

**Minutes of the
Faculty Senate Meeting
Friday, February 21st, 2003
SC 233, 3:30 p.m.**

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

Members absent: Senators Cartwright and Siochi

- I. Faculty Senate President Tim Marshall called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m.
- II. Approval of the Minutes from January 31st, 2003.
 - A. Changes were recommended to the minutes.
 - B. Senator Weiss moved to accept the minutes as amended. Senator Bradie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- III. President's Report
 - A. There is an Open House tomorrow, the last open house for this academic year will be held on March 22nd. Honors Day will be April 11th and April 25th will be admitted student day.
 - B. The Board of Visitors meeting schedules for February 14th was cancelled. It may be rescheduled for February 24th April 30th and June 10th are set dates for Board of Visitors meetings.
 - C. Emeritus status recommendations are due to the appropriate Dean by March 7th, 2003. The Senate will work on them at the March 28th meeting. Recommendations are due to the Provost by April 11th. The Board of Visitors will consider the recommendations at their April 30th meeting.

Senator Schell arrived at 3:40 p.m.

- D. Curriculum and Academic Life Task Force Chairs Kinch and St. Onge will speak at the March 28th meeting to inform the Senate on the progress of the committee. Ann Ferren, the CAL consultant has been meeting with department chairs and other constituencies on campus.
 - E. President Marshall asked about the progress on the pending elections. Senator Weiss replied that the interim ones almost done. The elections for the Leadership Council are almost done. The regular election process is ready to begin. Senate elections will be held at the April 16th General Faculty Meeting, and there will be ballots sent to the academic departments for committee meetings. The Senate will have to decide before the General Faculty Meeting who will be voting (Will faculty in closing departments be voting?) President Marshall: indicated that he had several conversations on this issue. There are a number of considerations. The dissolved departments could be resurrected. Also, we don't need to speculate, they are full time faculty at this point. They should vote. Another senator pointed out that the faculty will be voting for a time when they won't be constituents. (Point discussed here.) The Sense of the Senate - they are faculty, they vote. We will

not take any action to exclude any member of the instructional faculty from participating in the election process. Also, there is no need to reorganize the areas yet due to the department closings. We need to check Denise Moclair's list to determine who is up for reelection. Senator Winder will check his records.

Senator Doyle arrived at 3:58.p.m.

- F. President Tribble announced that CNU is to receive money (1.35 mill 675,000 for educational foundation) from federal government.
- G. The deadline for changes to the University Handbook is today. They will forward recommendations to President Marshall this week. President Marshall has some of the recommendations today - but there will be more. When the information is available, President Marshall will distribute that information to the Senate. The Provost wants recommendations from the Senate by March 21st. The Senate will need to meet on March 14th to deal with this issue. None of the changes recommended so far seem radical.
- H. The Provost has sent the UGRC proposal to the, the recommendation for changes to the Pass/Fail option, the Leadership Council resolution, the language on probational faculty, adding distinguished professor to list of instruction faculty and removing the dissolved departments from handbook to the University Handbook Committee.

Senators Game and Kidd arrive at 4:03 p.m.

- I. President Marshall went to the Faculty Senate of Virginia meeting. The Senators discussed a variety of things and had a SCHEV liaison there. They walked through legislation that would affect universities. The proposal to eliminate tenure didn't make it out of committee. The Senators discussed how little legislators understand about the lives of faculty. One Delegate asked - why can't college faculty teach 7-8 classes/semester - aren't they smart as high school faculty. There is a more than 50% chance of further budget reductions next year. The bill to establish faculty member on Board of Visitors didn't make it out of committee again. The Virginia Senate tabled it indefinitely. The Virginia Senate is discussing a 5% tuition cap. A compromise between house and senate bills is to cap tuition at 7%. A portion of the proposed salary increase for faculty will come out of a tuition increase. The 7 1/2 % increase for next year will be on top of mid-year increase. President Marshall asked to ask faculty if faculty would pay for a lobbyist to move higher education issues in the legislature. The Faculty Senate of Virginia thought \$25 per faculty member per year would pay for lobbyist. This happens in 17 states already. The next Faculty Senate of Virginia meeting will be April 12th. The senators are trying to work up an idea of what lobbyist would lobby for before asking faculty members to pay.
- J. The Budget Advisory Committee has answered Dr. Bailey's questions to Faculty Senate. President Marshall has sent the response to Dr. Bailey.
- K. Dr. Mollick asked the Senate Executive Committee to call a special meeting of Faculty to vote on resolution from last meeting. The SEC Senate

Executive Committee drafted a letter to Dr. Mollick explaining why it didn't make it out of senate and arguing that the decision does reflect the will of faculty on campus. Dr. Mollick disagrees, he is currently seeking 39 faculty required to have a meeting called. (185 full time faculty, 6 part time faculty and 4 library faculty = 195) 39 is the 20% required by the handbook. If the petition is filled, a special meeting will be called within 72 hours.

K. The UCC recommended changes to theatre program. The Faculty Senate doesn't have to sign off on this recommendation because it establishes a new concentration - not a program change.

IV. Committee Reports

- A. Senator Doyle indicated that the nominations committee is getting started for next year. Senators should contact Senator Doyle with candidates. She will mail list of openings to the senators. Senator Winder pointed out that we must be sure that the process is very open and everyone interested has the chance to be nominated.
- B. There were no other committee reports.

V. Old Business

A. The process is underway for the Farewell Reception for departing faculty. Senator Keeling is heading the committee, and Diane Catanzaro is also serving. The committee has started working on the project.

B. Having a student representative on the Faculty Senate Student rep on FS will require a change to the University Handbook. Senator Kidd indicated that the SGA had passed a resolution requesting this action. Senator Kidd drafted a possible change to the handbook (p. 153) Senator Underwood stated that the Senate needs to specify that the student member can be excluded for closed sessions of the Senate. Senator Kidd moved to consider the motion. Senator Gray seconded. Discussion: Most senators were not opposed to the idea of a non-voting student member - but right now this is a faculty senate. Are we going to invite non-voting members from all other areas of the university - are we moving away from being a faculty senate and toward a university council model? Also, changes to the Senate's constitution must go before entire faculty. The purpose is not only to have students be informed, but to insure that we hear from students. This provides students with an institutionalized voice. This is similar to the argument over faculty member on the Board of Visitors. Do we really mean a liaison rather than a member? That could be institutionalized as well. As a practical matter it wouldn't differ from a member, but organizationally faculty members should make up the faculty senates. The idea of student input is a good idea, but structure and composition must be considered. Also, much of what we discuss has student implications thus they are different from many other constituencies at the university. We are still 15 voting faculty members who can benefit from student input. We can easily change motion to ask for liaison rather than a nonvoting member. Senator Underwood calls the question. There was a motion to bring up this issue at the General Faculty Meeting. There was no second.

VI. New Business

A. The Senate reviewed the UCC recommendations concerning program changes in the Government and Public Affairs department. Dr. Greenlee attended the meeting to

provide Senators with his insights. The recommendations have been through all the appropriate channels thus far. Dr. Greenlee indicated that Government and Public Affairs decided to make changes to provide more flexibility and choice inside the programs. The University is moving away from professional training and toward a greater liberal arts focus. GPA has curriculum, an implementation plan and a teach out plan. The restructured department will have no concentrations, but will have advising tracks. This strategy preserves the traditional areas in the discipline of political science. The plan is in accordance with all current university requirements. Senator: Is it fair to say this is moving toward a traditional political science program and away from public administration? Dr. Greenlee: Yes.

Senator Keeling arrived at 4:55 p.m.

Senator Gray left at 4:59 p.m.

Senator Underwood moved to approve the recommendation of the UCC. Senator Doyle seconded the motion. Discussion: Does the minor in GPA and geography stay? Dr. Greenlee: We were going to cut geography, but since education will stay in some capacity, geography will stay. Senator Keeling: commented that the MAT committee anticipates keeping those courses. The minor in GPA will in practice be (and has been) a minor in political science. Senator Weiss: recommended that the minor in GPA be renamed a minor in political science. Dr. Greenlee indicated that his department supports that change. President Marshall called the question. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Academic Administrator Evaluations were considered. This process is usually carried out at the final General Faculty Meeting of the year. President Marshall will talk to Diane Catanzaro who headed the committee last year to get the data from last year. This item was tabled until next meeting.

Senator Kidd left at 5:15.

C. The UCC will make a formal recommendation on the 42 hours rule to the Senate by March 1st. Senator Marshall handed out preliminary information for the Senators to start examining. The issue was tabled until the March 14, 2003 meeting.

D. There is no information from deans yet on State Outstanding Faculty Awards. Departments will recommend to the deans and the deans will recommend to the Faculty Senate. The deadline is coming up shortly.

E. The Senate considered Senate Resolution 2003-09, recommending Dr. Harold Cones for promotion to the rank of Distinguished Professor. Senators asked what criteria are we using here? That is an important issue. Now seems at the discretion of the board. There used to be criteria the faculty member must be outstanding in his or her field. The language was changed. We may not want to tie ourselves to a rigid set of criteria. We want to be able to look at a person's career as a whole. There are enormous differences in fields. We should change the handbook to put this back in the hands of the faculty and set that the criteria must be excellence of professional service. Must be criteria, but shouldn't be number based. We need to respond to the resolution at hand, then recommend criteria. Is this a rank above Full Professor? Yes. Why make the promotion to the last rank less rigorous than the

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first three? Why vote for someone to have a title when we don't know what the title means? This honor should be reclaimed s a prerogative of the faculty.

Senator Underwood moved to approve the resolution Senator Doyle seconded the motion. The question was called. Senators Winder, Weiss, Keeling, Doyle, Purtle, Bradie, Wheeler, and Underwood voted to approve. Senator Game voted to oppose. The motion passed.

VII. Other Issues

A. The Provost wants recommendation about a minimum GPA for freshmen to bring cars on campus during their second semester. We want it to be achievable, but something to strive for. It should be no lower than 2.4, which is the minimum for sorority or fraternity membership. There are good reasons to make it higher. The Senate Executive Committee can ask the Provost on Monday for a more comprehensive break down of average GPAs and the available spaces. The Senate may want to look at alternate systems as well. GPA of x have guaranteed spot, others may apply for lottery spot? The Senate will gather data and discuss the issues at the next meeting.

VIII. Senator Doyle moved to adjourn at 5:35 p.m. Senator Weiss seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Lori J. Underwood, Faculty Senate Secretary