

Minutes of Faculty Senate meeting

Friday, 19 January 2007, Board Room in Student Union

Senators present: Marshall, Guajardo, Schwarze, Hasbrouck, Hicks, Adamitis, Filetti, Zhang, Duskin, Whiting, Knipp, Grau, Vachris

Senator absent: Breese

- I. President Schwarze called the meeting to order at 3:04.
- II. Introduction of guests: Assistant Dean Bobbye Bartels and Professors Ron Von Burg, Linda Baughman, and Stephanie Bardwell
- III. The electronic approval of minutes for [12/1](#) meeting of the Faculty Senate was acknowledged.
- IV. Presentation by guests:
 - A. Bartels presented a [report](#) on the functioning of the [new curriculum](#). A few points follow:
 - It will take CNU at least four years to smooth out the process of scheduling an appropriate number of classes in the various Areas of Inquiry (AoI).
 - Next year's "common reading" will use the same book as this year.
 - At this time, approximately 15 more sections of the First Year Seminar are needed for Fall 2007 to serve that incoming freshman class.
 - B. Bardwell suggested that the provost's annual announcement of significant changes in faculty members' status (promotion, tenure, etc) be accompanied by the giving of some small physical token.
- V. President's report (available: http://facultysenate.cnu.edu/06_07/president/1_19.doc).

Some aspects of the Senate discussion of the President's report follow:

 - In re item B in this report ("Alumni Society Teaching Award"), the Senate recommends that the Screening Committee for this award consist of five people, to include the two academic deans and the rest either SCHEV winners or SCHEV nominees. An effort should be made to ensure that the three non-dean members on this committee come from three of CNU's four academic areas.
 - In re item G ("Commencement Weekend plans"), a few comments or questions were made by Senators:
 - The Honors Convocation at 2 PM on Saturday 5/12 may be a good setting for the awarding of the type of tokens suggested in IV.B above.
 - Where will occur the Baccalaureate Service at 10 AM on Sunday morning?
 - Some think that (Sunday) commencement should be shifted into the morning, in order to shorten the workday, whereas some think that it should be shifted into the afternoon, in order to avoid conflicting with

morning church services.

- In re item H ("personnel issues"), the Senate went into closed session at 4:09 and came out of closed session at 4:36.

At this time the order of the agenda was suspended, in order to move to items VII.A and VII.C, below.

VI. Committee reports

- A. Adamitis presented a [list](#) of questions to be asked of each provost candidate at his/her (open) meeting at CNU with the Senate. Senate discussion led to a [revised list](#). (To see the list of questions to be asked by the search committee, see http://provostsearch.cnu.edu/updates/documents/Criteria-Procedures_Screening.pdf.)
- B. Filetti reported on the finances of parking issues. Before CNU considers the reduction of parking fees for adjunct faculty, we'd need to look at doing this *equitably*, e.g, by including part-time classified employees in this plan. However, to include all of these people would be expensive.
- C. Knipp presented a report on the November meeting of Student Affairs subcommittee of the Board of Visitors (BoV). Only two BoV members (Jane Susan Frank and Doug Duncan) were present at this meeting, which was also attended by Maury O'Connell, Donna Eddleman, and Molly Buckley. The main topic of discussion was the consideration of the insertion of "sexual orientation" in CNU's nondiscrimination policy. The consensus re this is that it should go on the agenda of the 2/07 BoV meeting.
- D. Whiting: provided reports of two BoV subcommittee meetings in November:
 - [finance](#)
 - [development](#)
- E. Discussion took place about a recommendation recently sent to the Academic Status Committee (ASC) to base the limit on withdrawals on credits (17, in fact), rather than on courses (presently set at five). The ASC agrees with the motivation of the original recommendation (namely that having to drop corequisite lab courses unfairly punishes students who withdraw from science courses), but *not* with the specifics of the recommendation. Instead, the ASC recommends that *if* a student is required to withdraw from a second course because that course has - as a corequisite - a course from which the student *wants* to withdraw, then the withdrawal from the second course is not "counted" as one of the student's five withdrawals. The Senate approved the ASC's recommendation by a vote of ten in favor (Knipp, Whiting, Filetti, Adamitis, Vachris, Hicks, Hasbrouck, Marshall, Guajardo, Sellars), none opposed, and three abstentions (Duskin, Zhang, Grau).
- F. Senators liaising w/departments which have no Senators:
Grau met with the MATH department. That department has no feedback for the

Senate, at this time.

- G. Vachris provided [recommendations](#) from the Priority Advisory Committee. It was pointed out that the Provost has already planned to increase CNU's annual number of sabbaticals from 4 to 10, starting in 2008-09. Vachris moved and Grau seconded that the Senate affirm these recommendations, and the motion passed with a vote of 12 in favor (Adamitis, Filetti, Knipp, Grau, Whiting, Zhang, Vachris, Hicks, Hasbrouck, Marshall, Guajardo, Sellars), none opposed, and one abstention (Duskin).

VII. Old business

Note: Items VII.A and VII.C were covered immediately prior to IV ("Committee reports").

- A. The Senate considered the proposal to include [COMM 201](#) in the [Formal and Informal Reasoning](#) (FIR) AoI. Professor Von Burg addressed the Senate about the background of this course, which was initially proposed to be included in the Creative Expressions AoI (which was rejected before reaching the Senate). Inserting COMM201 into the FIR AoI was moved by Whiting, seconded by Filetti, and passed with a vote of 12 in favor (Adamitis, Filetti, Knipp, Grau, Whiting, Zhang, Marshall, Duskin, Sellars, Guajardo, Vachris, Hasbrouck), none opposed, and one abstention (Hicks).
- B. The Senate went into closed session at 6:02 to discuss a proposed handbook change re personnel file issues (available: http://facultysenate.cnu.edu/06_07/handbook/personnelfile.doc), and the Senate came out of closed session at 6:07. The Senate modified this proposal (amended version available: http://facultysenate.cnu.edu/06_07/handbook/personnelfilenew.doc), which it subsequently approved unanimously.
- C. The Senate discussed the proposal for an American Studies major and minor (available: http://facultysenate.cnu.edu/06_07/misc/UCC/programs/american), including recent external reviews which were conducted at the Senate's request. The AMST "working group" consisted of Bob Colvin, Andrew Falk, Eric Duskin, Nigel Sellars, Elizabeth Kaufer, Roberta Rosenberg, Sean Heuvel, and Michelle Vachris. Since receiving feedback at the previous Senate meeting, this group has made some changes to the original proposal:
- inserting a "methods" course
 - recommending a new faculty hire, with a PhD in AMST, who should be tasked with developing the "methods" course
 - some changes to mission statement, based on feedback from reviewers
 - creation of an AMST Oversight Committee composed of some faculty from LAMS and from the other departments (ie, faculty who are "associated" or "affiliated" with AMST) which offer courses that appear in the AMST curriculum

This committee would have authority in matters regarding the organization

and composition of the AMST curriculum and in hiring. This committee has been proposed as an alternative to "joint" appointments.

Question: How would faculty appointments which are "associated" or "affiliated" (with AMST) appointments be implemented?

Answer: The provost would assign such a designation to a faculty member.

After fixing some "housekeeping" issues with regards to the counting of credits (corrected version of application available:

http://facultysenate.cnu.edu/06_07/misc/UCC/programs/american/mainnew.doc),

the Senate moved, seconded, and unanimously approved this proposal.

Note: After item VII.C, the meeting shifted to VI.A to return to the original order of the agenda.

VIII. New business

- A. Faculty Development grants are due to chairs by 1/29. The budget available for this will again be \$15,000.
- B. Grau (chair), Breese, Duskin, and Hasbrouck were appointed to serve as the elections committee, overseeing this semester's Senate elections (which must be completed by 3/31/07) and elections to the standing committees. Among other things, this committee plans to rectify the rotation schedule for, e.g., the Faculty Grievance Committee.
- C. Vote on recommendations for courses to be inserted into various Areas of Inquiry:
 - [CXP: ENAR 204](#)
 - [WST: PHIL 215](#), [CLST 212](#), [HIST 220](#), [MLAN 211](#)
 - [IIS: GOVT 240](#), [SOCL 215](#), [RSTD 236](#), [HIST 230](#), [HIST 215](#)
 - [GMP: SOWK 216](#), [HIST 262](#)

Each pair of courses was reviewed by a pair of senators (complete list of senator assignments available at

http://facultysenate.cnu.edu/06_07/misc/UCC/AoI.xls). No objections were raised by any reviewing team, *except* that Knipp and Adamitis pointed out an apparent mistake in the AoI form for RSTD236, which claimed that student "participation in fieldwork" is one means of course assessment, in contradiction with the attached syllabus. However, a sufficient number of alternative assessment tools are also available, so this mistake is not fatal. The insertion of this complete batch of courses was moved, seconded, and approved with a vote of 12 in favor (Knipp, Grau, Whiting, Zhang, Duskin, Marshall, Guajardo, Vachris, Hicks, Hasbrouck, Filetti, Adamitis), none opposed, and one abstention (Sellars).

Ed. note: After the conclusion of this meeting it became clear that the Senate vote on four courses (HIST 230, HIST 215, SOCL 215, GOVT 240) was premature and impermissible, owing to the fact that those four courses had not yet been approved by both the Liberal Learning Council and the Undergraduate

Curriculum Committee.

- D. Grau moved and Duskin seconded Resolution 6 (*emeritus* status for Dick Summerville, available at http://facultysenate.cnu.edu/06_07/resolutions/6.doc). The motion passed with a vote of 13 in favor (Schwarze, Filetti, Adamitis, Knipp, Whiting, Grau, Zhang, Vachris, Hicks, Hasbrouck, Duskin, Sellars, Guajardo), none opposed, and one abstention (Marshall).
- E. Sellars moved and Duskin seconded that the Senate reaffirm Resolution 2003-2004:02 (inclusion of "sexual orientation" in CNU's nondiscrimination policy), passed at [11/7/03](#) Senate meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 13 in favor (Schwarze, Adamitis, Filetti, Knipp, Whiting, Zhang, Vachris, Hicks, Hasbrouck, Sellars, Duskin, Marshall, Guajardo), none opposed, and one abstention (Grau).
- F. [proposal](#) for "exceptional educational leave":
After the Senate discussed this issue, it was suggested that a simpler, more appropriate solution may be to insert one of the following two lines in the CNU Handbook:
- "Exceptional cases may be approved by chair and dean."
 - "Exceptions to these requirements (on rank and time of service) may be made, based on the discretion of and recommendations by the dean and department chair."

This will be voted upon at the next Senate meeting.

IX. Other

Sellars suggested that all newly proposed majors should receive an external review, as was done recently for the AMST program.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30.

Submitted by Peter Knipp, secretary of the Faculty Senate

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