

Academic and Professional Faculty Meeting  
October 19, 2012  
3:00 P.M.  
LC 102

1. Call to order
2. Approval of the minutes of the Faculty Meeting of September 14, 2012 \*
  - a. Question about the membership of new Liberal Education Committee
    - i. Paul stated no change to the composition of the committee will be made at this time but he will make the previous documents available for faculty review.
  - b. Minutes approved as distributed
3. Announcements
  - a. Jackie Andrews – One Book One New Paltz selected author Amy Waldman - Distinguished Speaker Series November 1.
  - b. Paul Kassel – 2 events – FPA this weekend Crimes of the Heart Parker Theater. Tuesday Jazz choir performing.
  - c. Communication Disorders chair – The LA&S speakers series has been launched. 1<sup>st</sup> alumni speaker coming – Tiffany Chang, graduate of Communications Disorders, Nov 9 10:30-11:30
  - d. Nov 5 Black Solidarity Day – please follow guidelines approved by the faculty
4. Report of the President: Donald Christian (Please see full report in attached appendix) \*
  - a. 2 add-ons to written reports
    - i. thank you for coming to Open House next weekend. Important recruiting event in a very competitive environment.
    - ii. President Christian addressed assertions made in a New Paltz Times article of Oct. 18, 2012 reported on the Park Point housing complex. President Christian noted that class sizes have not increased dramatically in recent years. Discussion followed.
  - b. No other questions

5. Questions and action items from the floor
6. Provost Phil Mauceri was available to answer questions regarding his report.\* There were no questions.
7. Report of the Presiding Officer: Paul Zuckerman
  - a. Paul stated that he will work with the organization committee to try to streamline governance processes.
8. Action item from the Organization Committee: Paul Kassel, Co-chair, regarding proposal to change the name of the Women's Studies Program. \*
  - a. Unanimous approval to forward the recommendation to change name of Women's Studies to Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies.  
**Approved**
9. Report of the Committee on Tenure, Reappointment and Promotion: Reva Wolf, Chair. \*
  - a. Prof. Wolf thanked the 2011-12 RTTP committee and Valerie McAlister.
  - b. Final outcome of committee's decisions on RTP: 2 cases of divergence – 1 on the part of administration, one on the part of committee
10. Campus Sustainability Plan (for feedback and comment): KT Tobin, Committee Chair \*
  - a. KT Tobin, Chair, and Brian Obach (previous Chair) provided an overview of the 2012 Campus Sustainability Plan. Major points:
    - i. Charged to moving SUNY New Paltz campus into compliance with commitment to sustainability set by President Poskanzer
    - ii. Plan is to be updated every two years
    - iii. Long term goal – full sustainability
    - iv. Moving forward: Plan implementation, integration into curriculum, education outreach, build on recognition of the campus as a Green Leader, encourage broad campus community participation

- b. Discussion followed on topics including full sustainability, the availability of biomass fuel, and funding for implementation of the plan

11. Adjournment 3:53 p.m.

\*Documents related to this item can be found at:

<http://governance.newpaltz.edu/blog/2012/10/17/documents-for-friday-october-19th-meeting/>

Respectfully Submitted,

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