

FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of September 3, 2003

(unapproved)

The Faculty Senate Executive Committee met at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 3, 2003, in 567 Capen Hall to consider the following agenda:

1. Approval of the minutes of April 9, 23, & 30, 2003
2. Report of the Chair
3. Report of the President/Provost
4. Faculty Senate Resolution on International Education - Maureen Jameson & Stephen Dunnett
5. Old/New business
6. Executive Session (if needed)
7. Adjournment

Item 1: Approval of the minutes of April 9, 23, and 30, 2003

All three sets of minutes were approved as distributed.

Item 2: Report of the Chair

Chair Nickerson welcomed new FSEC members and attendees to the first meeting of the new academic year. There were introductions around the table, and the Chair announced that Professor Baumer will be our new parliamentarian.

Over the summer, a few FSEC members met with the head of the Middle States accreditation team to discuss issues affecting UB. Dr. Steven Beering will meet with us to review next month.

The UB Council met over the summer and made a few rule changes:

- Any rushing/pledging activities must be approved in advance.
- Falsifying admission application information is now subject to suspension, dismissal or

other administrative penalties (instead of immediate dismissal).

- Vehicles with six or more unpaid parking tickets will be towed and held until tickets are paid. Vehicles in handicapped space and certain other restricted areas may be towed at the owner's expense.

President Greiner will speak at the meeting of the Voting Faculty at the Center for Tomorrow on September 16th.

Chief Information Officer Innus has responded on behalf of President Greiner regarding the Faculty Senate resolution on open source software and standards. They support the resolution, and the response has been forwarded to the chair of the Computer Services Committee.

The SUNY Board of Trustees has passed a resolution on value-added assessment. This was done without University Faculty Senate input, so working with the SUNY Provost's office to implement this resolution will be a challenge for governance. A working group is trying to draft a memorandum of understanding.

Item 3: Report of the President/Provost

None

Item 4: Faculty Senate Resolution on International Education - Professor Maureen Jameson & Vice Provost Stephen C. Dunnett

Professor Jameson presented the following resolution, which she drafted in May 2003 after collaborating with Vice Provost for International Education Dunnett and members of the Faculty Senate Student Life Committee:

RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate reaffirms in the strongest possible terms its commitment to international education and the necessity of protecting international education from the likely consequences of new federal restrictions on international students and scholars; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate urges the President and the Provost to make known to the New York State Congressional Delegation the negative consequences of federally imposed restrictions, and that they advocate the removal of unnecessary obstacles to the free exchange of ideas and scholars; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Buffalo delegation to the University Faculty Senate present a similar resolution to the University Faculty Senate for its consideration and possible endorsement; and be it further

RESOLVED that UB Faculty Senators forward copies of this resolution, upon its eventual passage, to their own disciplinary organizations for their consideration and possible endorsement.

Professor Jameson described the unfortunate circumstances that prevented a Chinese student who had been awarded a prestigious Presidential Fellowship from attending UB. Tighter immigration restrictions denied her a visa following several interviews to explain why she wanted to pursue her Spanish language studies at UB. The Department of Immigration & Naturalization Services (INS) said she should consider applying to go to a Spanish-speaking country, apparently unaware that the U.S. is the fourth largest Spanish-speaking country in the world.

Vice Provost Dunnett described difficulties his Office of International Education (OIE) has encountered in trying to recruit foreign students since the 9/11/2001 terrorist attacks. Even those international students who are granted visas are often treated unfairly by INS after they arrive in the U.S. UB has had to install an expensive software system that regularly transmits information about foreign students' academic standing to the Department of Homeland Security.

The OIE collaborated with the Center for Teaching & Learning Effectiveness (CTLR) to present last week's workshop on addressing the needs of international students. Another CTLR workshop dealing with raising cultural awareness and improving intercultural communication is scheduled in October.

The Resolution was passed by a unanimous vote. It was approved for "fast-tracking," which will allow for a Faculty Senate vote following the first reading at the first Faculty Senate meeting on October 4th. If it is approved then, it will be presented at the University Faculty Senate meeting later in the month.

Item 5: Old/New business

None

Item 6: Executive session

The FSEC met in executive session.

Item 7: Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Will Hepfer

Secretary of the Faculty Senate

Attendance (P = present; E = excused; A = absent)

Chair: P. Nickerson (P)

Secretary: W. Hepfer (P)

Architecture & Planning: S. Danford (P)

Arts & Sciences: S. Bruckenstein (P), M. Churchill (P), R. Hoeing (P), S. Schack (P), K.

Takeuchi (P)

Dental Medicine: M. Donley (P)

Education: vacant

Engineering & Applied Sciences: J. Jensen (P), R. Mayne (A)

Informatics: F. Tutzauer (P)

Institutional/General: O. Mixon (A)

Law: L. Swartz (P)

Management: C. Pegels (P)

Medicine & Biomedical Sciences: C. Granger (A), J. Hassett (P), F. Morin (P)

Nursing: P. Wooldridge (P)

Pharmacy: G. Brazeau (P)

Public Health & Health Professions: C. Crespo (P)

Social Work: B. Rittner (P)

SUNY Senators: J. Adams-Volpe (P), W. Baumer (P), M. Kramer (P), P. Nickerson (P)

University Libraries: CA Fabian (P)

Guests: M. Cohen (past-chair, Fac. Sen.), S. Dunnett (Vice Provost), M. Jameson (Mod. Lang. & Lit.), L. Labinski (Prof. Staff Sen.), X. Liu (Grad. Student Assn.), D. Longenecker (Reporter), L. Stewart (EDAAA), J. Xing (SA Acad. Affairs)