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UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
FACULTY SENATE  
13 OCTOBER 1997 MINUTES SUMMARY

I. Roll - The following Faculty Senate members were absent: Balling, Bobliya, Burger, Coon, Cooper, Ernest, Greenlaw, Herold, Messier, Schoof, and Zabarsky. C. Gross, Halstead, Mayne, McNamara, Morgan and Moynihn were excused.

II. Communication from the Chair - A Programmatic Review Committee chaired by Curt Givan reviewed the UNH-Manchester Political Science Program regarding the four criteria of centrality, demand, cost and quality and gave a recommendation to the president, who also sought input from the UNH-Manchester dean and the UNH-Durham Political Science Department. That department said there was not sufficient breadth in and support for the UNH-Manchester program, because it had only one tenure track faculty member. UNH-Manchester said that it could only offer an additional Faculty in Residence for three years, and the UNH-Durham Political Science Department replied that it could not sanction the UNH-Manchester major program under those circumstances. Therefore the president has sent a letter stating that the UNH-Manchester major program in political science will eventually be terminated but all current majors in the program will be allowed to complete the major. The tenure-track faculty member will not be displaced, as a result of ending the major in political science at UNH-Manchester, but will continue to teach general education courses and other offerings in political science.

Other information given to senators at the meeting included a handout on the status of the new Academic Computing Advisory Committee and its membership. The committee now has a broad base with many faculty members and Professor Diefendorf as chair. Professor DeMitchell made available to the senators a report from the Academic Affairs Committee on the enrollment management report. The faculty awards dinner was held this week, hosted by the provost; and the Faculty Senate chair, vice chair and committee were invited. Professor Seavey has agreed to coordinate the planning for the next Legislative Oversight Committee meeting on November 24. A report from the Campus Planning Committee was sent to all senators on email, with hard copies to those who do not receive email. A report from the Academic Affairs Committee on the change in student quality from 1989 to 1996 and the final report from last year's Faculty Senate Library Subcommittee were also mailed to the senators. Last spring, the Library Subcommittee reported that work remained to be done on nine of its charges. Finally, senators were informed that faculty observers have been chosen for the Board of Trustees and many of its committees, as well as for the Systems Academic Planning Committee, the Space Allocation, Repair and Renovation Committee, and the Legislative Oversight Committee. Faculty Senate committees were asked to inform the Agenda Committee as soon as possible about agendas items they may have for the October 27 Faculty Senate meeting, which may possibly be canceled.

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

IV. Faculty Senate Library Committee - Professor Seavey moved and Professor Pokoski seconded the **motion to amend section 6B of the Constitution of the Faculty Senate to change the phrase "six standing committees"; to add the following item 6B, 6: "The Library Committee will concern itself with matters pertaining to the university's library and its operation"; and to identify in Section 5 of the Bylaws of the Faculty Senate the university librarian as the administrator corresponding to the library standing committee. Also, in the Constitution of the Faculty Senate, the library would be deleted as a charge for the Academic Affairs Committee.** Professor Pokoski said that he is now satisfied that the Academic Computing Advisory Committee has enough representation and input from the faculty and so he no longer feels that the library motion needs to be linked to one on computing.

V. Alcohol Policy - Three times last year the president asked for the faculty's input on drafts of a university alcohol policy. The faculty gave input then but decided not to make a Faculty Senate motion on the subject. The latest draft has received a great deal of input, discussion and compromise. Today the chair of the Student Affairs Committee made **a motion that is the recommendation of the Faculty Senate that the proposed UNH alcohol be amended by deleting all but the first section of the draft policy. That first section says: "The acquisition, distribution, possession, or consumption of alcohol by**

**members of the UNH community must be in compliance with all local, state, and federal laws.” It is further recommended that the proposed UNH alcohol policy be amended by adding to the above section the following: “The distribution or consumption of alcohol is prohibited at any UNH event where students under the legal drinking age are or will be present. The President of the University shall have the authority to prohibit the distribution or consumption of alcohol in campus buildings or facilities that are used primarily for student activities (e.g., the MUB, the Field House, the dining halls, the recreation center).”** The motion was seconded by Professor Brinker.

The Student Affairs Committee expressed concern about the draft proposals complicated rules and record keeping and the gerrymandering of dry and wet areas. Are fraternity parties considered university events? What about off-campus get-togethers of faculty? The faculty wanted confirmation that the draft policy does not address such events. A number of faculty felt that the draft has been worked on for a year and compromises have been achieved and that the draft policy contains lots of flexibility and is unobjectionable. Professor Copeland proposed an amendment, that alcohol should be prohibited “at any UNH event where people” (rather than students) “under the legal drinking age are or will be present.” A faculty member objected to that change, saying that ones’ children should be allowed at certain parties. Another professor said that the amendment should state that under-age people could be present but could not be served alcohol. In that case, the whole sentence in the original amendment should be eliminated. The draft policy itself does not prohibit serving alcohol when under-age people are present. A professor said that there is a great diversity of opinion among the faculty and therefore we should accept the draft policy. Another faculty agreed, saying that the credibility of the Faculty Senate is important and that the concerns were responded to in the draft policy.

Professor Tucker proposed and Professor Appel seconded **an amendment that the policy be only: “It is the recommendation of the Faculty Senate that the proposed UNH alcohol policy be amended by deleting all but the first section of the draft policy.” The amendment to the original amendment passed with slight majority.** A motion to table the original amendment failed to pass. **A vote on the amended one-sentence amendment failed to pass, with a roll call of sixteen ayes and seventeen nays.**

VI. Update on the Budget - VPFA Candace Corvey presented a great deal of information on the current budget and its comparison to past years. In 1987, state appropriations, tuition and fees comprised 87% of the UNH general fund revenues, but in 1997 the figure was 90%. In both 1987 and 1997, instruction, research and public service took up 51% of the UNH general fund expenses, but in 1987 student services and institutional support (administration) used 29% versus only 19% in 1997. Financial aid went up from 5.9% in 1987 to 13.2% in 1997. A professor asked why the cost of UNH education has grown faster than the inflation rate. UNH is now considerably serving more students with many fewer faculty and a drastically cut staff. Also, there is a much greater percentage of faculty who are non-tenure track and thus are not required to participate in research, service or advising. This puts a greater burden on the tenure-track faculty now. A breakout of full and part time faculty and also operating staff and PAT staff was requested, as was an accounting of balances and deficits left over from prior years.

The VPFA said that the university has land holdings from Maine to Virginia, which are being inventoried to see what can be sold. She described the differences between the UNH 1997 General Fund Budget as seen by the UNH System, UNH-Durham, and the budget review. One difference is the treatment of figures on the post retirement health benefits, which have been discontinued for new employees and so will dwindle away with time. Treatment of monies moved from the prior year fund balances also differs among the three. Fund raising costs will no longer be supported by the general fund.

The VPFA considers that the challenges are (1) to diversify revenue sources in order to reduce the reliance on state appropriations, tuition and fees, (2) to increase total revenue in order to enable strategic investments in areas such as instructional technology, the library, and financial aid, and (3) to streamline administrative infrastructure in order to maximize the portion of our resources going to the primary mission. Strategies under consideration are responsibility center budgeting which is a decentralized approach, administrative services redesign, improved planning and management capacity through five-year plans, making better use of facilities in the summer, and better communication with all constituencies.

VII. Open Mike - Continued discussion of the alcohol policy ensued. The chair summed up that there was a great variety of opinion and that she would share these concerns with the president.

VIII. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned.

