

**Minutes of the  
Faculty Senate Meeting  
Friday, 16 November, 2001  
Student Center 214, 3:00pm**

Members present: Senators Bradie, Broschious, Game, Kidd, Marshall, Mazzarella, Mullen, Purtle, Schell, Siochi, Underwood, Weiss, Winder, Wymer.

Members absent: Senators Catanzaro, Keeling.  
Also present: SGA representative Jeremia Davis

- I. Call to order: President Siochi called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.
- II. Minutes for November 2, 2001 meeting were approved with corrections.
- III. Presidents Report
  - A. Faculty Senate President Siochi met with President Tribble on 11/12/01 to pass along Senate resolutions. Senator Siochi discussed several of the resolutions.
  - B. Senator Siochi noted that the Deans of the college of Liberal Arts and Sciences are going to have faculty meetings on Academic Culture. Senator Siochi encouraged Senators to go to these meetings.
- IV. Committee Reports
  - A. Leadership Committee, no report.
  - B. Faculty Club Committee, no report.
  - C. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee/General Education Council report on General Education Curriculum changes.
    1. Senator Weiss reported that the committees met with Provost Doane and Dean Summerville to discuss reasons for the changes in curriculum.
    2. Senator Weiss discussed the recommendations from the two committees that were emailed to the general Faculty at CNU.
    3. Senator Marshall voiced concern about the timetable suggested by the committees might be too short to complete a review of the General Education curriculum.
    4. Senators suggested that the time deadlines would help organize the committee to work hard to complete the project.

Senator Kidd arrives 3:40pm.  
Senator Game arrives 3:45pm.

  5. Senator Purtle noted that the committee being recommended was a large committee of 19 members.
  6. Senator Weiss discussed the reasoning for the inclusion of the recommended members.
- V. Old Business
  - A. Demographics of the University, no report.

- B. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee report on course deactivations.
  - 1. Senator Siochi spoke with the Chair of the University Curriculum Committee. The Committee recommended that reactivation of courses removed from the catalogue should go through the same process as new courses. This recommendation was forwarded to Dean Summerville.

VI. New Business

- A. Faculty Development Grants.
  - 1. Senator Broschius noted that only one grant proposal was forwarded to the Deans. Senator Broschius suggested that the deadline for grant submissions may not have been communicated as well as needed. Suggested that the future grant submission deadlines will be more widely advertised.
  - 2. Senators noted that last year the Faculty Development Grants Guidelines were revised. Senator Broschius was unsure if the Faculty Development Grant Committee used the revised guidelines.
  - 3. Senator Marshall moved to table the recommendations of the Faculty Development Grant until next meeting in order to look at the revised Faculty Development Grant Guidelines. Motion passes.
- B. Proposed changes to the Summer Schedule.
  - 1. Senate discussed reasons for revising the Summer Schedule. The Senate noted that the main reason for the suggested revisions appears to be to allow greater flexibility for the summer freshman orientation.
  - 2. Several Senators noted that reasons of Pedagogy did not appear to be related to the reasons for revising the summer schedule.
  - 3. Senator Kidd noted that some universities have a flexible summer term that the schedule is determined by the demands of the course.
  - 4. Senate discussed Dr. Glenn Weber's suggestion to move back Summer Term 2 back two weeks to allow students from other schools to take summer courses at CNU.
  - 5. Senator Kidd moved Senate Resolution No. 2001-08. Seconded by Senator Schell.

**FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION No. 2001-08**

**WHEREAS, the Faculty Senate generally recommends the new summer school schedule proposed by Deans and recognizes the advantages for the registrar's office and freshman orientation during the summers, and**

**WHEREAS, students from other universities often enroll in Summer classes at Christopher Newport University to either retake subjects or to earn credits for graduation at their institutions, and**

**WHEREAS, CNU finishes Spring semester earlier than may other universities in the state of Virginia and starting Term 2 on May 13 makes it impossible for students from other universities to take courses during Term 2 at CNU, and**

**WHEREAS some courses taught at CNU need extra flexibility that the new**

**three term summer sessions currently provide, therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate recommends to the Provost the following summer session schedule:**

**Term 1 May 12 through June 13**

**Term 2 May 28 through August 6**

**Term 3 July 8 through August 7**

**Term 4 Flexible schedule to be determined by the requirements of the course.**

For: Bradie, Broschius, Game, Kidd, Marshall, Mazzearella, Mullen, Purtle, Schell, Underwood, Weiss, Wymer

Abstain: Winder.

Against: none.

**Motion passes.**

C. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee/ General Education Council recommendations on General Education Curriculum changes.

1. Senator Winder moved Senate Resolution No. 2001-09. Seconded by Senator Kidd.

**FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION No. 2001-09**

**The Faculty Senate accepts the report of the General Education Council and the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee on the proposed curricular changes to the General Education Requirements, and submits the following recommendations:**

1. **That the Committee for the Curriculum of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century be formed in December of 2001 and that it begin work shortly thereafter.**
2. **The immediate task of the committee will be to review the general education program at CNU, from the goals through the courses to the assessment. Proposals such as those submitted by the Provost and the Department of Recreation, Sport and Wellness Management would be considered, as would any additional proposals.**
3. **The committee would also address the requirement from SCHEV that we show competencies in our students in the areas of writing, technology, critical thinking, oral communication, scientific literacy, and quantitative analysis.**
4. **This review of the general education program would be completed by the end of the summer 2002 and a report distributed at the beginning of Getting Started week (August 12-16, 2002). This would allow for time during the week to be scheduled for presentation of the report to faculty and administration with time for discussion.**
5. **The report would then go to the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee for its review. A recommendation from the UCC would**

**be submitted to the Faculty Senate by the end of the Fall 2002 semester. The Faculty Senate would be charged with making its recommendation to the Provost by the 1<sup>st</sup> of February, 2003. This would ensure that whatever changes resulted from this deliberative process could be incorporated in the 2003-2004 University Catalog. This coincides with the 2003-2004 academic year implementation proposed by the Provost while allowing meaningful consideration of these important issues by all interested parties.**

**6. It is recommended that the committee be constituted in the following manner:**

- **12 faculty members**
  - **six faculty members appointed by the provost or president \***
  - **these six appointed members should be tenured**
  - **six faculty members elected by the faculty \***
- **Carol Safko, Director of Academic Advising, *ex officio***
- **Noel Womack, Director of Assessment *ex officio***
- **Anne Perkins, Associate Provost, *ex officio***
- **Patty Cavender, Director of Admissions, *ex officio***
- **two student voting representatives appointed by the SGA**
- **a member of the GEC if not elected by the faculty, *ex officio***
- **chairperson elected by the committee once formed who votes only in the case of a tie.**

**\*(four from CLAS and two from the School of Business)**

Vote Unanimous.

**Motion passes.**

**D. Discussion of General Faculty Meeting on 11/13/01.**

1. Senators discussed how the Senate could encourage constructive shared governance with the administration at CNU.

**VII. Other Business.**  
None.

**VIII. Adjournment.**  
Senator Weiss moved for adjournment, Senator Bradie seconded. Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Timothy R. Marshall  
Faculty Senate Secretary