

Academic Senate Meeting Minutes of October 31, 2002

Abstract

Agenda approved. Minutes of 10/3 and 10/17 discussed. Reports from Provost, Vice President of Administration and Finance, APC. Constitutional Amendment and By-laws change regarding Staff Senate Representative – by-laws amended and approved, constitutional vote unopposed. Proposed Resolution on Academic Planning discussed. First Reading of the GE Substitution Policy deferred. First Reading of a modification of the Faculty Emeritus Policy - regarding those in FERP status.

Present: Phil McGough, Susan McKillop, Victor Garlin, Wanda Boda, Robert Karlsrud, Jeffrey Reeder, Robert Coleman-Senghor, Liz Thach, Sunil Tiwari, Edith Mendez, Derek Girman, Robert McNamara, Rick Luttmann, GerryAnn Olson, Raye Lynn Thomas, Scott Miller, Jan Beaulyn, Marilyn Dudley-Flores, Birch Moowoman, Helmut Wautischer, Bernie Goldstein, Larry Furukawa-Schlereth, Ephraim Freed, Jen Minnich, Marcus Payne, III, Art Warmoth, Elizabeth Stanny, Karen Thompson, Bennet Leigh for Steve Wilson, Jeffrey Reeder, Tim Wandling, Richard Whitkus,

Absent: Noel Byrne, Ruben Armiñana, Steve Wilson, Eric McGuckin, Heidi LaMoreux, Steve Cuellar, Steve Winter, Peter Phillips, John Kornfeld,

Guests: Benet Leigh for Steve Wilson
Myrna Goodman for Peter Phillips
Jacqueline Boman

Rick Luttmann is acting as Chair in Noel's absence.
Regarding the addendum from the Budget Committee last meeting, Andy Merrifield, Chair of the Committee reported that the Budget Committee will revise the memo for presentation in two weeks.

Approval of the Agenda - The agenda was approved with no changes/ additions.

Approval of the Minutes from meetings of October 3 and October 17 - October 3 - spelling correction - Dennis Kucinich , U.S. Congressman from Cleveland. Amended to reflect that the reason for manual rather than electronic balloting was lack of properly trained personnel, not absence of procedures.

Page six - about a third of the way down - change "true" to "not true" in Rick Luttmann's quote. Bottom of second page - R. Coleman-Senghor clarified number six and moved to approve.

October 17 - Victor Garlin - middle of page 6 change "I think that" to "It represents the common sense and the collective experience of the faculty and, middle of the paragraph "unless they are on academic assignment" Further down change "fiduciary body" to "fiduciary branch" The blanks should be stricken. R. Luttmann - recommends that they proceed no further today - asked committee members to look at the minutes and give any changes to Carol.

Summary of Actions: (1) Constitutional amendment and Bylaws change regarding Senate staff representative (2) future vote re Article 3, section 1.7.

Reports:

R. Armiñana, President of the University - absent

B. Goldstein, Provost, met yesterday with Senate Budget Committee. The Chair of the Committee is writing up minutes of the meeting to be presented to you probably at the next meeting for discussion. B. Goldstein acquiesced on the \$25,000 in lottery funds allocated to the Masters Degree in Engineering. It is supposed to be a self-support program. It was adopted that way by the Senate. He will present a report at next meeting re new faculty hires. The plan was derived after discussions with department chairs.

L. F-Schlereth, VP, Administration & Finance presented information regarding where we stand on construction of the Green Center. Financial reports are updated quarterly and information can be retrieved on the Green Center web. Phase 1 and phase 2 are no different from what was reported a year ago. Phase 1 is the concert hall portion, phase 2 is the recital hall portion of the center and the connecting building. The charitable remainder trust - just over \$7 million committed in addition to the \$21 million listed as received. About \$300,000 more cash has been collected in pledges than is shown on this report. External donations - \$16.6 million is actual cash - invested. Allowances need to be made for people who may not make good on their pledge. Unrealized pledges are very low so only 2% allocated.

No money has been raised for Phase 2. If it were possible to build both phases simultaneously the total estimated cost would fall by \$2 million.

These are estimates made by our project contractor. The real cost will only be known when the project is finished. Some of the fees are for design, landscape, analysis of the scope of the project and insurance. \$27 million still to go in fundraising. There is more cash than last year but fewer pledges. Stuart Jones is focusing his efforts on jump starting the campaign. If the Senate feels it is appropriate they could have Stuart come to a meeting. Construction documents are ready to put out on the street for bid. P. McGough - of the \$16.5 million that has been raised we've spent about \$6.5 million already. He recommended that S. Jones be invited to the Senate meeting.

V. Garlin assumes specifications of the contract will insist on highest standard of acoustics as emphasized in Green Center promotional materials. Is there any campus policy to favor contractors that use union labor? **L. F. Schlereth** - contract only says pay prevailing wage, he will check. **V. Garlin** - There is continuing controversy on the campus about the way we fund our development office - out of general funds - \$750,000 for capital campaign costs. Is that anticipated to be funded out of money raised rather than out of general funds allocated to development office? What about employee costs of the development center being used to promote the Green Center. Will the general fund be reimbursed? **L. F. Schlereth** - Anyone actively engaged in this project is paid from the General Fund.

Jen Minnich - (1) Please refer interested students to AS office for committees (2) Anyone interested in being a speaker at AS meeting is welcome (3) Forums are coming up for students to express concerns. Please encourage your students to attend.

R. Luttmann - no report

S. McKillop, Statewide Senator - no report

P. McGough-Statewide Senate meeting next week - no report

B. Coleman-Senghor, APC - working on goals document - will give report at last meeting.

A. Warmoth, EPC - no report

K. Thompson, SAC - no report

Business Item #1 - Constitutional Amendment and By-laws change regarding Staff Senate Representative, R. Luttmann - Structure and Functions committee recommends an immediate vote on this. 4th paragraph article 3 section 7 of the Bylaws should be titled Staff Representative and should read "a representative of the University staff should be selected each spring for a one year term as a non voting member of the Academic Senate during the following year. This representative shall be elected from and by a vote of all members of the university community who are members of any of the four staff bargaining units (CSEA, the Police, the Trades and Physicians)." The Academic Senate Office shall conduct a vote. Structure and Functions recommends a one-year term for the following reasons : (1) staff is large and diverse - more opportunity to serve (2) staff members, unlike faculty, are essentially running on a time clock and need permission to make the commitment. Permission for one year is more likely to be obtained although there is no limit on reelection. Several people spoke re effectiveness of three year term - institutional memory. Three years is the standard term. There may not be a large number of staff who are interested. **L. F. Schlereth and B. Goldstein** - time release should not be an issue. **R. Luttmann** - The substantive issue is how we are going to select the staff

representative and that is specified in bylaws. We can amend the bylaws by majority vote of this body.

Moved and seconded to amend the motion to make the term two years. This motion failed.

Moved and seconded to amend the motion to make the term three years. This motion passed. With this amendment, the motion to amend the by-laws carried.

Other matter of the no longer relevant word "ex officio" in Article 3, section 1.7 of the Constitution - A vote will be put to the faculty at the next convenient opportunity when we can expect a 50 percent turnout. The Constitution cannot be amended without a 50 percent vote. There were no objections to putting before the faculty

Item #2 - Proposed Resolution on Academic Planning. The highlights of the proposed resolution on academic planning were read. The resolution passed unanimously by APC and EPC. The SAC and the GE subcommittee will work on this and are waiting to hear from the senate budget committee. WASC requires that allocation of resources be associated with support of the mission of the university. We need clear definition of how that happens. All faculty committees are engaged in academic planning to focus on defining the character, curriculum and core values of the liberal arts and sciences mission of the University. Task forces are being activated in EPC and APC to look at issues, including preparation of the WASC report. The Student Affairs Committee and GE Subcommittee are prepared to become involved in the process. The last clause directs the leadership of the Senate and its committees to work with the Provost and other members of the administration to develop a model for sustainable funding of the core liberal arts and sciences mission. We need to identify ways to shuffle existing resources around.

R. Whitkus noted that the copy of the Mission Statement provided is different from that on the web. **A. Warmoth** - The only changes are areas which are highlighted as informational items. **R. Whitkus** - That selection itself changes the Mission Statement. **B. Karlsrud** will work with Art between now and the next meeting to see that the language is defensible.

V. Garlin. - not sure our purposes are served by it. The document needs to be beyond criticism when it comes to its technical constructions and its purposes. Reaffirmation of the principles on which this university has operated for the last 40 years is needed. It is difficult and dangerous to introduce opportunities for constitutional change. One advantage of the Mission Statement we have is that it was signed off by a president. Administration cannot change the Mission Statement without authority from us. If the Mission Statement is changed the President can decide whether he is going to approve or disapprove those changes. I'm happy with the mission statement we have. I would like to see this body support and reaffirm this statement in a way that is beyond critique with respect to technical and substantive issues.

Item #3 - First Reading of the GE Substitution Policy by Art Warmoth deferred until Paul Draper is here

Item #4 - First Reading of a modification of the Faculty Emeritus Policy - regarding those in FERP status. E.Stanny - First change - Ferping faculty included as being eligible for Emeritus Status because technically they are retired. Second change - FERP excluded from the privileges granted to Emeritus Faculty because they are receiving salary and retirement benefits. It seemed inequitable to give the other privileges.

V. Garlin - one disadvantage about FERP is that they cannot serve on RTP committees - in every other respect they are full members of the faculty.

Meeting adjourned