. Chair Berkowitz will present this report and respond to questions.

Leonard Berkowitz: Some of you may not realize that the Senate still has a rule that requires that there be printed copies of the Senate Record distributed to all libraries at each campus. Now that things are online, that seems anachronistic and no longer necessary. We are proposing that part of the Standing Rules to be eliminated.

Chair Blood: If your clicker has fallen asleep, press any key one time. Are we ready to vote? This report has been brought to the floor by committee and needs no second. To accept the report, press the letter A and the enter key. To reject the report, press the letter B and enter.

The motion passes, 156 in favor, 10 opposed. Thank you, Leonard.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION

Revision to Policy 44-20, Final Examination Policy

Jonna Kulikowich, Committee Chair

Chair Blood: The next report is from Undergraduate Education and appears as Appendix D. Committee Chair Jonna Kulikowich will respond to questions.

Jonna Kulikowich, Education: This legislative report is in reference to the last statement of the policy. It is to add an appropriate approval, given any recommendation for an exception to the provisions of this policy for educational reasons. The report comes about to make sure that there is a check to these exceptions that are reasonable. Undergraduate Education would like to inform you that the Academic Council on Undergraduate Education is working on a set of procedures to help undergraduates follow information about this policy as well as file any complaint or concern regarding its implementation. Finally, reference to this policy is made on e-Lion and ACUE has a set of procedures in place, such procedures will also be made available on e-Lion.

Tramble T. Turner, Abington: While commending the Undergraduate Education Committee for bringing this issue to resolution, I do have one question, especially in light of your just mentioning ACUE. In the addition and the final word chancellor, what was the rationale for why you put chancellor rather than chief academic officer, since that would normally be the academic officer, the director of academic affairs (DAA) or associate dean at most units other than University Park?

Jonna Kulikowich: Dean and chancellor were the recommendations given to me. I would ask my colleagues if there is any reason to consider reference to someone else.

Leonard Berkowitz: As the legislation is written, does it permit the dean or chancellor to delegate the authority to the DAA or associate dean as he or she wishes?

Jonna Kulikowich: Yes.

Chair Blood: This report has been brought to the floor by committee and needs no second. To accept the report, press the letter A and the enter key. To reject the report, press the letter B and enter.

The motion passes, 128 in favor, 31 opposed. Thank you, Jonna.

ADVISORY/CONSULTATIVE REPORTS – NONE

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

COMMITTEES AND RULES

Nominating Report for 2009-2010, Senate Committee on Faculty Rights and Responsibilities, Standing Joint Committee on Tenure, University Promotion and Tenure Review Committee, Appendix E. Committee Chair Leonard Berkowitz presented the slate of nominations. After the printing of this report, two additional names were added to the nominees for Faculty Rights and Responsibilities: Brian Hesse and Amanda Maple. The floor was opened for additional nominations for these positions. There were no nominations made from the floor and the slate was accepted.

SENATE COUNCIL

Nominating Committee Report for 2009-2010, Appendix F. Dawn Blasko, Chair of the Senate Council Nominating Committee and Past Chair of the Senate, presented the slate of nominations for the positions of Chair-Elect, Secretary, and Faculty Advisory Committee to the President. The name of Brenton Yarnal was inadvertently omitted from the printed list of nominees for Faculty Advisory Committee to the President. His name will be added to the ballot. The floor was opened for additional nominations for these positions. There were no nominations made from the floor and the slate was accepted.

ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Roster of Senators by Voting Units for 2009-2010, Appendix G. This annual report gives the names of new and continuing Senators.

EDUCATIONAL EQUITY AND CAMPUS ENVIRONMENT

Disability Support Services, Appendix H. This report details the work of the newly created Disability Advisory Group.

EXTERNAL MATTERS

The Penn State Alumni Association: Engaging Faculty and Supporting the Academic Mission, Appendix I. Roger L. Williams, Executive Director, Penn State Alumni Association and Affiliate Associate Professor, Higher Education, 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/Mar1709/appi.pdf>.

FACULTY AFFAIRS

Identified Practices for Support of New Full-Time Faculty, Appendix J. Committee Chair Victor Brunsdon presented the report and responded to questions.

FACULTY BENEFITS

Report on Retirement Options, Appendix K. This report serves as a resource for retiring Penn State employees. Committee Chair Denise Wardrop presented the report and responded to questions.

Wellness Initiatives, Appendix L. This report provides the costliest health risk factors among University faculty and staff and highlights the Lifestyle Returns initiative with several program incentives.

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 April 28, 2009. The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m

The following Senators signed the Attendance Sheet and/or were noted as having attended the March 17, 2009 Senate Meeting.

Agawu-Kakraba, Yaw	Clark, John
Aggon, Norman	Clark, Mary Beth
Albaugh, Vance	Clark, Paul
Aldinger, Michael	Conroy, David
Al-Mondhiry, Hamid	Coraor, Lee
Ambrose, Anthony	Costanzo, Francesco
Amburgy, Patricia	Crawford, James
Anderson, James	Daerr, Alicia
Aurand, Harold	Day, Rick
Avery, Christine	Deutsch, Peter
Aynardi, Martha	Donahue, Henry
Babb, David	Ebitz, David
Backer, Larry	Egolf, Roger
Bagby, John	Englund, Richard
Baggett, Connie	Erickson, Rodney
Barney, Paul	Evensen, Dorothy
Bechtel-Wherry, Lori	Fogle, Paul
Benson, Thomas	Franchetti, Nicole
Berghage, Robert	Freihaut, James
Berkowitz, Leonard	Furlough, Michael
Blasko, Dawn	Gest, Scott
Blood, Ingrid	Gilchrist, Ian
Boehmer, John	Gingrich, Dennis
Booker, Squire	Glumac, Thomas
Bowen, Blannie	Good, David
Bowers, William	Gouran, Dennis
Breakey, Laurie	Gray, Barbara
Bridges, K. Robert	Grimes, Galen
Brown, Frederick	Griswold, Anna
Browne, Stephen	Halstuk, Martin
Brunsdan, Victor	Hampton, Grace
Buckley, William	Hannan, John
Burlingame, Philip	Harmonosky, Catherine
Butler, Peter	Hasan, M. Abul
Butler, William	Hayford, Harold
Cardamone, Michael	Hellmann, John
Casteel, Mark	Hesse, Brian
Catchen, Gary	Hester, Anne
Cherry, Robert	High, Kane
Chorney, Michael	Hinchey, Patricia
Clariana, Roy	Holcomb, E. Jay

Holen, Dale
Hufnagel, Pamela
Hupcey, Judith
Idowu, Peter
Irwin, Zachary
Isard, Scott
Jackson, Eric
Jago, Deidre
Jayakar, Krishna
Johnson, Ernest
Jones, W. Terrell
Keiser, Joseph
Kester, Mark
Knodt, Ellen
Kulikowich, Jonna
Lagoa, Constantino
Laman, Jeffrey
Lang, Charles
Lawlor, Timothy
Lee, Barrett
Lee, Peggy Daniels
Lesk, Arthur
Leva, Martha
Lightfoot, Cynthia
Loewner, Samuel
Lu, Xiaofei
Luloff, Albert
Mahon, William
Maple, Amanda
Maroncelli, Mark
Marsico, Salvatore
McCarty, Ronald
McKinney, Karyn
McLucas, John
Mets, Berend
Miles, James
Miller, Timonty
Milone-Nuzzo, Paula
Mockensturm, Eric
Mohney, Suzanne
Moore, John
Morales, Aldo
Mullin, Christopher

Nasereddin, Mahdi
Ofosu, Willie
O'Hara, Dolores
Okkelberg, Elyssa
Page, B. Richard
Pangborn, Robert
Pauley, Laura
Pell, Eva
Pendharkar, Parag
Perrine, Joy
Peterson, Steven
Plumb, Peter
Poole, Thomas
Potter, Kelly
Pytel, Jean Landa
Radhakrishna, Rama
Richards, Winston
Ricketts, Robert
Robinson, Cynthia
Romberger, Andrew
Rosson, Mary Beth
Ruiz, James
Salvia, A. David
Sanders, Amy
Sandmeyer, Louise
Sathianathan, Dhushy
Schengrund, Cara-Lynne
Schmiedekamp, Ann
Schreier, Benjamin
Schultz, Karen
Schultz, Karen
Selzer, John
Shannon, Kathleen
Shirer, Hampton
Shostell, Joseph
Sims, Barbara
Smith, James
Smith, Matthew
Smutz, Wayne
Spanier, Graham
Spencer, David
Steiner, Kim
Stene, John

Strauss, James
Strauss, Susan
Szczygiel, Bonj
Taylor, Ann
Thurman, James
Tierney, John
Troester, Rodney
Truglio, Maria
Turner, Tramble
Van Meter, Peggy
Vandiver, Beverly
Vrana, Kent
Wardrop, Denice
Waterhouse, William
Weidemann, Craig
White, Eric
Wiens-Tuers, Barbara
Willits, Billie
Wilson, Ronald
Wolbrette, Deborah
Yarnal, Brenton
Yarnal, Careen
Zambanini, Robert

Elected	161
Students	12
Ex Officio	8
Appointed	10
Total	191

SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES AND RULES

Nominating Report for 2009-2010

(Informational)

The Senate Committee on Committees and Rules identified the following nominees to stand for election to three extra-senatorial committees. Additional nominations may be made from the floor of the Senate on March 17, 2009.

Senate Committee on Faculty Rights and Responsibilities

University Park *Elect three* (two members; one alternate)

William E. Buckley, Professor of Exercise and Sport Science and Health Education, College of Health and Human Development

Gary J. Fosmire, Associate Professor of Nutritional Sciences, College of Health and Human Development

Brian C. Hesse, Professor of Jewish Studies, Ancient Mediterranean Studies and Anthropology, College of the Liberal Arts

William Kelly, Associate Professor of Theatre and Integrative Arts, College of Arts and Architecture

Amanda L. Maple, Associate Librarian (Music), University Libraries

Other than University Park (no terms expiring)

Deans *Elect two* (one member; one alternate)

R. Keith Hillkirk, Chancellor, Penn State Schuylkill

Gary M. Lawler, Chancellor, Penn State Hazleton

Phillip McConaughay, Dean, Dickinson School of Law

James B. Thomas, Dean, Smeal College of Business

Standing Joint Committee on Tenure *Elect two* (one member; one alternate)

Collins O. Airhihenbuwa, Professor of Biobehavioral Health, College of Health and Human Development

Dorothy H. Evensen, Professor of Education (Higher Education) and Senior Scientist, College of Education

Catherine M. Harmonosky, Associate Professor of Industrial and Manufacturing Systems Engineering, College of Engineering

Peter Idowu, Associate Professor of Electrical Engineering, Penn State Harrisburg

Adam J. Sorkin, Distinguished Professor of English, Penn State Brandywine

University Promotion and Tenure Review Committee *Elect four*

John P. Boehmer, Professor of Medicine, College of Medicine

Cynthia A. Brewer, Professor of Geography, College of Earth and Mineral Sciences

Sanjay B. Joshi, Professor of Industrial Engineering, College of Engineering

Ali Kara, Professor of Business Administration, Penn State York

Jonna M. Kulikowich, Professor of Education, College of Education

Cynthia G. Lightfoot, Professor of Human Development and Family Studies, Penn State Brandywine

Edgar P. Yoder, Professor of Extension Education, Agricultural Sciences

SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES AND RULES

Leonard J. Berkowitz, Chair

Dawn G. Blasko

Ingrid M. Blood

John P. Boehmer

Michael J. Cardamone, Vice-Chair

Mark A. Casteel

Lee D. Coraor

Dwight Davis

Dorothy H. Evansen

Thomas E. Glumac

Jamie M. Myers

Jean Landa Pytel

Tramble T. Turner

Gregory R. Zieg

SENATE COUNCIL

Nominating Committee Report for 2009-2010

(Informational)

The Nominating Committee consisting of the elected representatives of Senate Council was convened on January 13, 2009. The following list of nominees was transmitted to the Chair of the University Faculty Senate prior to the February 24 Senate Council meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor of the Senate on March 17, 2009.

CHAIR-ELECT OF THE SENATE

Larry C. Backer, Professor of Law, Dickinson School of Law

Jean Landa Pytel, Associate Professor of Engineering Science and Mechanics, College of Engineering

SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

John J. Hannan, Associate Professor of Computer Science & Engineering,
College of Engineering

Barbara A. Sims, Professor of Criminal Justice, Penn State Harrisburg

Tramble T. Turner, Associate Professor of English, Penn State Abington

FACULTY ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE PRESIDENT

(One to be elected, term expires 2012)

Robert D. Ricketts, Senior Lecturer of Kinesiology, College of Health and Human Development

Sherry L. Roush, Associate Professor of Italian, College of the Liberal Arts

James A. Strauss, Senior Lecturer, Eberly College of Science

Brenton M. Yarnal, Professor of Geography, College of Earth and Mineral Sciences

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Norman A. Aggon

William E. Buckley

Michael J. Chorney

Dennis S. Gouran

John R. Hellmann, Jr.

E. Jay Holcomb

Zachary T. Irwin

Samuel M. Loewner

Amanda L. Maple

Laura L. Pauley

Andrew B. Romberger

James M. Ruiz

Jacqueline E. Schwab

Ann M. Schmiedekamp

James A. Strauss

Bonj Szczygiel

Beverly J. Vandiver

Barbara A. Wiens-Tuers