

**Minutes of the
Faculty Senate Meeting
Friday, January 31st, 2003
SC 150, 3:30 p.m.**

Members present: Senators Bradie, Cartwright, Doyle, Game, Gray, Keeling, Kidd, Marshall, Purtle, Schell, Siochi, Underwood, Weiss, Wheeler, and Winder

- I. Faculty Senate President Tim Marshall called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m.
- II. Approval of the Minutes from December 6th, 2002 and November 20-25th 2002
 - A. Changes were recommended to the Faculty Senate Minutes from December 6th.
 - B. Senator Doyle moved to approve the minutes as amended, Senator Weiss seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
 - C. Changes were recommended to the General Faculty Minutes from November 20-25th.
 - D. Senator Keeling moved that the minutes be accepted as amended, Senator Doyle seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- III. President's Report
 - A. President Marshall outlined the Faculty Senate policy on visitors. Visitors at Faculty Senate meetings will restrict commentary. Statements are welcomed, but there cannot be prolonged debates with the Senators, as this inhibits the effectiveness of the Senate. There will be a limited amount of time set for debates involving visitors. The Faculty Senate welcomes visitors and their input, but respectfully requests that the contribution process be more organized.
 - B. Senate meetings for the Spring semester will begin at 3:30 p.m. rather than 3:00 due to scheduling conflicts. The February 21st meeting will be in SC 233, the March 28th meeting will be in SC 214, and the April 18th meeting will be in SC 233. Due to the size of SC 233, President Marshall will look for other availability. The General Faculty Meeting will be held on Wednesday April 16th in Gaines Theatre from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
 - C. The Library and New Student Center design committees met today, and will meet February 28th, March 28th, and April 25th. The Full Senate will meet with President Tribble in the Brauer Room on Monday February 10th at 10:00 a.m. The Senate Executive Committee meets with President Tribble, Provost Summerville and Chief of Staff Perry every Monday at 10:00 when schedules permit. The Board of Visitors will meet Friday, February 14th at 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 30th at 9:00 a.m., and Tuesday, June 10th at 9:00 a.m. There will be BOV committee meetings scheduled around these dates.
 - D. House Bill 2738 has passed the house. This bill would place a non-voting faculty member on each of the state's boards of visitors. A similar bill in the Senate died in committee in a past session. President Marshall encourages all members of the Faculty to contact their representatives and speak out in favor of this important bill.

- E. Work has begun on the Faculty Senate Website. Marcus Griffith was asked to undertake this project by the Provost and has agreed to do so. The site will have links to Senators' e-mail addresses, information about the Senate and its work and bulletin boards to foster contributions from the CNU and larger community. There has also been some discussion of making department front-pages more uniform. Please contact Marcus with any suggestions.
- F. Elections are needed for several committees. These include the Faculty Grievance Committee, the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, and the Leadership Council. Senator Doyle reported on the nominees for these elections. The nominee for the Grievance Committee is Buck Miller, the nominee for the UCC is Sally Sledge, and the nominees for the LC are: Business: Joan McMahon, Leland Jordan and Senator Winder nominated Lisa Spiller and Carl Colonna. Science: Lynn Lambert and Harold Cones Social Science and Professional Studies: Bob Colvin and Michael Lewis Liberal Arts: Terilyn Goins, Kip Redick and Eric Duskin. President Marshall commented on the need to get the LC up and running, and Senator Weiss said the elections committee could conduct the election for the LC by departmental ballot.
- G. Associate Provost Perkins has been tasked by Provost Summerville to be in closer contact with the Faculty Senate. She asks that we work with her to insure timely response to the Senate's motions.
- H. The Faculty Senate conducts the annual Academic Administrator Evaluations. The Provost wants this item on the agenda for our February meeting. This process is usually conducted at the General Faculty Meeting in the Spring, but preparations need to be made in advance.
- I. The Provost has asked the UCC to make recommendations concerning the 42 hours in the major rule. The UCC will recommend to the Faculty Senate, and the matter will be on the February or March agenda. CAL Task Force chairs Susan St. Onge and Ashby Kinch will speak to the Senate at the March 28th meeting.
- J. Donna Eddleman wants to participate in the Family Weekend Committee. She has already been added to the committee and needs to be notified.
- K. At a recent meeting, plans for the library and student center were presented. Senator Doyle can bring copies of the library plans to a later meeting.
- L. The State Outstanding Faculty Awards are coming up. The Dean will be asked to make recommendations and the matter will be considered at the next Faculty Senate Meeting. Nominations for Emeritus status are also due in the Dean's office by March 7th. The Dean's recommendations will be reviewed at the March 28th Faculty Senate Meeting.
- M. Senators Cartwright and Underwood spoke about the progress of the CAL Task Force. Consultant Ann Ferren will return in late February, and the task Force hopes to have concrete proposals for her to review then.
- N. In its latest meeting, the SGA discussed the changes to the Incomplete Grade Policy. While the SGA recognized the merits of the new policy, the senators indicated that there needs to be better communication of policy changes to students. The SGA also moved to have a non-voting student member placed on the Faculty Senate.

- O. The UCC forwarded a recommendation for program changes in the Theatre and Government Departments. These will be reviewed at the February meeting.
- P. EPC met today and discussed plans for a new parking deck and new surface lots. The end result should be 500 garage spaces and 500 new surface spaces by January 2004. The completion of Pomoco Stadium and the schedule for the Center for the Arts construction was also discussed. The plans to reroute Shoe Lane include a start date of December 2003. The enrollment numbers are down slightly from the Fall semester, but the drop is roughly equivalent to last year. The program closures may have further impact, but there was a 9% attrition rate from fall to Spring. SCHEV has projects and projections on enrollment they want the University to work on. There is concern about how to deal with an increase in freshmen with limited faculty and monetary resources. March 14-15th is an Open House for Minority Student recruitment. The fundraising from parents is up, while the fundraising from the Faculty and the community is down. There will be an auction of paintings and vacations in March.
- Q. At the SEC meeting with President Tribble, he spoke about the part-time student policy. He will visit the UAC on Monday to present the policy and a recommendation will come to the Faculty Senate for our consideration. Our recommendation will then be sent to the BOV. President Tribble also discussed the arrangements with Riverside and the plans to develop a new MAT program.

IV. Committee Reports

- A. The nominations committee and elections committee spoke during the president's report.
- B. There were no other committee reports.

V. Old Business

VI. New Business

- A. The Senate discussed the need to appoint a committee to oversee the farewell party for departing faculty. The Faculty Senate was asked to make the appointments and was told that funds will be made available for the event. Anyone interested in serving on the committee should contact President Marshall.
- B. The Senate discussed Senate Resolution 2003-07, which recommends changing the status of the Undergraduate and Graduate Research Council from ad hoc to standing committee. Senators Underwood and Cartwright explained the committee's charge and the need to have elected members. Senator Kidd moved the motion, Senator Keeling seconded and the merits of the resolution were discussed. There was some discussion of changing the name, but in the end it was decided that the name was appropriate and

adequately broad. Senator Kidd called the question on the resolution and the resolution passed unanimously.

- C. The Senate discussed Senate Resolution 2003-08, a request from the UDC to modify the Pass/Fail option in the Catalog. The current entry is ambiguous and not sufficiently flexible to allow for majors in departments to take internship courses on a pass/fail basis. Senator Bradie explained the views of the UDC on this matter. Senator Doyle moved to approve the motion and Senator Kidd seconded the motion. There was concern about the number of pass/fail courses with which a student could graduate, but it was observed that some courses are by their nature pass/fail. Senator Kidd called the question on the motion, Senator Underwood seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- D. The Senate discussed Dr. Jane Bailey's request for further demographic information about the effects of the program closures. Senator Bradie moved to consider the request and Senator Doyle seconded the motion. In discussion, the Senate asked Dr. Bailey to speak about her request. She explained the nature of the information she wanted, and requested that we also include an inquiry as to the demographics of affected minority versus non-minority students and faculty. Dr. Bailey also raised questions as to the procedure involved in the development of the new MAT program. Senator Keeling, who serves on the MAT committee explained the procedure. Senator Kidd moved to send questions 1-4 to the BAC, who are better equipped to answer them. Senator Wheeler seconded the motion. In discussion, some Senators were concerned as whether all the questions were appropriate for the BAC. Senator Schell indicated that these were the kind of questions the BAC has considered before. Senator Purtle also remarked that the answers were public information. Senator Weiss moved to add question 5 to the set of questions being sent to the BAC. Senator Cartwright seconded the motion. Senator Doyle called the question. Senators Bradie, Cartwright, Doyle, Game, Keeling, Kidd, Purtle, Schell, Siochi, Underwood, Weiss, Wheeler, and Winder voted to approve. Senator Gray abstained. The motion passed.
- E. The Senate considered Dr. Ron Mollick's proposed resolution to have the funds generated from the tuition increase be used to reinstate the closed programs. Senator Bradie moved the proposal and Senator Game seconded. In discussion, Dr. Mollick explained the rationale for the proposal. The money is available, the Governor has said that there will be no further cuts to higher education this year, so the money should be used to replace what we have lost. No other four-year college has cut degree programs, and the new MAT is insulting to the Faculty if the original programs can be saved. Senator Bradie asked about the possibility of deeper cuts from the General Assembly. Should that possibility be acknowledged in the resolution? Senator Kidd suggested referring the issue to the BAC, as they are more intimately familiar with the depth and nature of the cuts across the university. We need to acknowledge that there were serious cuts to our infrastructure. One of the guiding questions of the discussion was a question of priorities. Do we reinstate the programs to the detriment of the University infrastructure? President Marshall indicated that he had spoken with the Faculty Senate of

Virginia, and there are still approximately \$1 billion in cuts to be resolved in the 2003-2004 budget. Deeper cuts next year are practically inevitable given the unwillingness of the General Assembly to take measures to increase revenue. One Senator asked if it is fair to reinstate these programs if there is a good chance they would have to be cut again next year. Another question was raised as to the elements of the resolution itself. Is it substantially different from Faculty Resolution 2003-D which was passed by the Faculty in November and presented to the BOV by President Marshall? At that meeting President Marshall was told that the closures were permanent and would not be revisited. Some responded that the BOV will not change its mind unless we ask. With a friendly amendment to include the possibility of further cuts by the legislature, Senator Kidd called the question. Senator Underwood seconded the call. Senators Doyle, Siochi, Bradie, Winder and Game voted in favor of the motion. Senators Wheeler, Cartwright, Weiss, Kidd and Gray opposed the motion, and Senators Schell, Keeling, Purtle and Underwood abstained. Since a majority of Senators did not vote to approve the motion, the motion failed.

VII. Other Business

- A. Senator Kidd moved to consider the SGA request to have a non-voting member sit on the Faculty Senate. He commented that if we believe in shared governance, we should support them in this request. He asked for a sense of the Senate. An SGA Senator spoke about the request. He indicated that the arrangement would be beneficial to both bodies and would allow the SGA and the Faculty Senate to approach the Administration together. The issue will be placed on the February agenda for formal discussion.
- B. Senator Weiss asked that a request to consider Dr. Harold Cones for Distinguished Professor be placed on the next agenda.
- C. Senator Weiss discussed Laura Friedman's recent e-mail about salary increases. He indicated that he had spoken with President Tribble, and that the President did not in fact receive a salary increase. When the salary numbers were requested last year, the BOV realized that President Tribble was being paid less than is indicated in his contract. The change in salary from last year to this only indicates a change to meet the salary already mandated in the President's contract. President Tribble also indicated that he refused a \$25,000 bonus.

Senator Weiss moved to adjourn and Senator Cartwright seconded the motion. The Senate adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Lori J. Underwood, Faculty Senate Secretary