

**Minutes of the
Faculty Senate Meeting
Friday, October 13, 2000
Gosnold 111, 3pm**

Members present: Senators Broschius, Catanzaro, Game, Gordon, Hubbard, Keeling, Kidd, Marshall, Mazzarella, McCubbin, Reimer, Savitzky, Schell, Siochi, Winder,

Absent Members: Senator Wymer

Also in attendance were Dean George Webb, Dr. Harold Cones, Dr. Randy Caton and approximately 60 undergraduates, graduates and approximately 50 faculty.

- I. Call to order: President Siochi called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.
- II. Minutes for September 22, 2000 meeting were approved as presented.
- III. President's Report
No report
- IV. Committee Reports
 - A. SCHEV Outstanding Faculty Award: No report.
 - B. Election Committee: No report.
 - C. Faculty Development Grant: Senator McCubbin reported that 19 applications were submitted, 12 were recommended for full funding and 7 were recommended for partial funding. The total recommended for distribution in the fall is \$28,304 leaving the remainder of the \$50,000 to be awarded in the spring.
- V. Old Business
 - A. Senator Savitzky, moved to take up the motions tabled 9/22/00. Seconded by Senator Schell Motion passed.
 1. ***Resolution supporting Emeritus status for Dr. Lee Olson.***
Moved by Senator Hubbard. Seconded by Senator Gordon. **Motion passed unanimously.**
 2. ***Resolution supporting Emeritus status for Dr. Robert Herrmann.***
Moved by Senator Gordon. Seconded by Senator Mazzarella. **Motion passed unanimously.**
 3. ***Resolution supporting Emeritus status for Dr. Robert Saunders.***
Moved by Senator Mazzarella. Seconded by Senator Schell. **Motion passed unanimously.**
 4. ***Motion: That the Faculty Senate accept the UCSD nominations of the Deans. The nominations are: Mark Bochert, Hogwei Chen, Carl Colonna, Adriane Dorrington, John Hardie, Kathleen Lanigan, Make Lebow, Ken Rose, Vince Rose, Ed Weiss.***
Moved by Senator Mazzarella. Seconded by Senator Catanzaro. **Motion passed unanimously.**

VI. New Business

- A. Senator Keeling submitted the following motion honoring Dr. Albert E. Millar. **Whereas, Dr. Albert E. Millar, B.A., M.A., Ph.D., has demonstrated admirable dedication and excellence as a teacher at Christopher Newport University, as indicated by his achievement of winning Professor of the Year three times;**

Whereas, Dr. Millar has displayed great passion for literature, has made numerous contributions to scholarship, particularly as a specialist on Edgar Allan Poe, and has shared his enthusiasm for learning with the thousands of students whose lives he has touched over the years;

Whereas, Dr. Millar has given unstinting service as a congenial and courteous colleague, as a member of the Department of English and as its chairman for many years, as a member of the College of Liberal Arts, and of the University as a whole;

Therefore, in consideration of these premises, the Faculty Senate of Christopher Newport University, on behalf of the Faculty and Staff of Christopher Newport University, resolves to and hereby does express its deep appreciation of Dr. Albert E. Millar's outstanding thirty-five years of service to Christopher Newport College and Christopher Newport University, from 1965 to 2000, as scholar, teacher, and colleague.

Motion was seconded by Senator Gordon. **Motion passed unanimously.**

A copy was sent around for senators and faculty present to sign. Signed copy will be presented to Dr. Millar.

- B. Motion to suspend the business for the dialogue with Dr. Cone, Caton and Dean Webb. Moved by Senator Keeling and seconded by Senator Gordon. Motion Passed. Business suspended at 3:15 pm.

Dialogue Dean George Webb, Dr. Harold Cones and Dr. Randy Caton

- A. Dean Webb Outlined the New Plan for Growth of the Two Masters' programs. The discussion centered on four issues. Demand, Cost, Positions and Centrality.
- B. Dr. Cones presented the case for continuing the MS in Environmental Science. He began by noted that the MS in Environmental Science was approved May 9, 1995 not in 1994 as has previously been suggested. Discussion centered on Program expenses, Centrality, Quality, External Validation, Compatibility with New Mission Statement, differences between administration numbers and numbers obtained from the class rolls, financial viability, and discussion of what size of a MS program is appropriate for CNU.
- C. Dr. Caton presented the case for continuing the MS in Applied Physics and Computer Science. Discussion centered on differences between administration numbers and numbers obtained from class rolls, lack of administration support for MS programs, money from external grants and contracts versus cost of program and Equation of Learning=Teaching+Scholarship.

- D. Dean Webb summarized information presented and reviewed the impact of the new plan for growth of these programs.

Senator Siochi thanked the presenters and opened the floor for questions from the Senators.

- A. Several students and faculty voiced support for the program.
- B. Senators and the audience asked twenty-three (23) questions of the presenters. The questions focused on 13 issues:
 - 1. How long before current students could finish?
 - 2. How will the removal of these programs be used to alleviate university teaching shortages?
 - 3. How many positions would be freed up if the programs were eliminated and how many courses could be taught under the New Plan?
 - 4. What were the departmental teaching needs in the undergraduate courses?
 - 5. How many of the graduates in these two departments are currently seeking a Ph.D. or are working in their field of study?
 - 6. If faculty might leave CNU if the Master's programs are eliminated?
 - 7. Does external funding pay for the release time in these programs?
 - 9. How does the department account for differences between the Provost's numbers and the departmental numbers?
 - 10. The university needs to decide what our vision for the future is. This process should include a dialogue with faculty, students and administration.
 - 11. What was the Administration response to the New Plan for Growth presented by Dean Webb and what was the response to tenured faculty willing to giving up release time?
 - 12. The concern of wanting smaller class sizes and decreased adjunct use versus benefits of the graduate programs.
 - 13. Several questioned whether the Provost and President would be responsive to faculty and student concerns about closing these programs.

Senator Siochi moved to Reconvene the Agenda of the Faculty Senate. McCubbin seconded. Passed. Senate is reconvened at 5:20 pm.

VI. Continuation of New Business

- C. Motion submitted by Dr. Ron Mollick:
The Faculty Senate, as representatives of the body that historically has preeminence over the type, nature and continuance of academic programs, has evaluated the evidence to be used in determining the future of the Masters level programs in Physics Computer Science & Engineering, and Biology. We are convinced that the evidence strongly supports the continuance of these programs. We request that the Provost recommend to the President that the moratorium on admissions to these programs be lifted and that these programs continue as a necessary part of the curriculum that makes us a university.

Senator Mazzearella moved that the faculty accept the above motion. Senator Gordon seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**

- D. Senator Winder submitted a motion urging the President and Provost to discuss the Vision of the university. The motion follows:

As a result of the current controversy surrounding the continuation of CNU's masters programs in applied Physics and Computer Science and Environmental Science, the Faculty Senate believes it is critically important at this time for the University to initiate an open and meaningful discussion about CNU's mission and vision for the future. This discussion should consider the impact of graduate programs on the quality of our undergraduate programs, the ability to attract high quality faculty and students, revenues and costs, the value of these programs to employers, and their effect on the overall reputation and image of the University. This discussion should involve all stakeholders, including students, faculty, administrators, alumni, employers and other members of the community. Until the conclusion of this discussion, the Faculty Senate respectfully requests that the Administration publicly commit itself to support the University's existing masters-level programs.

Discussion of the above motion followed concerning working with President Tribble and Provost Doane in examining the Vision of Christopher Newport University.

1. After 30 minutes of general discussion Senator Winder withdraws the above motion.
 2. The Senate urged Senator Siochi to meet with President Tribble to:
 - a. Present the motion introduced by Ron Mollick.
 - b. Let the president know how the Faculty Senate thinks the evidence supports continuing the two graduate programs
 - c. Request that the President and Provost see the presentation made by Dr. Caton, Dr. Cones, and Dean Webb.
- V. Adjournment: Senator Schell moved to adjourn. Senator Savitzky seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Timothy R. Marshall
Faculty Senate Secretary

Important Dates

Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting: Oct. 27, 2000, 3 pm Gosnold 221
Faculty Senate Meeting: Friday, Nov. 10, 2000, 3 pm (SC 214)