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UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
FACULTY SENATE

10 NOVEMBER 1997 MINUTES SUMMARY

I. Roll - The following Faculty Senate members were absent: Afolayan, Balling, Bogle, Burger, Doucet, Herold, Laudano, McNamara, Messier, Miller, Moynihan, Schoof, and Zabarsky. Carroll, Cooper, Gross, Guidry, Krysiak, Roh and Seavey were excused.

II. Communications from the Chair - The report on the UNH-Manchester Political Science programmatic displacement is available for senators to read in the Faculty Senate office. A list of Faculty Senate committee members and senate observers to other committees was sent to all faculty senators. A search is under way for a new dean of UNH-Manchester. A committee has been formed to review the UNH Study Away Policy. The University Scholarship Fund has received \$9,000 and is approaching its goal of \$10,000. An announcement was made about James Leitzel's illness.

The Agenda Committee has reviewed proposed academic calendars to see that the senate guidelines were followed. The issue of fall break has been brought up for the first time this fall, and a compromise has been reached within the guidelines. The only exception is that, at the president's request, reading days would be reduced to one when contiguous to a weekend. 1997/98 had a fall break, and 1998/99 was decided on last year and has no fall break. There is room to add a fall break in 1999/2000, because that school year must begin before Labor Day anyway to conform to the guidelines. 2000/2001 would not have a fall break. Thus every other year for four years would have a break, and the Faculty Senate could review the issue toward the end of that period. The Faculty Senate agreed with the above plan and said that any fall break should be scheduled on Columbus Day, in order to coincide with the holidays of family members.

The next Faculty Senate meeting will include remarks by Patricia Gormley, Special Assistant to the President for Affirmative Action, and also a report by Tom Kelley, Director of Sustainability. The governor will meet with the Faculty Senate on December 8, and all tenure-track faculty are welcome to attend. The meeting will be from 3:10 to 4:30 in the PCAC Bratton Room and will be followed by a reception from 4:30 to 5:30 in the University Art Gallery, with music by Senator Stibler's group and a display of faculty art. Only senators will participate in the discussion. Invitations requesting r.s.v.p.s will be sent to faculty senators, department chairs, and the six administrators who work with Faculty Senate committees. Senators are requested to submit questions for the governor, in advance to the Agenda Committee. Members of the press will be present at the meeting.

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

IV. Motion on Articulation Agreements - On behalf of the Academic Affairs Committee, Todd DeMitchell **moved** and Art Copeland seconded **that the Faculty Senate action on May 12, 1997, recommending that the provost take no further action regarding "articulation agreements with New Hampshire Technical and Community Colleges" be rescinded and that the provost utilize the existing approval processes for the transfer of credit.** Motions had been passed in the Faculty Senate last year affirming that, for transfer credit to satisfy major requirements, the "courses must be reviewed and approved by the receiving department at UNH" and that, for transfer credit to satisfy General Education requirements, "courses must be reviewed and approved by the Admissions Office with the advice and consent of the General Education

Committee.” A third motion in May asked that no further action be taken on articulation agreements until the Faculty Senate had time this year to review the matter. That has been done, and the Academic Affairs Committee recommends a return to the usual policy where requests for transfer agreements are received by the provost, who sends them to the department, which evaluates the course and sends a response to the provost. His role is case management, and the departments retain quality control.

Most courses accepted for transfer would correspond to a course at UNH, but there are some exceptions. The decision is based on the course’s value and not on its potential use as a major or a general education course. If a course might be in more than one department, the provost sends the transfer request to the department he feels is the best fit. The number of credits is not changed when a course transfers in, even if the UNH department has a similar course with a different number of credits. A general education requirement at UNH might be satisfied with a three-credit course. The issue of writing-intensive courses would be reviewed by Gary Cilley and the General Education Committee. Courses accepted for transfer credit could be reevaluated at any time, but this would not occur as a regular practice. A department could request yearly reevaluation theoretically. However, the institutions submitting these courses will come under a different system of accreditation in two years, and then the question may be moot. **The motion presented today on transfer agreements passed unanimously.** Provost Walter Eggers was present for the discussion that preceded the vote on the motion on transfer credit.

V. Report on the Academic Computing Advisory Committee - Senators Raymond Greenlaw and Pedro de Alba reported that this standing committee, in which they are the Senate’s representatives, was formed by the president and has twenty members from many constituencies and working groups from each college. The committee plans to inventory all academic computing equipment and do a survey of computing needs. Input is requested from each constituency. Some propose that academic computing should have a separate organization, budget and personnel from Computing and Information Services. Others feel that there should not be new grouping but that CIS should properly serve the needs of academic computing.

Senators Greenlaw and de Alba put a series of questions to the Senate, and discussion included the following points. If the university were to require each student to have a personal computer, what pressures would that put on our system? Then computer clusters could be used for specialized purposes, but there would be greater use of our system for electronic mail and the web. In that case, the university would need to invest in a high speed server for all email. Some courses are taught without paper now, through the use of electronic mail. The library sees a need for after-hours computer help. The foreign language teachers want a good language laboratory but feel out of the planning process. They should contact Jeff Diefendorf, who is their representative on the committee and who will form a computing task force from the Liberal Arts departments. There is no new plan to recycle or reuse old computing equipment. Senators are invited to send ideas on academic computing directly to Senators de Alba and Greenlaw.

VI. Faculty Senate Committee Reports - The Research and Public Service Committee has met with Bruce Mallory and Don Sundberg and intends to get input from Cooperative Extension and from Phyllis Bennett’s outreach program soon. The Student Affairs Committee has met with the Vice President of Student Affairs and with the Student Body President, to discuss such issues as the alcohol policy, student riots, and student attitudes. Since students feel left out of governance, the committee has offered that individual students be in touch with each member of the committee. The Finance and Administration Committee has met with Vice President Corvey, to discuss such issues as financial aid, the enrollment management plan, and responsibility-centered budgets.

The Campus Planning Committee stated that the university master plan is available at the library. An extra one million dollars is planned for infrastructure in the south-west quadrant of campus, from funds left over from the Pease study and other areas. Students are concerned that they do have much information about the plan for a loop road and other such changes. The Library Committee has met to set priorities and intends to work with the university librarian. The committee will receive a progress report on the library construction and will monitor interim library services. Please send the committee your input on these services. The university library suggests that remote access may be available from office or home through EBSCOhost databases, and a handout on EBSCOhost was distributed. The Professional Standards Committee has been working with the Vice President for Research and Public Service regarding policy and procedures for professional misconduct and research misconduct.

Each committee should inform the Faculty Senate chair when each charge will be ready for Faculty Senate review.

VII. Student Senate's Legislative Action Team - Student Senators Katie McShane, Brian Jandreau, and Erin Buzuvis were invited to address the Faculty Senate on the activities of the Student Senate's Legislative Action Team, of which they are all members. Students are concerned that low support from the legislature for higher education is a long-term trend. Students have distributed flyers to parents and alumni, and the students plan a forum on November 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the MUB theater II. A supplementary bill has been submitted to the state House of Representatives to reinstate 1.2 million dollars which were cut from the recent system budget. On November 24 the Legislative Oversight Committee will meet in the New England Center at 9:00 a.m.

VIII. Open Mike - The Faculty Senate discussed allowing the press to observe the December 8 meeting with the governor. The senate agreed that the meeting on December 8 will not be a regular Faculty Senate meeting and that therefore the press may observe the meeting. All faculty are encouraged to attend.

Concern was expressed that the recommendations and requirements of the Access Office seem more intrusive than in the past. Is there data regarding the number of students in this category? Is the number growing? What are the current recommendations and policies regarding access? The Agenda Committee will consider the issue.

IX. The meeting was adjourned.