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UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
FACULTY SENATE
APRIL 19 1999 MINUTES SUMMARY

I. Roll - The following Faculty Senate members were absent: Afolayan, Bornstein, de la Torre, Draper, Grenier, Gross, Macieski, Miller, Naumes, Niman, Pugh, Wang, Williams, and Zsigray. Absent as work to rule were Brinker, Carr, Coon, Echt, Garland, Krysiak, McNamara, Reardon and Zunz. Excused was Crepeau .

II. Communications from the Chair - The Faculty Senate chair said that today the president is attending a special meeting of the trustees regarding review of the structure of the university system. An outside consultant may be hired to advise on this matter. The Agenda Committee will meet with the trustee subcommittee on April 27, and there is also an open session with the subcommittee from 2:15 to 3:00 on that day. The trustee subcommittee expects to make its recommendations by July 1. Vice President for Financial Affairs Candace Corvey has reported on the renegotiation of the funds charged to the university by the university system offices.

The recently proposed Endeavor Program as proposed by the provost's office will not be implemented. Instead, students will be admitted as in the past; and those most in need will be given special advising support. The second edition of "Faculty in the News" has been printed and was distributed in the Faculty Senate meeting. Mark Rubinstein's office helped pay for the publication costs. "Faculty in the News" will be distributed to faculty, legislators and some alumni groups.

The members of the 1999/2000 Professional Standards Committee will be Professors Jack Yeager, Karen Conway, Susan Walsh, David Lane, Thomas Fairchild, Kristine Baber and Harvey Shepard, with the new Faculty Senate vice chair being the chair of the committee. Also, a slate of officers will be prepared shortly for the 1999/2000 Faculty Senate.

III. Minutes - The minutes of the last senate meeting were approved unanimously.

IV. University Curriculum and Academic Policies Committee - Deborah Winslow moved and Bernadette Komonchak seconded that the University Curriculum and Academic Policies Committee be established as described in the proposal sent with the senate agenda. There are individual school and college curriculum committees, but they are not standardized and are not set up to deal with university-wide curriculum issues. Decentralized budgeting may lead to more frequent times when colleges might want to take actions which would affect other colleges. The Academic Affairs Committee has been in touch with other universities which have dealt recently with these issues, and those institutions recommended that a university-wide curriculum and academic policies committee be established before any change to decentralized budgeting occurs.

The committee members should have overlapping terms. The committee should look for ways to monitor the general quality of education at UNH. The committee would only review college decisions that were called into question and would mostly deal with inter-college concerns. The new committee is not envisioned as an appellate court for persons who may be dissatisfied with a decision in their college.

The University Curriculum and Academic Policies Committee has six charges. **The second charge was modified by the Faculty Senate to state that the committee would:**

Monitor policy changes and apparent trends that affect or have the potential to affect academic quality. Possibilities might include monitoring average class sizes, grading norms, credit hour allocation, and use of temporary faculty. The UCAPC may also hear complaints in these areas and make recommendations for their resolution. The committee has the authority to obtain data directly from the university's Office of Institutional Research.

The organization section of the motion was amended by the Faculty Senate to state that:

- 1. The UCAPC will have a Chair and a Vice Chair who shall be elected for one-year terms by the UCAPC from among its members. Both the Chair and the Vice Chair must be faculty members. The Chair (or in that person's absence, the Vice Chair) shall preside at all meetings of the UCAPC.**
- 2. Each faculty member of the UCAPC shall normally be given a one course reduction in teaching load in the third year of his or her term. The Chair will be given a one course reduction in teaching load for each year of service as Chair.**
- 3. Only the faculty and student members of the committee shall be voting members.**
- 4. The UCAPC will communicate all decisions both to the Vice President for Academic Affairs/Provost for executive action and to the Faculty Senate in a timely way. In addition, at the end of each academic year, the committee will provide the VPAA/Provost with a copy of its report to the Senate. [Please see the preamble of the Constitution of the Faculty Senate.]**

It is expected that the funds for course reduction will be supplied by the administration. Since the first couple of years for this committee will be especially labor intensive, the Faculty Senate chair will ask for course release for those members of the new committee who will start out with one or two-year terms.

The motion's first line under membership was changed to: The UCAPC will consist currently of 15 members. The motion as amended was passed unanimously.

V. Open Mike - Concern was expressed about highly-qualified freshmen who have chosen to transfer to other universities. The senate could ask Mark Rubinstein to give us a report on retention and on what kinds of students are leaving. Faculty Senators would also like a report from Bob Mennel, the head of the Honors Program.

Faculty discussed ideas for having a constructive meeting with trustees regarding the reorganization of the system offices. A professor said that the motion which the Faculty Senate has already passed about support for the system offices should be communicated to this trustee subcommittee. Also, the university had an accreditation review which made recommendations about university governance; and we should point out those paragraphs to the subcommittee as well. Before the university system was created, Keene and Plymouth Colleges had their own trustees and approached the legislature for funds separately from UNH. Perhaps the university system could have an executive director whose main responsibility would be dealing with the legislature. Concerns were expressed about duplication of effort in the system and about inappropriate competition between parts of the system.

The UNH undergraduate catalog is being recalled in order to change the cover to a more traditional design.

A faculty member said that he has a letter from the AAUP attorney discussing the legality of the university president's addressing faculty about matters that are under collective bargaining. This letter will be distributed to the senators, and the issue could be discussed with the president at the next senate meeting.

VI. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned.