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UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
FACULTY SENATE
14 OCTOBER 1996 MINUTES SUMMARY

I. Roll - The following Faculty Senate members were absent: Balling, Crepeau, Forest, Goodman, Gross, Guidry, McHugh, Moynihan, Ossenbruggen, Schwab, and Wood.

II. Communications with President Leitzel - The president said that the Board of Directors of the Foundation has authorized a feasibility study for a major capital campaign for academic excellence. The university will contract with one of the large national college fund-raising groups to undertake a study of what may be possible for this university. The study is expected to take about five months. Now we should begin to develop a consensus on what kinds of faculty support would make the most difference for us. The VPAA will meet with the Faculty Senate Academic Affairs Committee to continue this discussion and has already met with the deans. Academic infrastructure support and support for students must also be planned. Part of the money raised in the campaign would go for endowment and part to fund improvements.

III. Communications from the Chair - The Academic Affairs Committee has a Subcommittee on the Library which we expect to be the basis of a campus-wide committee on the library. The Faculty Senate would select faculty members who would be the heart of the committee which would also contain members of other constituencies. The Academic Affairs Committee would try to arrange the university committee to be an extension of the Faculty Senate committee. Computing needs a similar committee, and so does transportation. The president has called for a Transportation Committee with four faculty members, one graduate student, one resident undergraduate and one commuter undergraduate, one PAT and one operating staff member, one extension educator and one representative of campus visitors.

The Faculty Senate chair has been asked to speak at the president's inauguration and has agreed, provided that he may speak for the faculty on the subject of the contract.

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

V. Appendix 2 of the Faculty Senate Constitution - **A motion was made and seconded to change the wording of Appendix 2 of the Faculty Senate Constitution from "Associate Vice President for Campus Planning and Real Property Management and Campus Planner" to "Assistant Vice President for Facilities". A motion was made and seconded to lay over the above motion until the next meeting, as this may be a constitutional amendment. The motion to table passed.**

VI. Chair of the Professional Standards Committee - The constitution says that the vice chair of the Faculty Senate will chair this committee, but this year the vice chair is also a faculty fellow in the dean's office. As faculty fellow, she is not an administrator but is relieved of a couple of courses. In elections, she votes but usually does not have her name on the ballot, and she wants to avoid any conflict of interest. **The Faculty Senate**

agreed that Curt Givan should chair the Professional Standards Committee this year.

VII. Motion on Alcohol - At the last Faculty Senate meeting, this issue was sent to the Student Affairs Committee of the Academic Senate for a recommendation at today's meeting, but the committee does not have a recommendation at this time. The committee is asked to send a recommendation to the senate two weeks ahead of the November Faculty Senate meeting and to report at the November meeting.

VIII. Report from Standing Committees on Charges and Projected Dates of Completion - The Academic Affairs Committee will review plans for the academic excellence fund drive, transfer credit policies, admission standards, academic program assessment, classroom space, and scheduling issues. The Library Subcommittee plans to work to improve the library, to meet with the librarian, and to work on plans for extension and relocation of service and for enhancing stability, growth and funding. The subcommittee would like input on whether faculty feel that a faculty lounge in the library is important and what the room priorities should be.

The Finance and Administration Committee is concerned with the budgetary priorities of the institution. The committee is now working on understanding the budget and will soon meet with the new vice president. The Research and Public Service Committee and the Student Affairs Committee will give us reports next time.

IX. Ad-hoc Committee on Part-Time Faculty - At this time, the committee is reviewing the issue of high percent-time faculty, those whose appointment at the university is 88% or more. Approximately thirty percent of the total faculty at UNH-Manchester is high percent-time faculty, as is a similar percentage of the School of Health and Human Services. Liberal Arts has about 16% but is such a large college that it has the largest absolute number of high-percent time faculty. The full-time, tenure-track faculty is predominantly male, but the high percent-time faculty, who are appointed annually and not currently eligible for tenure, are predominantly female. Are the formal qualifications or functions of high percent-time faculty really different from those of tenure-track faculty?

X. Parking Subcommittee of the Campus Planning Committee - The Parking Subcommittee administered a survey on parking last spring, compiled the results this summer and has presented a summary of the findings. The committee intends now to look into parking policies at comparable universities. However, the administration has announced that it intends to form a Transportation Committee composed of faculty, students and staff, as an advisory committee to the vice president for finance and administration.

XI. Open Mike - A discussion ensued on faculty participation in such events as the president's inauguration and the faculty awards ceremony, in the absence of a contract.

XII. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned.

