

**Minutes of the
Faculty Senate Meeting
Friday, 24 August, 2001
SC 214, 3pm**

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

Absent Members: Senator Winder

Also in attendance: Dr. Thomas Berry

- I. Call to order: President Siochi called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.
- II. Minutes for April 20, 2001 meeting were approved.
- III. President's Report
 - A. Faculty Senate President Siochi welcomed the new and returning members of the Senate for 2001-2002.
 - B. President Siochi reported that President Tribble has submitted three proposals to the faculty Senate.
 1. The first requiring immediate action by the Senate is a Revised Faculty-Student Relationships policy. This policy would prohibit all amorous relationships between instructional faculty and students and administrative/professional faculty and students. President Tribble would like the Board of Visitors to adopt this policy at their September 13 meeting.
 2. The second is a motion to establish a Faculty Club.
 3. Finally, several motions to revise Undergraduate Admissions Policies.
 - C. President Siochi reported that the Deans want Faculty Senate input on the proposed changes in the Academic Week by Nov. 1, 2001.
- IV. Committee Reports
 - A. Senator Catanzaro reported that several members of the Ad hoc Committee on Faculty Administration Communication wanted to know the current status of this committee.
 - B. Board of Visitors Liaisons had no reports.
 1. New Board of Visitors Liaisons
 - a. Finance, Audit & Development - Senators Winder and Schell.
 - b. Student Life - Senators Catanzaro and Underwood
 - c. Academic Affairs - Senators Mazzarella and Kidd
- V. Old Business
 - A. Senator Game reported that work on a Faculty Senate web page was progressing and would soon be available.

- B. Senator Mazarella suggested leaving the six items he presented in the April Senate meeting on the table so the Senate can deal with more pressing matters.
- C. President Siochi established an Ad hoc Committee to work with Provost Doane to develop clearer guidelines for the Summer Stipends Program. Senators Broschius and Game volunteered for this committee.

VI. New Business

- A. President Siochi noted that the Faculty of CNU should elect a representative to replace Doug Gordon. President Siochi suggested that the departments that made up the old College of Liberal Arts elect a Senator by a majority vote of the eligible voters present at an election meeting. President Siochi suggested we use this procedure of replacing Senator Gordon because we are in a transitional period and we need to discuss how the faculty will determine faculty representation on the Senate given the new University organization. A new Senator should be elected before the Sept. 28 meeting of the Faculty Senate and the Senate probably does not have time, given other pressing issues, to determine a new means of determining faculty representation.

- 1. **Senate Resolution 2001-00: The departments that made up the old College of Liberal Arts (Communication Studies, Education, English, Fine and Performing Arts, Government and Public Affairs, History, Library Science, Military Science, Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures, Philosophy and Religious Studies, Psychology, Recreation, Sport and Wellness Management, and Sociology Social Work and Anthropology) elect a senator by a majority vote of the eligible voters present at an election meeting.**

Moved by Senator Broschius, seconded by Senator Bradie

Vote: Unanimous.

Motion passes.

- B. President Siochi noted that since Doug Gordon was the Vice President of the Faculty Senate, a new Vice President of the Senate will have to be elected. Senator Kara Keeling was nominated. The vote was unanimous. **Senator Kara Keeling is the Vice President of the Faculty Senate.**
- C. President Siochi opened the floor for discussion on the recommendation to revise Faculty-Student Relationships policy. The Senate discussed several concerns.
 - 1. The proposal makes exceptions for spouses taking classes at CNU; however, several Senators pointed out that the proposal apparently **does not** make exceptions for cohabiting couples or preexisting relationships.
 - 2. Several Senators also wanted to know **specifically** what type of Faculty-Student behaviors are going to be prohibited under this policy. For example, would faculty be prohibited from going to dinner with a group of CNU students? What restrictions would the Faculty face on off campus trips with students (such as the CNU Summer Senior Seminar)?
 - 3. The Senate felt that the timetable to make an informed recommendation to President Tribble was very short to fully consider the implications of the policy and to investigate other Universities' policies on Faculty-Student Relationships. Senators volunteered to investigate how other universities

are dealing with Faculty-Student Relationships and to quickly consider the implications of this policy.

- D. President Siochi opened the floor for discussion on the Administrative decision to reorganize CNU and the appointment of Deans both without any apparent faculty consultation. Senators discussed a number of concerns and comments, such as:
1. How these decisions have resulted in low morale in some departments.
 2. How the Senate had the impression that the administration would consult with the faculty before implementing major policy changes and as a result were disappointed by not being consulted.
 3. How the Senate could encourage the administration at CNU to consult with the Faculty in the future.
 4. Several Senators suggested that the Senate should try to take a greater role in generating ideas for establishing the Agenda for CNU.

Senator Wymer leaves 5:07pm.

- E. The Faculty Senate concluded that the monthly meeting schedule is inadequate to deal with the short deadlines frequently requested by the CNU Administration. Some Senators felt that one problem the Administration had in working with the Senate has been the slow turn around time imposed by a monthly meeting schedule. More frequent Senate meetings would allow more rapid recommendations to Administration and could encourage the Administration to work more closely with the Senate. Senator Kidd proposed that the Faculty Senate should meet weekly until several of the current issues are resolved. The Senate was in agreement.
- F. President Siochi suggested that the Agenda for the next week Senate meeting:
1. The recommendations on the New Faculty-Student Relationships policy
 2. Senate response to Administrative changes.
 3. What should be the Agenda set forth by the Faculty at CNU.

VII. Adjournment

Senator Mazzarella moved for adjournment, Senator Bradie seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Timothy R. Marshall
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