

**Minutes of the
Faculty Senate Meeting
Friday, 21 September, 2001
Student Center 214, 3:00pm**

Members present: Senators Bradie, Broschious, Catanzaro, Keeling, Purtle, Schell, Siochi, Underwood, Weiss, Winder, Wymer.

Members absent: Senators Game, Kidd, Mazzearella, Marshall

Also present: Dr. Michelle Vachris, SGA representatives Anna Williams and Shawn.

- I. Call to order: President Siochi called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.
- II. Minutes for September 7, 2001 meeting were approved with corrections.

Faculty Senate President Siochi requested that the Agenda order be suspended and move to Committee Reports, so that Dr. Vachris from the Undergraduate Admissions Committee could address the Senate regarding the proposed policy changes for transfer admissions. No objections.

- A. Dr. Vachris noted that President Tribble had requested a number of policy changes related to the admissions process. Dr. Vachris discussed these proposed revisions.
 1. **Increase fees for freshmen and undergraduate transfer applicants.** Dr. Vachris noted that the Board of Visitors actually sets the fee schedule, not the faculty; however, the faculty were being asked for our counsel. Committee recommended a fee increase from \$25 to \$35. The current fee of \$25 was set in 1994-1995 academic year. The new fee will still remain lower than similar fees at several of our peer universities in Virginia.

Senator Mazzearella arrives at 3:20 p.m.

2. **Reinstate fees for readmits and non-degree seeking applicants.** Dr. Vachris noted that the application fee for readmits and non-degree seeking applicants were eliminated in the years when enrollment was dropping. Now applicants overwhelm us.
3. **A 3.0 GPA or better for transfer students who have completed 15 hours of college level credit is desired. Each application will be reviewed individually.** Dr. Vachris noted this is the standard among our peer universities in Virginia.
 - a. Senate discussed the impact of this change.
4. **Accept only those grades of "C" (2.0 on a 4.0 scale) or better.** Dr. Vachris noted that among our peer universities no other university accepts a C- for transfer credit.

5. ***Require a high school transcript and SAT score for applicants who graduated from high school within the last five years.*** Dr. Vachris noted that this policy will improve our ability to identify transfer students who have the best chance of being successful at CNU.
 - a. Senate requested to that we accept either SAT or ACT scores.
6. ***Require that all entering transfer students take at least 45 hours at CNU.*** Dr. Vachris noted that the original request was for the last 60 hours at CNU. Dr. Vachris stated that the Undergraduate Admission Committee felt CNU should make the first step to 45 hours then in two years re-evaluate and consider 60 hours.
 - a. Senate agreed that current 30 hours was not enough hours to shape our students with the standards from CNU.
 - b. Senate discusses the impact for students already holding a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution, and active duty military personnel and their spouses
7. ***Review 'Transfer Credit', Section 5 page 14 of the 2001-2002 Undergraduate Catalog and recommend the elimination of transfer credit for work completed through extension.*** Dr. Vachris noted that CNU is moving to eliminate accepting traditional correspondence courses completed via the mail for transfer credit. However, the Admissions Committee argued that CNU should still accept transfer from accredited U.S. military schools. Departments should retain the right to determine which courses are eligible for challenge exams, and the right to design and administer those exams.

Senator Game arrives at 3:55 p.m.

Dr. Vachris leaves at 3:55 p.m.

- B. Senate continued discussion of proposed policy changes for transfer admissions. Discussion centered on wording and impact of item 6 on military families and how increasing number of hours will affect maximum number of hours that students can transfer into CNU.

Senator Marshall Arrives 4:10 p.m.

1. Senator Weiss moved to accept items 1 through 5 and 7 as amended. Game seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**
2. Senator Underwood moved to amend item 6 to read.
Require that all entering transfer students take at least 45 hours at CNU. Those already holding a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution, and active duty military personnel and their spouses, may apply for an exemption to this requirement.
Seconded by Senator Wymer. For Senators Bradie, Broscious, Catanzaro, Game, Keeling, Marshall, Purtle, Schell, Siochi, Underwood, Winder, Wymer. Against None. Abstain Senators Mazzarella and Weiss.
Motion Passes.

FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION No. 2001-3 reads.

The Faculty Senate accepts the report of the University Undergraduate Admissions Committee on the proposed policy changes for transfer admissions, and submits the following recommendations:

- 1. Increase fee for freshman and undergraduate transfer applicants.**
- 2. Reinstate fees for readmits and non-degree seeking applicants.**
- 3. A 3.0 GPA or better for transfer students who have completed 15 hours of college level credit is desired. Each application will be reviewed individually.**
- 4. Accept only those grades of "C" (2.0 on a 4.0 scale) or better.**
- 5. Require a high school transcript and SAT or ACT score for applicants who graduated from high school within the last five years.**
- 6. Require that all entering transfer students take at least 45 hours at CNU. Those already holding a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution, and active duty military personnel and their spouses, may apply for an exemption to this requirement.**
- 7. Review 'Transfer Credit', Section 5 page 14 of the 2001-2002 Undergraduate Catalog and recommend the elimination of transfer credit for work completed through extension.**

Faculty Senate President Siochi requested that the Agenda order be reinstated. No objections.

III. President's Report.

- A. Senator Siochi reported on discussions with President Tribble and Dean Summerville concerning Senate resolutions.
 1. SR2001-01: Senate asked for an extension before making a recommendation on the Proposed Faculty-Student Amorous Relationship Policy.
 - a. President Tribble accepted the resolution allowing the senate to deliberate on the new policy until Nov. 2, 2001.
 2. SR2001-02: Senate asked for a delay in the decision to cancel CNU online courses in the General Education core to allow time for adequate review and recommendation by the Christopher Newport University faculty and/or their representative body, the Faculty Senate.
 - a. President Tribble stated policy was a decision by Dean Summerville, and suggested that Senator Siochi take up the issue with the Dean. Because of scheduling conflicts Dean Summerville was not available for comment until after spring course schedules were returned to the registrar. Senator Siochi noted that Dean Summerville then stated it was too late to reverse the decision, and though he was open to pedagogical arguments supporting CNU online, at this time he did not see reason to reverse his decision.

IV. Committee Reports. No additional committee reports.

V. Old Business.

- A. Faculty Senate Web Page - Senator Game stated he is working on the web page.
 - B. Amorous Relations Policy - Senator Siochi has established an ad hoc committee to make a recommendation to the Senate.
 - C. Senate Faculty Leadership - Senator Purtle suggested setting up a restricted account for Senate Faculty Leadership. Senate agreed to establish the account.
 - D. Senate Agenda Formation - Senator Siochi requested that Senate think about issues we would like to place on our agenda.
 - 1. Senator Winder suggested establishing a Senate Budget and Finance Committee.
 - 2. Senator Siochi suggested discussing the role of faculty at CNU.
- VI. New Business.
- A. President Tribble has requested that the Senate look into establishing a Faculty Club. Senator Siochi noted that the Senate will discuss this item in near future.
 - B. Senator Purtle introduced the following Resolution.

FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION No. 2001-04

WHEREAS, the Christopher Newport University Faculty Senate is committed to cooperating with the administration in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, the Faculty Senate has voted to meet more frequently than monthly in order to make this possible; and

WHEREAS, the workloads of the Faculty Senate president, secretary and executive committee members have increased significantly due to the increase in number of meetings, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate respectfully requests that the University provide secretarial assistance to the officers of the Faculty Senate for the following purposes: recording the minutes at the Senate meetings; preparing the minutes to be edited and approved by the Faculty Senate Secretary and President; assisting the President in the preparation of the agenda; and providing other secretarial assistance as needed to facilitate the efficient functioning of the CNU Faculty Senate.

Moved by Senator Purtle, seconded by Senator Mazzarella. **Motion passed unanimously.**

VII. Adjournment

Senator Purtle moved for adjournment, Senator Schell seconded. Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Timothy R. Marshall
Faculty Senate Secretary