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UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
1997/98 FACULTY SENATE

11 MAY 1998 MINUTES SUMMARY

I. Roll - The following Faculty Senate members were absent: Balling, Barkey, Brinker, Burger, Calculator, Copeland, Fink, Greenlaw, Herold, Hinson, Lugalla, Morgan, O'Connell, Sohl, Stine, and Walsh. Excused were Carroll, Guidry, and Henke.

II. Communications with the President - Three years ago, the University Planning Council recommended cost-cutting measures which have been accomplished; but the university has a budget deficit, because expected increased enrollments have not materialized. In addition, next year there may be approximately one hundred fewer students than this year, although their qualifications are good. The colleges and academic departments are expected to make up this budget deficit of 2.2 million dollars. The president suggests that departments develop ways of bringing in additional income, such as more international students, more external-grant-supported graduate students, more use of summer school, summer conferences, and evening and weekend Bachelors Degree programs, and greater use of distance learning. The Alumni Association is working hard to enhance grass roots support for better funding. The entrepreneurial campus will help to bring in funds, and this year will be the best ever for capital gifts. Responsibility centered management might help the future budget situation as well.

Promotion and tenure recommendations were recently sent to the Board of Trustees, and graduating seniors are finding good jobs. College open houses, good sports teams, and the new Whittemore Arena help to attract students. UNH is working to improve its visibility in the national press.

III. Communications from the Chair - The chair said that the president will have the Faculty Senate Constitution inserted into the UNH Policy Manual in place of information on the former Academic Senate. A fourth candidate for the position of vice provost for enrollment management is scheduled to meet with faculty on Thursday, May 14, at 3:00 p.m. in the Trustees' Board Room of Thompson Hall. Curriculum vitae are available for all the candidates, in the Faculty Senate office. The Policy Process Committee developed a policy for the development of policies. The preface to that document will say that it is not all inclusive and that faculty and others have different methods for creating policy. The university librarian sent to faculty the schedule for library access during the library's move back into Diamond Library this summer, and the schedule was also handed out at this Faculty Senate meeting.

A Policy on Firearms was proposed by the university police chief and has been discussed twice in the University Governance Communication Council. The latest revision refers only to the Durham and Manchester core campuses and will be brought forward next fall. The Personnel Committee of the Board of Trustees will discuss domestic partner benefits, on June 4 at 2:00 p.m. in Bow. Judy Spiller of the Student Orientation and Advising Committee has responded to faculty senators' questions about the Connect Program,

saying that all students of color who so identify themselves are invited to participate. The program is voluntary and has approximately a forty-percent attendance rate. The Library Committee and the Academic Affairs Committee have submitted their final reports to the Faculty Senate, and the chairs of the other senate standing committee should turn in their reports by the end of May. The deans and department chairs will work this summer to address the budget deficit, and the provost has agreed to keep the Agenda Committee informed of and involved in the process.

IV. Minutes - The minutes of the previous senate meeting were unanimously approved.

V. Master Plan - Pedro deAlba told Candace Corvey and Allan Braun that faculty are concerned about the loop road proposal which would eliminate convenient core-campus parking without adequate consideration of the value of faculty time, the need for faculty to carry heavy loads to class, and the need for security after hours. Candace Corvey responded that the basic assumptions of the Master Plan should be reviewed in the coming year and that the Faculty Senate's Campus Planning Committee could be a part of that review. No changes will be made on the loop road until at least July of 1999 or 2001, because no funds have been appropriated for that plan. The wet-lands impact of the plan is another concern. Decoupling the Coast Bus Service from the university may improve service for many students, since service will be enhanced to Dover and Portsmouth and will target class schedules.

VI. Final Report from the Agenda Committee - In addition to setting the Faculty Senate agendas, the Agenda Committee has set up a distinguished alumni initiative; and recommendations of names of distinguished alumni are requested now. Also, a tabloid on UNH faculty in the news will be published next month. The Agenda Committee worked on advancing faculty governance and held summer discussion and planning sessions for the incoming faculty senators. In addition, Governor Shaheen was hosted at a meeting with the senate and a reception. The Faculty Senate has worked on transfer credit; a review of the master plan; scholarly misconduct policy; policy on the scheduling of games and practices; and efforts to enhance communication with students, the Vice President for Finance and Administration, and others. Next year, the senate could review part-time faculty issues, attempt to establish a formal connection with deans and chairs, and follow up on the implementation of senate motions. We could also have a campus-wide conversation on core values.

VII. Open Mike - A senator asked why the academic departments but not other parts of the university must make up the 2.2 million dollar budget deficit. Another faculty member asked that the decision on budget cuts not be made over the summer. The senate chair said that the plan will be presented in September and that this summer the Agenda Committee will meet periodically with the Deans' Council regarding the budget. The new position of vice provost for enrollment management will be funded from monies already in that area, except for an eighteen-month patch of one-time-only funds. Delegations will visit campuses which currently use responsibility centered management. A professor said that the president has asked for more use of summer school but that his department wanted to offer summer scheduling and was cut back. The dean of continuing education

is invited to look into this issue. Senators thanked the outgoing chair for performing her duties with skill, grace and dignity.

VIII. Adjournment - The 1997/98 senate was adjourned.

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MINUTES SUMMARY

I. Roll - The following Faculty Senate members were absent: Balderacchi, Brinker, Carr, Chandler, Connors, Copeland, Draper, Herold, Kaen, Naumes, Sohl, Stine, and Walsh. Excused were Carroll, de la Torre, Henke, and Morris.

II. Election of Faculty Senate Officers - Jim Tucker moved and John Miller seconded the nomination of John Seavey as chair, Pedro deAlba as vice chair, Howard Mayne as secretary, and Sarah Sherman and Deborah Winslow as at-large members of the Agenda Committee. This slate was approved unanimously.

III. Communications from the Chair - The 1998/99 Faculty Senate chair reported that the Faculty Senate has gained respect during the past year and needs to continue that progress. The president and the university vice presidents have been supportive, for example in the agreement to review the master plan and to include faculty in planning for budget shortfall and the exploration of responsibility centered management. The senate needs to harness the energy of all parts of the university, to reach out to others and to develop allies. A major objective is to bring together many disciplines and perspectives. We need to improve the academic integrity of the university and keep the academic mission paramount. The Faculty Senate is well positioned to play an active roll in university governance and planning for the future. The new senate chair commended the chairs of the senate committees who worked hard so that the senate could be heard responsibly.

The Agenda Committee will host discussions this summer with groups of senators in order to improve the flow of communication and develop new agenda items. Each senator should plan to attend one of these sessions. Good communication with senators and preparation by the committees are essential to make Faculty Senate discussions informed, focused and meaningful. The Campus Journal, uninfo, and electronic mail will be used as vehicles of communication. Continued funding must be developed for the Distinguished Alumni Initiative and the faculty news tabloid. We need to improve communication and linkages with students, deans and trustees, regarding academic issues. Each senator will receive a committee preference form in the mail and should send preferences to the senate office. The senate assistant was commended for her efficiency and good work. The meeting was adjourned.