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Academic Senate Meeting

September 3, 2010

3:00-5:00 PM

LC 108

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Minutes of the May 72, 2010 meeting
3. Announcements
4. Report of the Provost

Questions and action items from floor

5. Committee Reports and Questions and Action Items from the Floor:

- a. Curriculum Committee: The GE Board Resolution

“The GE Board strongly recommends that the Academic Senate create a broadly representative task force (including representation from the GE Board and Curriculum Committee) in the spring 2010 semester to develop a significant revision of the current general education program.”

- b. Executive Committee: resolution for forming the GE ad hoc committee [pending consideration by the Executive Committee on September 3, 2010]:

“i. The Senate approve the action plan the AACU team has developed, as the approach that will be used during the current year to set the stage for revision of General Education,

ii. that the ad hoc committee that the team proposes in the action plan BE the ad hoc committee recommended by the GE Board - for the current year.”

6. Report of the Presiding Officer
Questions and action items from the floor
7. New business
8. Adjournment

Meeting of the Academic Senate
Minutes—September 3, 2010

Members Present: Jackie Andrews (Institutional Research), Anne Balant (LA&S), Karen Bell (Education), Peter D. G. Brown (LA&S), Barbara Caldwell (Foundation), Kevin Caskey (Curriculum Committee), Rita Celariste (EOP), Donald Christian (President’s Office), Mary Beth Collier (Academic Affairs), Stella Deen (Graduate School), Christine DeLape (Fine and Performing Arts), Judy Dorney (Education), Laurel Garrick Duhaney (Provost’s Office), David Eaton (Enrollment Management), Aaron Haselton (Science and Engineering), Mary Kahl (LA&S/SUNY Senator), Bernadette Morris (Records & Registration), Lucien Mott (Academic Advising), Simin Mozayeni (Presiding Officer), Jeff Pollard (Professional Staff), David Rooney (Student Affairs), Rose Rudnitski (SUNY Senator), Caitlin Ryan (Student Association), Spencer Salend (Education), Mary Sawyer (Education), Corwin Senko (LA&S), Eve Stern (Student Association), Edward Sullivan (Education), Davina Vora (Business), Shelly Wright (President’s Office).

Comment [1]:
per correction on 10/15/10.

Guests Present: AAC&U Team members: Lynn Spangler (GE Board), Patricia Sullivan (Communication & Media); Paul Kassel could not attend.

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m.

I. Minutes

The minutes for the meeting of May 7, 2010 were approved without correction.

II. Reports

A. Report of the Interim Provost

1. Interim Provost, Laurel Garrick Duhaney, reported statistics on the Fall 2010 entering class. The group is impressive, boasting a 91 high school average, overall. 20% of first year students come from underrepresented backgrounds.
2. Garrick Duhaney offered an update on the Middle States accreditation process, noting that Middle States representatives will visit our campus to conduct their assessment on April 10-13, 2011. A **“previsit” by William Rood???** from Shippensburg State University will help us to prepare for the accreditation team’s arrival. Members of the campus community will be given the opportunity to read and provide comments on our campus self-study. Professor Sue Books is the lead editor on the self-study document.
3. Both New York state law and Federal law now mandate that professors submit early information about their textbook choices online. In order to be in compliance with these regulations, faculty members must notify the campus bookstore about their textbook selections according to the following timetable:

October 1 for Spring Semester textbook selections
February 1 for Summer Sessions textbook selections
March 1 for Fall Semester textbook selections

Orders need not necessarily be placed exclusively with the campus bookstore, but they are collecting the information for the entire campus, so they must be notified, even if faculty choose to place their textbook orders elsewhere.

4. Garrick Duhaney reported on the team from the campus who attended the summer General Education Institute of the Association of American Colleges and Universities. The meeting dealt with creating innovative general education programs. Those who attended were: Donald Christian (then Provost and AVP), Paul Kassel (Theatre Arts), Simin Mozayeni (Presiding Officer), Lynn Spangler (GE Board Chair), and Patrician Sullivan (Head of the Honors Review Task Force.) Members who attended this “boot camp” also held a retreat on August 27, 2010 to engage selected campus members in envisioning the components a new, improved GE program.

B. Report of the Presiding Officer

Professor Simin Mozayeni, Presiding Officer of the Faculty, reported briefly on several items of interest to the body.

1. The composition of governance committees is still in flux, but most seats are filled. The Presiding Officer has already contacted previous year’s chairs and committee members with a request to call the first meeting of their committees for this new academic year to elect chairs for 2010-11.
2. The calendar of dates for upcoming faculty meetings is posted on the Faculty Governance website.
3. The Presiding Officer has met with the Chair of the Committee on Salary Increase, **Larry McGlenn to receive recommendations of the committee for improving and streamlining the process for evaluation of files. Larry has indicated that he has shared those recommendations with Provost Christian [then Provost].**
4. Mozayeni will represent the faculty at Steven Poskanzer’s inauguration as the new president of Carleton College in September.
5. The presidential search is well underway. The presidential search committee met twice over the summer. At the first meeting of the committee, the Chancellor charged the committee for the presidential search and stressed the need to seek out diversity in the hiring process. The Chancellor expressed her full confidence in our excellent Interim President, Donald Christian.

5. Sustainability Committee is
6. Increasing student representation on committees still needs(I didn't get this, either!) I know that Shelly said something about having added one extra student ?????

III. Old Business

There was no old business

IV. New Business

A. Action item from the Curriculum Committee

Professor Kevin Caskey, Chair of the Curriculum Committee, brought a motion for approval of body, with prior approval from the Curriculum Committee and the Executive Committee. The text of the motion, as amended, is as follows:

"The GE Board strongly recommends that the Academic Senate create a broadly representative task force (including representation from the GE Board and Curriculum Committee) to develop a significant revision of the current general education program."

The motion passed unanimously.

B. Action item from the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee of the Academic Senate brought a motion for approval of the body on a measure related to IV, A. (above). The text of the two-part motion, as amended, is as follows:

"1. that the Senate approve the action plan the AACU team has developed, as the approach that will be used during the academic year 2010-2011 to set the stage for revision of General Education, [and]

"2. that the ad hoc committee that the team proposes in the action plan BE the ad hoc committee recommended by the GE Board, for the academic year 2010-2011."

The motion passed unanimously.

C. General discussion regarding General Education revisions

Discussion ensued regarding the contours of a new GE program.

1. Interim President Christian replied to a question from Professor Caskey about compliance with SUNY Central GE regulations, suggesting that some

minor amount of latitude in responding to the regulations might be anticipated.

2. Interim Provost, Garrick Duhaney, reminded the body that our campus must fulfill a 30-credit requirement from SUNY Central.
3. Christian emphasized that the goal of current activities is to garner faculty input and support for GE revisions.
4. SUNY Senator, Professor Rose Rudnitski complimented those who are taking part in the process, making the following observations: (a) that widespread faculty representation in the process is highly desirable; (b) that the current action plan is thoughtful and impressive, and (c) that the current action plan affirms academic freedom and acknowledges the centrality of the faculty in curricular decision making.
5. Caskey asked about a timeline for the GE revision process and was told that the preliminary work would take approximately one year.
6. Patrick Saxe, Academic Advising, asked about the inclusion of a representative from his unit on the GE task force, suggesting that this would be beneficial.
7. Professor Mary Sawyer, Education, asked what was wrong with the old GE.
8. Professor Lynn Spangler, GE Board Chair, asserted that the College should consider stepping back from the old learning outcomes and re-envision a more creative GE program.
9. Professor Simin Mozayeni, Presiding Officer, remarked that some of the original ideas for general education requirements date from the time of the Truman administration.
10. Professor Patricia Sullivan, head of the Honors Review Task Force, reiterated the need to back away from the strictures of the current GE.
11. Christian spoke about his desire that the campus engage ideas related to the visionary LEAP campaign (Liberal Education and America's Promise campaign).

V. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Submitted,

Mary L. Kahl
Vice President, Academic Senate

Academic Senate Meeting

October 15, 2010

3:00-5:00 PM

LC 108

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of the Minutes of the September 3, 2010 meeting
- III. Announcements
- IV. Report of the Provost
- V. Questions and action items from floor
Election of the Senate Secretary
- VI. Report of the Presiding Officer
Questions and action items from the floor
- VII. Old Business: None
- VIII. New Business
- IX. Adjournment

Meeting of the Academic Senate
Minutes for October 15, 2010

Members Present:

Rita Celariste (EOP), Julie Chiarito (Budget, Goals & Plans), Jackie Andrews (Institutional Research), Laurel M. Garrick Duhaney (Provost Office), Mary Beth Collier (Academic Advising), Joel Evans (Music), Chris DeLape (Fine & Performing Arts), Ayanna Thomas (Student Senate), Erica Pena (Student Senate), Caitlin Ryan (Student Association), Jennifer Sanchez (Student Association), Mary L. Kahl (LAS/SUNY Senator), Judy Dorney (Educational Studies), Mary Sawyer (Secondary Education/Educational Studies), Lisa Jones (Admissions), Mary Holland (English), Kevin Caskey (Curriculum Committee), Karen Bell (Graduate Faculty), Stella Deen (Associate Provost), Aaron Haselton (Science & Engineering), Lucien Mott (Advising), Anne Balant (Communication Disorders), Davina Vora (Business), Corwin Senko (LA & S), Patrick Cook (Student- LA & S), Donna Flayhan (Communications & Media), Simin Mozayeni [Presiding Officer], Rose Rudnitski [SUNY Senator]

Members Excused: Jeff Pollard, Ed Sullivan, Mark Dziuba, Interim President Donald Christian, VP Jackie DiStefano, VP David Eaton.

- I. Call to Order
The Meeting was called to order at 3:16 p.m..
- II. Approval of the Minutes
The minutes for the meeting of September 3, 2010 were approved with minor revision.
- III. Announcement
Professor Simin Mozayeni, Presiding Officer of the Faculty, announced the following:
 - A. There will be an orientation session pertaining to faculty governance on October 20 from 1-3 PM., in JFT 1010.
 - B. Professor Mozayeni calls a moment of silence for the passing of former President Steven G. Poskanzer's father.
- IV. Report of the Interim Provost
Interim Provost, Laurel Garrick Duhaney, reported on the following items:
 1. 11 searches have been authorized for the 2011/2012 year in order to fill positions within five schools, as follows:
Business [1 position: Marketing]; Education [3 positions: Elementary Education – Literacy Specialist Secondary Education – Mathematics Education, Secondary – TESOL]; Fine & Performing Arts [3 positions: Ceramics, Art

Education, Theatrical Movement]; Liberal Arts and Sciences [3 positions: Black Studies, Communication Disorders, Economics]; Science & Engineering [1 position: Mathematics – 2 year Math lecturer (with PhD)].

2. There has been a request from faculty of the School of Fine & Performing Arts to cancel two programs at the graduate level: The Master of Fine Arts in Intermedia Design and the Master of Arts in Art Studio.
3. Interim Provost Garrick Duhaney provides an update on the progression of the Middle States Review.
 - a. Dr. William Ruud will be visiting the campus on November 3 in order to assess the school's readiness for the review that is scheduled to take place on April 10 – 13. Throughout his visit on the 3rd, Dr. Ruud will be holding meetings with the President, his cabinet members, the Assessment Steering Committee and the college wide Advisory Committee.
4. Provost Garrick Duhaney discusses the Early Retirement Initiative and responds to questions from the body.

V. Election of the Senate Secretary

A. Donna Flayhan, Professor of Communications & Media nominates herself and is elected to the position by a unanimous vote.

VI. Report of Presiding Officer

Presiding Officer, Simin Mozayeni, reported the following:

- A. All but two of the committees of the College Faculty have elected their chairs.
- B. Mozayeni provides an update on the workings of the Academic Affairs Committee. The committee has been discussing issues pertaining to SEI evaluations, specifically focusing on the possibility of the evaluations going on line. Cost saving is about \$30,000 and the move also helps our sustainability objectives. The Executive Committee earlier today discussed the proposal for moving online. The Ex. Committee concluded that research was necessary in order to have a fact-based discussion. Mozayeni suggests adding a discussion about the SEI evaluations to New Business so that the body can discuss the issue more in depth. The Academic Affairs Committee has also been reviewing proposed academic calendars for the 2013/2014 year.
- C. The Executive Committee has recommended either to (1) develop an ad hoc committee that will be responsible for researching and exploring the possibility of online SEI

evaluations or (2) utilize the Academic Affairs committee to conduct said research.

- D. A team from campus, including Simin Mozayeni, attended former president, Steven G. Poskanzer's inauguration at Carleton College.
- E. Mozayeni provides an update on the Presidential Search Committee. The next meeting will be taking place on November 17th. The committee will be narrowing down the list to 10 candidates. Throughout the next couple of months the committee will be conducting interviews for the candidates on the short list in order to continue the process of narrowing down until there are 4 candidates that will come for final on campus interviews in February. By March 22, the Board of Trustees will then consider the Chancellor's nominee for the next New Paltz President.
- F. Division elections for the General Education ad hoc committee have been completed. Two student representatives will be appointed by the provost.
- G. The first meeting of College Council took place on September 30. The College Foundation met 9/16. Mozayeni is happy to report that in 2009-10, the Foundation spent \$330,000 on scholarships that went to 180 students. The amount was 25% higher than the total for 2007-08.
- H. Mozayeni field question and action items from the floor.

Her full report is in the appendix.

VII. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

VIII. New Business

- A. Mozayeni opens the floor to the discussion of SEI evaluations going online. Pros and cons of online SEI survey were discussed. It was suggested to have a research-based analysis. Mozayeni reiterated that the Executive Committee will defer that to the Academic Affairs Committee.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Caitlin Ryan

Academic Faculty Senator, student representative

Student Association VP for Academic Affairs

Appendix A

PO Report Senate 10/15/10

As usual, my report includes updates on issues pertaining to governance activities in general, meetings of the Executive Committee, the College Council and College Foundation, as well as SUNY-wide activities Campus Governance Leaders [Presiding Officers] are engaged in.

Campus:

1. **Committee chairs** are mostly determined. Pending is election of the Chair of the Organization Committee and RTP Committee.
2. Caitlin Ryan, the SA VP for Academic Affairs is helping me with filling student seats on various committees. By her invitation, I attended SA Senate meeting on Tuesday, October 5, to provide information about faculty committees and encourage students to fill their allocated seats on them.
3. I have met with the **Academic Affairs** committee twice. Most of their discussions have been centered on possibility of SEIs going online and the calendar for 2013-14, which would follow the new guideline faculty approved in May.
4. Interim President Christian has asked me to engage faculty in a discussion about the possibility of moving SEIs online to gather their input. Projected cost savings are about \$25-30,000, per annum.
5. A team of six New Paltz representatives attended former president Steve Poskanzer's **inauguration at Carleton College**. The team included the Interim President Don Christian [as our official presidential delegate], VP Jackie DiStefano, Associate VP and Chief of Staff Shelly Wright, and Senators Rose Rudnitski and Mary Kahl, and me, representing the faculty. All of us financed our own travel expenses
6. **The Presidential Search Committee** will meet on November 17 to narrow down the list of candidates for a short list. Files will become available on November 1st. Off campus interviews will be December 12-13. Recommendations must be submitted to the Chancellor by March 1. The Board of Trustees will consider the Chancellor's recommendation for the next president of New Paltz on March 22, 2011.

**7. The GE Review Ad Hoc Committee members designated through governance process are as follows:
Academic divisions' elected members are:**

School of Business, Rief Kanan,

School of Education, Michael Smith,

School of Fine and Performing Arts, Kerry Carso [Art History] and Thomas Albrecht [Art],

College of Liberal Arts & Science, Susan Lewis; one seat remains vacant.

Faculty of Library, Stephan Macaluso,

School of Science and Engineering, David Hobby and Andy Pletch,

Committees' elected members are Lynn Spangler, from the GE Board, and Bernadette Morris, from the Curriculum Committee.

University Faculty Senator member is Rose Rudnitskie.

8. The Executive Committee met this afternoon [10/15] and discussed the proposal for moving SEIs online. Complex issues related to deficiencies of the instrument itself and potential drawbacks of online mode were discussed. It was agreed that research was necessary for a fact-based conversation about the proposed change.

It was agreed that the Academic Affairs should lead the research and determine if they need to refer the research to an ad hoc committee. The Academic Affairs will be asked to determine that.

The College Council:

The first business meeting of the council this fall was held on 9/30. The council received a report on presidential search, the status of our budget, and a report on the recipients of the special fund the Council developed in 2009-10 that helped eight students with unexpected financial difficulties mid-year.

The College Foundation:

The Foundation met on 9/16. Chairman Noah Dorsky outlined the contributions the Foundation makes to the life of New Paltz students, faculty and our larger community, notably, 186 scholarships awarded in

2009-10 [totaling \$330,000], and 157 in 2008-09, [totaling to more than \$266,000], amounting to a 25% increase in funding.

SUNY-Wide, CGL:

Campus Governance Leaders [CGL] have collecting data on composition of Academic Senates on various campuses, to assess membership of professional faculty [staff in some cases] and students. They also have gathered links for various campuses' Bylaws. The SUNY Faculty Senate is working on principles of Shared Governance.

Academic Senate Meeting

November 11, 2010

3:00-5:00 PM

LC 108

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Minutes of the October 15, 2010 meeting
3. Announcements
4. Report of the Provost
Questions and action items from floor
5. Report of the Presiding Officer
Questions and action items from the floor
6. Action Item: Election of VP of the Senate for 2010-11
7. Report of the Organization Committee and Action Items:

Resolutions from May 7, Spring 2009:

The motion, if approved, would be inserted under section V., B. of the By-Laws.
(the Consultation section, page 15.)

In the case of appointment of the Provost, faculty from each of the following constituencies shall elect one representative to serve on the search committee. These constituencies are: School of Business, School of Education, School of Fine and Performing Arts, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Library, School of Science and Engineering, and Professional Faculty.

The resolution relates to item [2] below in the Bylaws:

B. Appointments – Faculty Involvement

1. The President shall request representation from the Organization Committee on search committees for positions designated as management confidential prior to making an appointment.
2. In the case of an appointment of a Dean of a Faculty or a similar appointment in a Faculty, the Council/Senate of that Faculty will follow its procedure to select a search committee. There should be one member chosen by the Organization Committee from among its members to represent the general Faculty interest and report back to the

Organization Committee. In making this report to the Organization Committee, the confidentiality of the search proceedings shall be respected.

3. The Faculty Committee will submit a list of preferred candidates to the President.

4. Before appointing a Director of a division or a Department Chair, the President shall consult with the members of the division or department concerned (or their committee elected for that purpose), and with other appropriate persons. The division or department members shall have an opportunity to make nominations, to participate in the interviewing of candidates, and to make recommendations concerning all candidates.

5. In the recruitment and selection of prospective appointees to the academic faculty of the College, the President shall consult with the Chair and the members of the division or department concerned (or their committee elected for that purpose). The President shall receive and consider their recommendations concerning all prospective appointees.

Fall 2010 Resolutions [A-D]:

A. The Organizational Committee (OC) recommends the following Bylaw change to Section 1, Part. F. Subsection 1:

A quorum for College Faculty meetings shall be **ten** percent of the voting members of the Faculty. The Presiding Officer shall assume the presence of a quorum unless a quorum count is called from the floor.

B. The OC recommends aligning CAS with current practices as outline in Faculty Bylaws Section 1. E. Terms of Office:

All persons, with the exception of the SUNY Senators, elected under these Bylaws are elected for two-year terms with half of the membership of each committee elected each year. Vacancies will be filled to complete the unexpired term SUNY Senators will serve a three-year term."

C. Granting ex-officio positions on Academic Senate to the College Registrar and to the Dean of Academic Advising

The committee recommends adding ex-officio positions for both the College Registrar and the Dean of Academic Advising. Bylaws on Membership, Section 15 VI. B state:

"B. Membership

1. The Academic Senate shall consist of voting and non-voting membership as specified in Appendices A and D and the section titled "Voting Rights" in Section X contained herein.
2. Chairs of the Standing Committees of the Academic Senate shall be voting members of the Academic Senate. Standing Committee Chairs, if also elected to the Academic Senate by their respective Constituency, shall have only one vote in the Senate.
3. Each voting member shall have one alternate who may attend meetings but shall vote only when the regular member is absent."

In cases where one person occupies two seats (one voting and one non-voting or ex-officio), OC determined that since one of the seats is non-voting, there are no major implications for such a scenario that required action.

D. Change to Bylaw to require committees to vote for Chair and Secretary on an annual basis.

Due to the fact that most committees have up to 50% of new membership joining each year, it was deemed appropriate for each new convening committee to vote for a chair and secretary annually to ensure support for those position among all members serving.

The OC recommends the following Faculty Bylaw Change to Section III. Committees of the College Faculty: Item #5:

Following the Faculty election, the Presiding Officer shall convene the newly elected committee for purposes of organization. The committee should choose its own Chair and Secretary **annually**.

8. Unfinished Business: None
9. New Business
10. Adjournment

Minutes of the Academic Senate Meeting, November 11, 2010, LC 108

Present: Simin Mozayeni (Presiding Officer of the Faculty), Donna Flayhan (Secretary of Academic Senate, LA&S, Communication and Media), Peter DG Brown (LA&S, Foreign Languages), Mark Dziuba (F&PA, Music), Corwin Senko (LA&S), Davina Vora (Business), Aaron Haselton (S&E), Lucien Mott (Academic Advising), Don Christian (President's Office), David Rooney (Student Affairs), David Eaton (Enrollment Management), Rose Rudnitski (SUNY Senator), Edward Sullivan (School of Education), Jody Dorney (School of Education), Jeff Pollard (Professional Staff), Bernadette Morris (Records and Registration), Lisa Jones (Undergraduate Admissions), Mary Hollard (LA&S, English), Ghader Eftekhari (Engineering), Stella Dean (Graduate School, Academic Affairs), Mary Sawyer (Secondary Education), Marcia Tucci (Organization Committee Report), Mary Beth Collier (Academic Advising), Laurel M Garrick Duhaney (Interim Provost), Barbara Caldwell (Development UUP)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:03pm on Friday, November 11, 2010 in Lecture Center Room 108

2. Approval of the Minutes of the October 15, 2010 meeting

Motion to Approve Minutes: Rose Rudnitski, Approved 3:08pm

3. Announcements

No Announcements

4. Report of the Provost

Interim Provost Laurel Garrick Duhaney summarized before the Academic Senate the history of the Ad Hoc Committee to revise and review GE. Introductory Remarks, "As you know, the Executive Committee and this body approved a recommendation from the Curriculum Committee—which was moved by the GE Board—to form an ad hoc committee to review and revise GE. Furthermore, the Executive Committee and this group also approved an action plan developed by a campus team that attended AAC&U's GE Institute last June. That group's plan called for a series of activities including the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee comprising elected and nominated members."

Provost Duhaney announced the members on those committees:

9 Elected Faculty:

Stephan Macaluso	Library
Rief Kanan	School of Business
David Hobby & Andy Pletch	School of Science & Engineering
Kerry Carso & Thomas Albrecht	Fine & Performing Arts
Michael Smith	School of Education
Susan Lewis & Mary Christensen	Liberal Arts & Sciences

9 Academic Faculty Appointed by the Interim Provost:

Patricia Sullivan	Liberal Arts & Sciences
Paul Kassel	Fine & Performing Arts
Sue Books	School of Education
Simin Mozayeni	Liberal Arts & Sciences
Pauline Uchmanowicz	Liberal Arts & Sciences
Christopher Link	Liberal Arts & Sciences
Stella Deen	English (Interim Associate Provost & Dean of the Grad Sch)
Peter Kaufman	Liberal Arts & Sciences
Kristine Harris	Liberal Arts & Sciences

1 SUNY Senator (also a member of the Executive Committee):

Rose Rudnitski	SUNY Senator
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1 Member each from the GE Board and the Curriculum Committee (selected by the membership of each):

Lynn Spangler	GE Board
Bernadette Morris	Curriculum Committee

2 Students (Selected by the Interim Provost and Presiding Officer):

Caitlin Ryan	SA VP for Academic Affairs
Victoria Samakai	SA Senator

Provost:

Laurel Garrick Duhaney	Interim Provost
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2 members of Student Affairs:

Tonda Highley	Director, Career Resource Center
Rita Celariste	Assistant Director, EOP

1 or 2 alumni:

To Be Determined

Provost Duhaney also reported that, according to official records, only 43% of SUNY New Paltz Faculty had submitted book orders as per the new Federal Law,

original date given was October 1, 2010. The compliance rate around the SUNY system was closer to 80%.

The Provost noted that some faculty expressed concerns regarding being forced to order books through Follett. She wanted to assure people that you do not have to place the order through that particular bookstore, that you can email the information (Department, Course Number, and ISBN #).

The Provost announced the Chancellor's Award Status. Deadline was November 10, 2010. For the Service/Librarian Award there had been 1 nomination from New Paltz. For the Scholarship Award there had been no nominations. For the Teaching Awards there were 3 nominations. The Provost clarified that these are not the same as the Distinguished Service Awards.

5. Report of the Presiding Officer

Presiding Officer Simin Mozayeni reported on the Presidential Search Process, noting that on Wednesday, November 3, 2010 the Search Committee officially opened and began to review applications. It was noted that on Wednesday, November 17, 2010 the Committee would be meeting to rank and review the candidates in the pool. It was described as a robust, diverse, and high caliber pool of applications. It was noted that the on-campus interviews will take place in February 2011 as planned. The Presiding Officer also reported that the Accreditation team has 14 group reports, compiled a 150 page document that should be available for response and review soon. The last item reported by Presiding Officer Mozayeni was that the Executive Committee has been working on a plan for meeting times, a 2 hour slot on Wednesdays, that would be reserved for search meetings, faculty meetings, and Senate meetings. During discussion President Christian noted in response to another question that applicants for the College Presidential Search could still submit, but that the advertisements and postings of the position did give November 17, 2010 as the time that the applications would begin to be reviewed and is considered a priority screening date. There are 40 applications under review. Vice President David Eaton responded to questions related to the feasibility of a 2 hour meeting time block on Wednesdays as feasible.

Presiding Officer Mozayeni also reported that the Chair of the Reappointment, Promotion, and Tenure Committee is Reva Wolf (Professor, Art History), that the meetings of the Ad Hoc Honors Committee were completed and their report would be coming soon, and that College Council and College Foundation had not yet met but would be meeting soon.

6. Action Item: Election of VP of the Senate for 2010-11

Mary Kahl's (LA&S, Communication and Media) name was put forward by Presiding Officer Mozayeni as a candidate willing to serve in the position of Vice President of the Senate for 2010-11.

Mary Sawyer made a motion to nominate Mary Kahl for Vice President of the Senate. Motion Passed 4:12pm.

7. Report of the Organization Committee and Action Items:

Marcia Tucci presented material from the Organization Committee, She read the resolution which had been passed on May 7, 2009 but had not been brought to Senate due to turnover on the committee.

This following was displayed and read aloud by Marcia Tucci,

Resolutions from May 7, Spring 2009:

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This proposal was discussed at length by many as being confusing in the wording, and not ready for action.

Action Item: Peter DG Brown made a Motion to Defer this and send back to Committee.
The motion passed at 4:05pm

Marcia Tucci Introduced the other proposals from the Organization Committee (attached to minutes in separate file).

Action Item: Ed Sullivan moved that we pass Motion A (reducing a Quorum to 10% down from 20% for meetings of the Faculty). Motion Passed with 2 Opposed and no abstentions.

Action Item: Barbara Coldwell Moved that we pass Motion D (that Chairs and Secretaries of Faculty Committees should be elected annually and other minor wording changes).
Motion passed with no opposition and 1abstention.

Other items on Organization Committee proposal (attached) were discussed and the wording problems and lack of clarity of items were noted and no votes were taken, those items were referred back to Organizational Committee for clarification.

8. No unfinished business
9. No new business
10. Motion to Adjourn, Lucien Mott. Motion to adjourn passed at 4:34pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Donna Flayhan, Secretary to Academic Senate

Academic Senate Meeting

December 3, 2010

3:00-5:00 PM

LC 108

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Minutes of the November 12, 2010 meeting
3. Announcements
4. Report of the Provost
Questions and action items from the floor
5. Report of the Presiding Officer
Questions and action items from the floor
6. Report of the Organization Committee and Action Items:
Please see the file attached for full text

A. By Laws Section 1.E. Terms of Office:

"All persons, with the exception of SUNY Senators, elected under these By Laws are elected for two-year terms with half of the membership of each committee elected each year. Vacancies will be filled to complete the unexpired term. SUNY Senators will serve a three-year term"

Faculty representatives of the Campus Auxiliary Services (CAS) Board shall be elected for two-year terms with half of the membership elected in alternate years.

B. XVI. APPENDIX (E) D: NON-VOTING EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS of the ACADEMIC SENATE

Chancellor of SUNY
President of the College
Provost/ Vice President for Academic Affairs
Vice President for Student Affairs
Vice President for Administration and Finance
Vice President for Enrollment Management
Graduate Council Presiding Officer
Dean of the Graduate School
Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Dean of the School of Business
Dean of the School of Education
Dean of the School of Fine and Performing Arts
Dean of the School of Science and Engineering

Dean of the Library
Dean of Academic Advising
Dean of Admissions
College Registrar
Director of Computer Services
Director of Instructional Media Services
SUNY Faculty Senator(s)

***Changes / additions in bold**

7. Report of the Honors Ad Hoc Committee
8. Unfinished Business: None
9. New Business
10. Adjournment