

## Faculty Senate Executive Committee

Minutes of December 15, 1999 - (approved)  
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The Faculty Senate Executive Committee met at 2:00 PM on December 15 in Capen 567 to consider the following agenda:

1. Report of the Academic Planning Committee on the Proposed Merger of the Department of Biomedical Pharmacology and the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology

### **Item 1. Report of the Academic Planning Committee**

The Chair being stranded in Washington, D.C. due to fog, the Secretary chaired the meeting. Professor Kramer noted that the Academic Planning Committee had been asked at the November 17 meeting of the FSEC to look into questions raised by Professors , Schack, and Cedric Smith about the proposed merger of the School of Pharmacy's Department of Biomedical Pharmacology and the School of Medicine & Biomedical Sciences' Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology. She invited Professor Welch, Chair of the Academic Planning Committee, to present the Committee's follow up report.

Professor Welch stated that the Committee had thoroughly re-examined the issues raised by the FSEC. The Committee then voted to reaffirm its original recommendation. The Committee felt there were good reasons to proceed expeditiously with the merger and that there had been adequate faculty consultation. Professor Welch suggested that the appropriate FSEC action would be an indication that the FSEC has no objection to the proposed merger.

There were comments from the floor:

- two members of the FSEC who are from the affected Departments said at the November 17 meeting that there was dissension within the Departments about the proposed merger and expressed the belief that the faculty consultation process had been inadequate; I was concerned that the extent of the faculty dissension be understood (Professor Schack)

- affected faculty will have varying views towards a proposed merger; the Committee felt that the dissenting voices had been recognized and a case made for the academic benefits of the merger; am sorry if the Committee's original report did not make that clear (Professor Welch)
- have an historical comment; there are two departments of pharmacology because the Chair of Pharmacology and Therapeutics refused to teach pharmacology to nursing students and Biochemical Pharmacology was formed to do so (Provost Triggle)
- within five years, the merger of a third pharmacology department located at Roswell Park may come under consideration (Professor Welch)
- changes in anatomy and pathology, medicinal chemistry and an expansion of the Ph.D. program in the Biomedical Sciences to cover broader aspects of biomedical and biological sciences may all be considered within the next year or so (Provost Triggle)
- changes entirely within the School of Medicine & Biomedical Sciences will be looked at first by the School's Faculty Council (Professor Welch)

Professor Nickerson had instructed the Secretary to request a motion to receive and file the report for the record. Professor Welch suggested that a motion indicating that the FSEC has no objection to the merger was more appropriate. The Parliamentarian said that either motion would be acceptable. Professor Schack moved (seconded) a resolution that the FSEC has no objection to the merger of the Department of Biochemical Pharmacology with the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology. The resolution passed unanimously.

There being no other business, this brief public meeting of the FSEC was adjourned and the group went into an executive session hosted by the Provost.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn McMann Kramer

Secretary of the Faculty Senate

**Present:**

**Secretary:** M. Kramer

**Parliamentarian:** D. Malone

**Arts & Sciences:** W. Baumer, C. Fournier, J. Meacham, S. Schack, Charles Smith

**Engineering & Applied Sciences:** R. Sridhar

**Health Related Professions:** J. Tamburlin

**Graduate School of Education:** T. Schroeder

**School of Information Studies:** C. Jorgensen

**Law:** L. Swartz

**Management:** J. Boot

**SUNY Senators:** J. Adams-Volpe, J. Boot, H. Durand, J. Fisher

**Guests:**

C. Welch, Chair, Academic Planning Committee

**Excused:**

**Chair:** P. Nickerson

**Pharmacy:** N.

**Absent:**

**Architecture:** R. Shibley

**Medicine & Biomedical Sciences:** B. Albin, Cedric Smith

**Nursing:** J. Thompson

**University Libraries:** D. Woodson