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The University Faculty Senate
Tuesday, October 21, 2008, at 1:30 PM

The University Faculty Senate met on Tuesday, October 21, 2008, at 1:30 p.m. in room 112 Kern Graduate Building with Ingrid Blood, Chair, presiding.

MINUTES OF THE PRECEDING MEETING

Chair Blood: Welcome back for our second Senate meeting of the academic year. I hope you are having an exciting and productive semester. I want to start of by saying thanks for the many ways you each contribute to the vitality and success of the Faculty Senate. Let's begin the meeting.

The September 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 September 9, 2008 meeting have been approved.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE SENATE

Chair Blood: The Senate Curriculum Report of October 7, 2008 is posted on the University Faculty Senate Web site.

REPORT OF SENATE COUNCIL – Meeting of October 7, 2008

Chair Blood: Enclosed in today's agenda are the minutes from the October 7 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 October 7 meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIR

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

Nominations for the Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences and for the Dean of University Libraries and Scholarly Communications can be sent to 201 Old Main or emailed to PSUsearch@psu.edu. The search committees will begin reviewing applications soon.

We have completed our fall campus visits and will debrief these visits with Provost Erickson and Vice President Romano on November 4.

President Spanier has approved the following reports from the September 9, 2008, Senate meeting:

- From Faculty Affairs, Rights and Responsibilities of Fixed-Term Faculty: Promotion and Tenure. President Spanier has asked the Vice Provost for Academic Affairs to work with members of the Academic Leadership Council in implementation of this report. President Spanier's letter is posted on the Faculty Senate Web site.
- From Undergraduate Education, Revision to Senate Policy 42-50, Credit by Examination. President Spanier has asked the Vice President and Dean for Undergraduate Education to revise procedures to implement the changes to Senate Policy 42-50 through consultation with the Administrative Council on Undergraduate Education.

I am pleased to announce a one-day working conference on January 8, 2009, at the Penn State Conference Center entitled "From Here to Implementation: Putting Your Assessment Plan to Work." Members of the University Faculty Senate are invited to attend. The purpose of the conference is to examine the progress Penn State has made toward developing assessment plans, setting learning goals, gathering evidence, and improving programs. The conference is sponsored by the Schreyer Institute for Teaching Excellence. A conference flier is available in the back of the auditorium. For more information about the conference contact Angela Linse at arl15@psu.edu. I hope you will mark your calendars. I am confident the results of this conference will be of great value to the Penn State community.

The First-Year Engagement Implementation Review Committee will soon be contacting all colleges, campuses, and DUS to request the submission of First-Year Engagement plans. Units will be provided with guidelines to assist in the development of plans. A First-Year Engagement resource Web site is under development. Plans will be due on February 1 and units will receive feedback by March 15.

Now we will turn to President Spanier. President Spanier is returning from his last meeting as chair of the Association of American Universities (AAU). I would like to invite President Spanier to come forward and make remarks.

COMMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY

University President Graham Spanier discussed the impact of the current financial crisis on U.S. higher education, noting that this was a topic at the recent annual meeting of the Association of American Universities.

President Spanier commented on the following topics:

Tightening of the credit market will impact borrowing and may affect buildings under design; State revenues on decline, possible mid-year rescission. This will likely impact Penn State's budget and appropriation;

Some PSU position searches may be slowed, stopped, or lost through attrition;

PSU will see rising utility and health care costs;

Governance boards may be reluctant to initiate new building projects (fiduciary responsibility);

Expectation that endowments will decrease;

Likely impact on next capital campaign;

Expect to see volatility in the 2009-10 admissions cycle (yields, applications, affordability concerns);

Graduating students face difficult job market;

Expectation that the PA State Retirement System will ask PSU to increase its contribution.

The President encouraged faculty to talk with their students about voting in the November 4, 2008 presidential election.

President Spanier responded to questions about the following topics:

The loss of Penn State's endowment and Association of American University lobbying efforts; He was asked to comment on efforts to put in place a smoking ban at the Mont Alto campus.

SPECIAL INFORMATIONAL REPORT

SENATE COUNCIL

University Budget and Planning Report

Dr. Rodney A. Erickson, Executive Vice President and Provost

University Budget and Planning, Appendix C. Executive Vice President and Provost Rodney Erickson gave a summary of the University's 2008-2009 Operating Budget and priorities for the 2009-2010 budget. Dr. Erickson also provided a status report on the University Strategic Planning Council and the overall strategic planning effort. The slide presentation is posted on the Senate Web site at <http://senate.psu.edu/agenda/2008-2009/Oct2108/appc.pdf>.

FORENSIC BUSINESS - NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - NONE

LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES AND RULES
Revision to Bylaws, Article III, Add New Section 9 (Election to Senate)
Leonard Berkowitz, Chair

Chair Blood: We have a Legislative report from Committees and Rules and it appears as Appendix D. Because this report is a proposed amendment to the Bylaws, it was discussed at the September 9 meeting and will be voted on today. Committee Chair Leonard Berkowitz is available to respond to questions.

This will be a voice vote. The report was presented at the September meeting and there was very little discussion or concern about the intent of the Bylaws resolution. This 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

UNIVERSITY PLANNING

Status of University Construction Projects, Appendix E. H. Ford Stryker, Associate Vice President for Physical Plant, presented the report and responded to questions. The slide presentation is posted on the Physical Plant Web site at http://www.opp.psu.edu/construction/fac_senate/index.cfm.

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

NCAA Faculty Athletic Representative Annual Report Academic Eligibility and Athletic Scholarships for 2007-2008, Appendix F. R. Scott Kretchmar, NCAA Faculty Athletic Representative presented the report and responded to questions.

Intercollegiate Athletics Academic Overview, Appendix G. Athletic Director Tim Curley reviewed the NCAA Academic Performance Program and provided a summary of Penn State student athletes' academic performance. The slide presentation is posted on the Senate Web site at <http://senate.psu.edu/agenda/2008-2009/Oct2108/appg.pdf>.

OUTREACH

Introducing the Penn State Quality Assurance e-Learning Design Standards, Appendix H. This report introduces new quality assurance design standards for online courses offered by the World Campus and by the e-learning Cooperative.

NEW LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS - NONE

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE GOOD OF THE UNIVERSITY

Chair Blood: Are there any comments?

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Blood: Thank you again for the many ways you continue to contribute to the Faculty Senate's vitality and success. May I have a motion to adjourn? All in favor please say aye. Motion carries. The Senate is adjourned until December 9, 2008. The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

The following Senators signed the Attendance Sheet and/or were noted as having attended the October 21, 2008 Senate Meeting.

Agawu-Kakraba, Yaw	Chorney, Michael
Aggon, Norman	Clariana, Roy
Albaugh, Vance	Clark, Darlene
Aldinger, Michael	Clark, John
Ambrose, Anthony	Clark, Paul
Anderson, James	Clark, Mary Beth
Aurand, Harold	Cohen, Jeremy
Avery, Christine	Conroy, David
Aynardi, Martha	Coraor, Lee
Babb, David	Costanzo, Francesco
Bagby, John	Crawford, James
Baggett, Connie	Crivello, Ralph
Ballora, Mark	Cuervo-Hewitt, Julia
Barney, Paul	Daerr, Alicia
Barron, Ori	Danni, Julie
Baum, Paul	Davis, Dwight
Bechtel-Wherry, Lori	Day, Rick
Beebee, Thomas	Donahue, Henry
Benson, Thomas	Ebitz, David
Berghage, Robert	Eckhardt, Caroline
Berkowitz, Leonard	Egolf, Roger
Bittner, Edward	Englund, Richard
Blasko, Dawn	Erickson, Rodney
Blood, Ingrid	Evensen, Dorothy
Boehmer, John	Franchetti, Nicole
Booker, Squire	Frazier, James
Bordi, Peter	Freihaut, James
Bowen, Blannie	Furlough, Michael
Bower, Robin	Gandhi, Farhan
Bowers, William	Glantz, Edward
Breakey, Laurie	Glumac, Thomas
Bridges, K. Robert	Good, David
Brown, Frederick	Gort, Alexandra
Brunsdan, Victor	Gouran, Dennis
Buckley, William	Gray, Barbara
Burlingame, Philip	Grimes, Galen
Butler, Peter	Griswold, Anna
Cardamone, Michael	Haight, Michel
Casteel, Mark	Hampton, Grace
Catchen, Gary	Hannan, John
Cherry, Robert	Harmonosky, Catherine

Hasan, M. Abul
Hayford, Harold
Hesse, Brian
Hester, Anne
High, Kane
Hinchey, Patricia
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
Jonson, Michael
Kane, Eileen
Karazsia, Zachary
Kasting, James
Ke, Bin
Keiser, Joseph
Kester, Mark
Knodt, Ellen
Korostoff, Neil
Kulikowich, Jonna
Lagoa, Constantino
Laman, Jeffrey
Lang, Charles
Lawlor, Timothy
Lesk, Arthur
Leva, Martha
Lightfoot, Cynthia
Liu, Ying
Liu, Zi-Kui
Loewner, Samuel
Long, Christopher
Lu, Xiaofei
Luhman, Kevin
Luloff, Albert
Maple, Amanda

Maroncelli, Mark
Marsico, Salvatore
Masters, Katherine
McCarty, Ronald
McLucas, John
Miles, James
Miller, Timonty
Milone-Nuzzo, Paula
Mohney, Suzanne
Morales, Aldo
Mullin, Christopher
Nasereddin, Mahdi
Ofosu, Willie
O'Hara, Dolores
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
Reeves, W. Brian
Richards, Winston
Robinson, Cynthia
Romano, John
Romberger, Andrew
Rosson, Mary Beth
Roush, Sherry
Ruiz, James
Rung, Donald
Safae, Sahar
Salvia, A. David
Sanders, Amy
Sandmeyer, Louise
Sathianathan, Dhushy
Schengrund, Cara-Lynne
Schmiedekamp, Ann
Schwab, Jacqueline

Selzer, John
Shannon, Kathleen
Shannon, Robert
Shirer, Hampton
Shostell, Joseph
Sims, Barbara
Sims, Damon
Slusser, Philip
Smith, James
Smith, Matthew
Smutz, Wayne
Spanier, Graham
Spencer, David
Staneva, Marieta
Stene, John
Strauss, James
Szczygiel, Bonj
Taylor, Ann
Troester, Rodney
Turner, Tramble
Van Meter, Peggy
Vrana, Kent
Wallace, Michael
Wardrop, Denice
Waterhouse, William
Weidemann, Craig
Welch, Susan
Wiens-Tuers, Barbara
Willits, Billie
Wolff, Sarah
Yarnal, Brenton
Yarnal, Careen

Elected	183
Ex Officio	5
Appointed	12
Total	200