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UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
FACULTY SENATE
7 APRIL 1997 MINUTES SUMMARY

I. Roll - The following Faculty Senate members were absent: Berenguier, Burger, Carroll, Cielinski, Cote, Forest, Greenlaw, Gross, Hiller, McHugh, Moynihan, Rentschler, Schwab, and Zabarsky. Senator Jolley was excused.

II. Communications from the President - The Board of Trustees has formally approved the collective bargaining agreement. The President expressed appreciation to the faculty leadership and said that we can now reflect on the process and consider ways to make it more effective. The Board of Trustees has also approved an increase in student fees. A shortfall exists in the athletics budget, and an increase in the student athletic fee is being considered. The president would like athletics and the UNH foundation to be outside of fund 1000. The governor's recommendations on the budget are moving through the legislature now.

III. Communications from the Chair - The Faculty Senate is conducting elections for new senators. Departments should chose senators who are available on Mondays from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. The Faculty Senate's Academic Affairs Committee will help to revise the Faculty Handbook. Professor John Miller will be a member of the Scholarship Fund Committee.

IV. Minutes - The minutes of the previous Faculty Senate meeting were approved.

V. Part-Time Faculty - The Part-Time Faculty Committee is an ad-hoc committee rather than a standing committee. Some part-time faculty are paid per course, faculty in residence are full time but have a limited term, and others are high-percent-time faculty with appointments of 88% or more. There are approximately ninety high-percent-time faculty, and many have been at UNH for a long time. They are not eligible for tenure and are not required to do research.

Concern has been expressed because these faculty do not fulfill all functions of a faculty member, are not hired through national searches, and have poor job security. Regarding these high-percent-time faculty, the Part-Time Faculty Committee asks that the Faculty Senate adopt the committee's report and recommendations to the president which were attached to the Faculty Senate agenda and which include faculty review of appointments for high-percent-time faculty, the length of contracts, notice of appointment termination or reduction, and participation in departmental deliberations affecting the pedagogic concerns of part-time faculty. Senators would like to discuss these recommendations with their constituents. A motion was made, seconded and passed to table the motion.

VI. Alcohol Policy - An alcohol policy draft was presented for discussion. Faculty are also asked to give their input to Vice President for Student Affairs Leila Moore, who will prepare another draft of the policy. Some departments such as Hospitality Management, which studies food and beverages, and Microbiology, which has a workshop on micro breweries,

include tasting of wine or beer for those over twenty-one. Concern was also expressed about the restriction of the locations where alcohol would be permitted and the requirement for catering. All these are expensive and not in the budget for celebrations of accomplishments such as Ph.D.s or promotions. Events such as the wine and cheese receptions after the humanities center lectures in Hamilton Smith Hall would also not be allowed. How would events abroad be affected? Many faculty said that faculty and staff should be allowed responsible consumption of alcohol. One professor proposed that the alcohol policy be reduced to its second paragraph: "The University campus is subject to local, state and federal laws concerning use and possession of alcohol. Individuals must be aware of and abide by these laws."

VII. Motion on General Education - Last fall the Faculty Senate passed a motion on the transfer of credits for major requirements, and today a motion was presented on the transfer of credits for General Education requirements. Next fall the Academic Affairs Committee may present a motion on the transfer of other credits. Today's motion would have faculty go on record for the continuation of current policy regarding the transfer of General Education requirements and would have no effect on major requirements. The motion is:

The General Education Committee (composed of one faculty member from each college, except Liberal Arts with two members, and a representative from each of the Registrar's and Admissions Offices, with the Vice President for Academic Affairs serving as chair) has the authority to decide whether or not a particular course from some other university or college will be accepted for a General Education requirement. For transfer credits to meet General Education requirements, courses must be reviewed and approved by the Admissions Office with the advice and consent of the General Education Committee. Previously approved courses may be reconsidered periodically by the General Education Committee.

Concern was expressed about getting departments' input on decisions on transfer of general education requirements. **The motion passed unanimously.**

VIII. Open Mike - Discussion ensued on the need for improved services by and funding for the discovery cluster. Another professor said that the English Department's computer committee wanted to demonstrate, to the faculty, computer use in the classroom but had to pay a large fee to rent a computer room in Hamilton Smith Hall, had to compete against business uses for time slots, and was not able to get space until June.

IX. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned.