

**Minutes of the
Faculty Senate Meeting
Friday, December 6th, 2002
SC 150, 3p.m.**

Members present: Senators Bradie, Doyle, Game, Gray, Keeling, Kidd, Marshall, Purtle, Schell, Siochi, Underwood, Weiss, Wheeler, and Winder

Members absent: Senator Cartwright

- I. Faculty Senate President Tim Marshall called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.
- II. President's Report
 - A. President Marshall reported on the Board of Visitors meeting that took place at 1:00 p.m. that day.
 1. They discussed the issue of part-time students and President Tribble's recent e-mail on the subject. President Tribble argued that CNU continues to enroll part-time students and that the moratorium on continued enrollment of such students was always intended as a temporary measure to deal with the budget crisis. The Board of Visitors suggested discussing the issue of part-time students again at their March meeting. They spoke of the 30,000 additional full-time students expected by SCHEV over the next decade. They observed that there is no state-organized thought as to where those students will matriculate.
 2. The Board discussed the possibility of a \$250 mid year tuition increase to protect CNU from the possibility of further budget cuts. There was some resistance to the increase. The Board discussed other potential sources of income. A member of the Board stated that if they were financially required to cut additional programs, then they would be cut but, the general consensus was to try to avoid further program and personnel cuts. President Tribble spoke against the consideration of further program and personnel cuts. The Board passed the tuition increase and it will take effect for the Spring 2003 semester.
 3. An additional resolution was passed by the Board to refrain from charging overload fees to students taking 16-18 hours. This resolution is intended to assist those in departments terminated by recent budget cuts.
 4. President Marshall read the Board the Faculty resolutions passed on November 20-25th 2002. He asked for the Board's response to the resolutions. Concerning the ending of the state of emergency, Rector Freeman said that it is unwise to remove the state of emergency before we see what Richmond will do. The state of emergency will remain until any future budget cuts are dealt with. There was no comment on the request for Faculty approval of program changes. The resolution requesting a tuition increase was

used to support the tuition motion passed by the Board. Concerning the request to reconsider program cuts, Rector Freeman said the Board would not revisit this decision. He indicated that they had worked hard to deal with the budget cuts and that it was a painful process. The Board plans to focus on avoiding future program and personnel cuts.

5. Rector Freeman commented that the timing and process of announcing program cuts may not have been the best, but he felt that the decisions the Board reached were not done in haste and many options were considered before the programs were cut. He indicated that the Board will seek additional input before implementing further cuts.

B. There were no further matters to report.

III. Approval of the Minutes from November 1st, 2002

- A. Senator Doyle moved the approval of the minutes.
- B. Senator Weiss seconded the motion.
- C. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Committee Reports

- A. Speaking for the nominations committee, Senator Doyle reported that Mary Best, Linda Johnson, Tanya Sweet and Tarek Abdul Fattah were being recommended for the Family Day Task Force. Dean O'Connell also recommended that Donna Eddleman serve as an advisor for the committee since she is responsible for much of Student's Life's planning for the weekend. The nominations committee also has 4 o 5 nominees for the Leadership Council. They hope to have a final recommendation by early January. The nominee for the Grievance Committee will be available in early January as well.
- B. The Admissions Committee met but had no report.
- C. There were no other committee reports.

V. Old Business

- A. Much of the Old Business was dealt with by the committee reports.
- B. Ron Mollick will chair the Post-Tenure Review Procedures Committee. He has the charge of the committee and will begin work on it during the Spring semester. President Marshall asked for a recommendation by March.
- C. There was no other Old Business

VI. New Business

- A. The Senate considered Dr. Mazzearella's proposed resolution to rescind the moratorium on admitting new part-time students to CNU. Senator Bradie moved the resolution in its entirety. Senator Game seconded the motion.
 1. In discussion the Senators considered President's Tribble's recent remarks in his e-mail on the subject. Given these remarks, there was concern over their apparent inconsistency with earlier remarks. The senators observed that the nature of the current policy was

- unclear. Given this lack of clarity, some of the Senators were unsure if a resolution was appropriate.
2. A visitor expressed concern about the policy in the handbook. Because it requires all students to meet admissions requirements, he was concerned over the possibility of some community members being excluded. The visitor also argued that the policy would only be undone under pressure and charged the Faculty Senate to be sure that the voice of the Faculty was heard on this issue.
 3. The Senate expressed a desire to have more information before proceeding. Methods of communicating other than a resolution were also discussed. The Faculty Senate wants to go on record against the moratorium, but not necessarily through a resolution. The Senators also expressed a desire to offer alternatives rather than just a request to rescind the policy.
 4. Senator Purtle called the question on the resolution in its entirety. Senator Keeling seconded the motion. Senators Purtle, Keeling, Kidd, Gray, Underwood, Wheeler, Doyle, Schell, Siochi, Weiss voted to approve the motion. Senators Game, Bradie, voted against the motion. The motion to call the question passed.
 5. Senators Kidd, Purtle, Keeling, Wheeler, Doyle, Bradie, Gray, Schell, and Weiss voted against the motion. Senator Game voted in favor of the motion and Senators Underwood and Winder abstained, the motion in its entirety failed.
- B. Senator Gray moved to consider alternatives to the proposed resolution. Senator Kidd seconded the motion.
1. Senator Keeling proposed the following motion with friendly amendments: The Faculty Senate welcomes President Tribble's recent statement on part-time student policy. In particular, we agree that part-time students bring a unique richness to the educational experience at CNU. We affirm that "part-time students are and will continue to be a significant and valued part of the life of CNU." We look forward to working with the administration to develop a means to facilitate enrolling new part-time community students in the future.

Senator Purtle left at 5:15 p.m.

2. Senator Kidd moved that Senator Keeling's motion be accepted as a sense of the Senate. Senator Doyle seconded the motion.
3. Senator Gray called the question and the motion passed unanimously.

Senator Game moved to adjourn. Senator Doyle seconded the motion. The vote in favor was unanimous. The Senate adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dr. Lori J. Underwood, Faculty Senate Secretary