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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE
September 13, 2004

1. President Austin officially called the regular meeting of the University Senate of September 13, 2004 to order at 4:04 p.m. in Room 7 of the Bishop Center.

2. Election of Moderator – Senator von Munkwitz-Smith nominated Senator Susan Spiggle as Moderator of the University Senate. Senator Zirakzadeh seconded the nomination. The Senate approved without dissent.

3. Election of Secretary – Senator Zirakzadeh nominated Mr. Kim Chambers. Senator Rodin seconded the nomination. The Senate approved without dissent.

4. Senator Spiggle assumed her duties as Moderator of the Senate. She asked the Senators and support staff to introduce themselves, including their departmental affiliation.

5. Approval of Minutes

   Senator Spiggle presented the Minutes of the regular meeting of May 3, 2004 for review.

   The minutes were approved without modification.

6. Report of the President

   President Austin welcomed Senators to the beginning of the academic year. He summarized recent developments:

   a. The student academic profile is gratifying. Approximately 20,000 applicants. Approximately 100 new valedictorians and salutatorians have been admitted. There is a 9-point increase in SATs over last year.
   b. There are plans to expand faculty jobs over the next 5 years by hiring 150 new faculty.
   c. President Austin reported on his meeting with Governor Rell who supports the 21st Century UConn monies
   d. President Austin informed the Senate that the Research Institute report had been submitted for consideration.
   e. There was a summer carbon monoxide scare in two Hilltop Apartments. The University quickly disconnected the air conditioners in these apartments and is seeking an architectural solution.
   f. There was graduate student from Kenya with tuberculosis symptoms. Health professionals are responding appropriately.

   President Austin addressed questions from the Senate including the North Eagleville parking situation.

7. Report of the Senate Executive Committee

   Senator Zirakzadeh presented the written report of the Senate Executive Committee.

   (See Attachment #1)

8. Senator Fox presented the Report of the Nominating Committee

(See Attachment #2)

The following three motions considered simultaneously:

- We move the following deletions from the named Standing Committees:

  L. Cameron Faustman from Faculty Standards
  Sarah Glaz from Enrollment
  R.J. Holzworth from Curricula & Courses
  Kathleen Sanner from University Budget

- We move the following faculty and staff additions to the names Standing Committees:

  Rajeev Bansal as representative to Growth & Development from Faculty Standards
  Laurie Best as representative to Growth & Development from Curricula & Courses
  Michael Kurland as representative to Growth & Development from Student Welfare

- We move the following Graduate Student additions to the named Standing Committees:

  Jill Magee to the General Education Oversight Committee
  Andrea Fuhrel to Growth & Development
  James Bourbeau to Student Welfare
  Craig Calvert to University Budget

  The motions carried.

- For the information of the Senate, the Graduate Student Senate has named Adam Rabinowitz and Kisha Tracy to membership on the Senate for a one-year term.

- For the information of the Senate, the Undergraduate Student Government has named Helene Blank, Liz Cusack, John Jevitts, Derek Olson, and Michael Tremmel to membership on the Senate for a one-year term.

Following 2 motions considered simultaneously.

- We move the following deletion from the General Education Oversight Committee:

  Anne Hiskes, Chair

- We move Hedley Freake to a two-year term as Chair of the General Education Oversight Committee.

  The motions carried.

Senator Hiskes passed the GEOC Chair paraphernalia to Senator Freake.

9. Senator Freake presented the following motion from Curricular & Courses and the General Education Oversight Committee:

(See Attachment #3)

Skill codes applied under the previous General Education System will be removed from all courses beginning with the Fall 2005 catalog. Skill codes will be applied to all courses approved by the Senate for the relevant competency under the new General Education Guidelines. The Registrar's office may choose to attach temporary skill code designations to courses or modify catalog copy to indicate their role in the old system, for the benefit of students selecting courses to fulfill the previous general education requirements.

The motion carried.

10. Unfinished Business – None

11. New Business – None

Senator English moved to adjourn.

The motion was approved by a standing vote of the Senate.

The meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Chambers
Senate Secretary

The following members and alternates were absent from the September 13, 2004 meeting:

Anderson, Thomas
Aronson, Lorraine
Blank, Helene
Breen, Margaret
Bull, Nancy
Clausen, John
Cusack, Liz
DeWolf, John
Facchinetti, Neil
Flanery, Trudy
Frank, Harry
Jeffers, Robert
Jevitts, John
Kendall, Debra
Macgill, High
Maresh, Carl
McCarthy, Robert
Olson, Derek
Palmer, David
Porter-Benson, Susan
Roe, Shirley
Schaefer, Carl
Taylor, Ronald
Tracy, Kisha
Tremmel, Michael
Wagner, Michael
Williams, Michelle