

**Minutes of the  
Faculty Senate Meeting  
Friday, 30 November, 2001  
Student Center 214, 3:00pm**

Members present: Senators Bradie, Broschious, Catanzaro, Game, Keeling, Kidd, Marshall, Mazzearella, Mullen, Purtle, Schell, Siochi, Underwood, Weiss, Winder.

Members absent: Senator Wymer.

- I. Call to order: President Siochi called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.
- II. Minutes for the November 16, 2001 meeting were approved with corrections.
- III. Presidents Report none.
- IV. Committee Reports
  - A. Board of visitor reports:
    1. Faculty Senate President Siochi reported on the Board of Visitors meeting. Senator Siochi reported that reported that President Tribble thanked the Faculty Senate for working hard on a variety of issues. Other issues discussed by the Board included:
      - a. Decision date for Admissions.
      - b. Center for the Arts plans.
      - c. People soft situation.
      - d. Drop in African-American students in Freshman class.
      - e. Academic Affairs report.
      - f. Graduate programs.
    2. Senator Mazzearella Academic Affairs subcommittee of the Board of Visitors. Issues covered included:
      - a. Software that might be used to evaluate the SCHEV mandated competencies in technology.
      - b. Writing intensive courses.
      - c. Potential changes in CNU curriculum to accommodate students for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.
      - d. Academic Affairs report on rigor.
    3. Senator Underwood reported on the Student Life subcommittee of the Board of Visitors. Issues covered included:
      - a. Open houses.
      - b. Pancake breakfast
      - c. Crime on campus.
    4. Senator Winder reported on the Finance Committee subcommittee of the Board of Visitors. Issues covered included:
      - a. State audit report.
      - b. People Soft issues.
      - c. Standard financial report for CNU.
      - d. Impact of football on finance of campus.

## V. Old Business

## A. Faculty Development Grant Report.

1. The Faculty Development Grant Committee reported recommending supporting the only submission for a Grant made from the History Department. The rationales for the committee decision to support the History Dept. Faculty Development Grant were:
  - a. The objectives for faculty development program are to improve instructional effectiveness and promote the professional development of faculty members.
  - b. Professional development is defined as those activities designed to expand the academic expertise of full-time faculty, including additional training and supplemental funds for academic activities.
  - c. Instructional development includes activities designed to increase teaching effectiveness and improve course content.
2. Based on these statements, the committee felt the History Department proposal met the requirements for a Faculty Development Grant. Additionally, the priority for grants is professional development (1) and instructional development (2). Other than dissertation grants, there is no limit to the amount of funding that can be awarded for a grant.

- B. The Senator Underwood proposed recommended providing \$10,000 for the Grant with the understanding that the History Department could later propose additional support from the Faculty Development Grants. Seconded by Senator Broschius. Senator Mazzarella recused himself from the discussion and voting.**

**Passes Unanimously.**

## VI. New Business

**A. Recommendation from the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee to accept the proposed changes to the curriculum in the Department of Music.**

1. **Senator Mullen moves the senate accept the recommendation from the UCC. Senator Underwood seconded.**

**Passed unanimously.**

- B. Senator Mullen proposed the following resolution. Seconded by Senator Weiss.**

**Senate Resolution SR2001-10**

**WHEREAS CNU Online General Education courses were eliminated by administrative action for the Spring 2002 semester without sufficient consultation with the faculty and students of Christopher Newport University, and**

**WHEREAS a cited reason for this decision, namely preventing freshmen from taking such courses, can be accommodated by present advising practices, and**

**WHEREAS departments and students have been deleteriously affected by the swiftness with which this policy change was implemented, be it**

**RESOLVED that the question of the validity of online pedagogy be made an integral part of the curriculum revision being undertaken and that the consideration of this issue focus on the appropriate role of online education in an**

**institution committed to liberal learning.**

**Passes Unanimously.**

- C. Senator Mullen proposed the following resolution. Seconded by Senator Underwood.

**Senate Resolution SR2001-11**

**WHEREAS CNU Online General Education courses were eliminated by administrative action for the Spring 2002 semester without sufficient consultation with the faculty and students of Christopher Newport University, and**

**WHEREAS a cited reason for this decision, namely preventing freshmen from taking such courses, can be accommodated by present advising practices, and**

**WHEREAS departments and students have been deleteriously affected by the swiftness with which this policy change was implemented, and**

**WHEREAS the issue of whether or not to offer General Education courses online has a number of significant pedagogical and practical implications, be it**

**RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate of Christopher Newport University respectfully requests that the decision to eliminate Online General Education Courses be reversed and that these courses be reinstituted for the Summer of 2002 and Fall session at the discretion of affected departments.**

For: Senators Bradie, Broschius, Game, Keeling, Mazzarella, Mullen, Schell, Underwood, Weiss, Winder.

Against: Senators Catanzaro, Kidd, Marshall, Purtle.

Abstain: None.

**Motion Passes.**

VII. Other Business.

- A. Discussion of Academic Culture will be dealt with Spring Semester.  
B. Brief discussion on choosing courses for IDEA evaluation.

VIII. Adjournment.

Senator Underwood moved for adjournment, Senator Broschius seconded. Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Timothy R. Marshall  
Faculty Senate Secretary