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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE
September 11, 2006

1. President Austin officially called the regular meeting of the University Senate of September 11, 2006 to order at 4:04 p.m. in Room 7 of the Bishop Center.

2. Election of the Moderator - Senator DeWolf nominated Senator Brenda Murphy as Moderator of the University Senate for the 2006/2007 academic year. The Senate approved by voice vote without dissent.

3. Election of the Secretary - Senator Fox nominated Robert Miller as Secretary of the University Senate for the 2006/2007 academic year. The Senate approved by voice vote without dissent.

4. Senator Murphy requested each Senator introduce themself and state their department affiliation.

5. Approval of minutes

   Senator Murphy presented the minutes from the regular meeting of May 1, 2006 for review.

   The minutes were approved without modification.

6. Report of the President

   President Austin welcomed Senators back for another academic year. He introduced Barry Feldman, Interim Vice President and Chief Operating Officer.

   President Austin announced that the university's biggest budget objective was to add 150 new faculty. 75 to be funded by the state and 75 funded by fungible money from UConn. The Health Center is a different matter as it has not always been funded at the level needed; the hospital has been very efficient and has made up for this funding need. The hospital is profitable ($7 million) but not enough to close the gap. So Legislature has been asked for $15 million to help fill that gap. The hospital is 35 years old and is in need of renovations and updating in order to attract surgeons. There are projections that over the next decade there will be an increase in the demand for beds by approximately 250. The general perception is that UConn has done very well. The hospital must be maintained in order to keep the medical school in business. President Austin stated his optimism on the chances for success.

   President Austin stated the Public Health Initiative proposals, which came from both Storrs and the Health Center, are still seen as important but this is not the time to propose adding a new School of Public Health.

   President Austin updated the Senate on two decennial accreditations that are either underway or about to start. Senator Karla Fox is heading the New England Association of Schools & Colleges (NEASC) accreditation. Ron Schurin is heading the NCAA accreditation. President Austin expressed his confidence in the many people working on accreditation and the eventual outcome.

7. The Report of the Senate Executive Committee was presented by Senator DeWolf.
(See Attachment #1)

8. The Report of the Nominating Committee was presented by Senator Bansal.
(See Attachment #2)

a) We move the following faculty/staff deletions to the named Standing Committee:

- Arnold Dashefsky from the Curricula & Courses Committee
- John DeWolf from the Scholastic Standards Committee
- Gary English from the Growth & Development Committee
- David McChesney from the Student Welfare Committee
- Sally Reis from the Scholastic Standards Committee
- Lawrence Silbart from the Scholastic Standards Committee
- Erling Smith from the Faculty Standards Committee
- Moira Veiga from the Scholastic Standards Committee

The motion carried.

b) We move the following faculty/staff additions to the named committees:

- Keith Barker to the Curricula & Courses Committee, ex-officio, non-voting member
- John Bennett to the Scholastic Standards Committee
- Thomas Cooke to the Growth & Development Committee as representative of the Enrollment Committee
- Bruce DeTora to University Budget Committee, ex-officio, non-voting member
- Dolan Evanovich to the Enrollment Committee, ex-officio, non-voting member
- Gerald Gianutsos to the Growth & Development Committee as representative of the Scholastic Standards Committee
- Lynn Goodstein to the Scholastic Standards Committee, ex-officio, non-voting member
- Diane Lillo-Martin to the Scholastic Standards Committee
- Sally Reis to the Faculty Standards Committee
- Suman Singha to the Faculty Standards Committee, ex-officio, non-voting member
- Gaye Tuchman to Growth & Development Committee as representative of the Faculty Standards Committee
- Dana Wilder to the Growth & Development Committee, ex-officio, non-voting member
- Lee Williams to the Student Welfare Committee, ex-officio, non-voting member

The motion carried.

c) We move to add John Bennett, Marie Cantino, Anne D'Alleva, Arnold Dashefsky, Clare Eby, Peter Gogarten, Dean Hanink, William Lott, and Manuela Wagner to the General Education Oversight Committee for two-year terms.

The motion carried.

d) We move the following undergraduate student addition to the named Standing Committees:

- Shannon O'Reilly as representative to the Student Welfare Committee

The motion carried.

e) For the information of the Senate, the Undergraduate Student Government has named Erica Broadbent, Bradford Cook, Katherine Etter, Andrew Marone, and Colleen Vellturo to membership on the Senate for a one-year term.

9. The Report on Undergraduate Education and Instruction was presented by Senator Makowsky. (See Attachment #3)

Senator Makowsky introduced the report by saying that people are now looking for ways of assessing what effect colleges and universities actually have on students. She then introduced the staff and services provided by the Center for Undergraduate Education (CUE), and she attributed much of our reputation as a leader in undergraduate education to the existence of this center. She then reviewed the university's goals designed to raise our rankings and stated that UConn is within striking distance of becoming one of the best places for undergraduate education in the nation.

Senator Marsden asked if the various components of the learning activities would be tracked. Senator Makowsky said it was a good idea.

Senator Hiskes asked if it was possible to increase enrollment from students from developing nations in light the expense. Senator Makowsky stated her office is exploring fund raising and asymmetrical exchanges.

Senator Zirakzadeh praised the idea of inclusive excellence. He then expressed concern that Makowsky seemed to be marginalized from the actual allocation of faculty positions. Senator Makowsky stated there are many factors that go into faculty allocation, and she only has one part of this allocation. She expressed the hope that when departments hire, they carefully consider the applicant's teaching ability

Senator Schaeffer offered that student-to-faculty ratios should be reported by departments and programs rather than college-wide. Senator Makowsky stated the data is available in that way.

10. Senator Evanovich presented a verbal report of the findings of the "Admitted Student Questionnaire."

11. Senator Kerntke presented the Final Information Technology Strategic Plan. (See Attachment #4)

12. Senator Fox reported the Capital Projects Planning Advisory Committee (CPPAC) would be meeting on Thursday, September 14th at 3:30 p.m. in room 7 of the Bishop Center. Senator Fox stated the meetings are open to the public and encouraged others to attend. There will be presentations on the new classroom building, the landscaping of the main quadrangle behind the Student Union as well as an update on building projects that are currently underway.

13. The Annual Report of the General Education Oversight Committee was presented by Senator Freake.

(See Attachment #5)

Senator Hiskes asked if GEOC was considering special approval of online courses. Senator Freake answered affirmatively.

14. The Report of the Curricula & Courses Committee was presented by Senator Jeffers.

(See Attachment #6)

a) The committee recommends the approval of the following new 200s-level courses open to sophomores:

1. GEOG 241. Visualizing Geographic Data
Second semester. Three credits. Open to sophomores. R. Cromley
Survey of methods for representing geographic data in tables, graphs, and maps emphasizing proper application, integration, and interpretation of methods in data visualization.

The motion on GEOG 241 carried.

2. PHAR 202. Human Physiology & Anatomy I
First semester. Three credits. Three lecture hours.
Prerequisites: Biol 107, Chem 127, Chem 128, Phys 127.
Open to sophomores; open only to pre-pharmacy students; others by permission.
Staff.
Part I of a two-part course in human physiology and anatomy. Structure and function of the skin, bone & muscle systems, the nervous system, special senses and the endocrine system emphasizing proper application, integration, and interpretation of methods in data visualization.

3. PHAR 203. Human Physiology & Anatomy II
Second semester. Three credits. Three lecture hours.
Prerequisites: Biol 107, Chem 127, Chem 128, Phys 127, Phar 202
Open to sophomores; open only to pre pharmacy students; others by permission.
Staff.
Part II of a two-part course in human physiology and anatomy. Structure and function of the cardiovascular system, the lymphatic system, the respiratory system, the gastrointestinal system, the renal and reproductive systems.

The motion on PHAR 202 and PHAR 203 carried together.

b) New Course Numbering - The Committee has reviewed the renumbering of Mathematics courses for the new system. These courses will now be 2xxx and were 200s level but not open to sophomores in the current system. These courses are recommended for approval:

1. MATH 200 and 201W will become MATH 2294, 2394W.
2. MATH 242W will become MATH 2720W.

3. MATH 236 will become MATH 2610.
4. MATH 247-248 will become MATH 2010, 2011.
5. MATH 285 will become MATH 2620.

The motion carried.

Senator Jeffers offered comments on renumbering and asked that if a Department submits a new course in the near future the proposal should include both a three digit number and a four digit number to accommodate the new numbering system.

15. The Report of the Scholastic Standards Committee was presented by Senator Moiseff. (See Attachment #7)

a) **Motion**: To revise the existing bylaw as shown. (Underlining included only to indicate the added sentence.)

II.B.6. Auditing Courses Without Credit
Full-time students registering as course auditors must obtain consent from the course instructors. After the second week of classes, course audits require the same authorizations as add/drop transactions. Part-time students must pay the regular fee to audit courses and must follow the consent rules above. (See also Laws, By-Laws and Rules of the Board of Trustees, XV.N.) The instructor may disenroll a student not meeting the auditing criteria set forth by the instructor.

The motion carried.

b) For the information of the Senate, Scholastic Standards has approved BADM289 had been approved for S/U grading.

16. Unfinished business - none.

17. New business - none.

18. There was a motion to adjourn.

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Miller
Senate Secretary

The following members and alternates were absent from the September 11, 2006 meeting:

Aronson, Lorraine
Becker, Loftus
Bergman, Theodore
Bull, Nancy
Callahan, Thomas
Croteau, Maureen
Engel, Gerald
Etter, Katherine
Facchinetti, Neil
Franklin, Brinley
Gianutsos, Gerald
Gine-Masdeu, Evarist
Gramling, Lawrence
Holgerson, Kathleen
Kelly, Kristin
Kendall, Debra
Myers, Kathryn
Olson, Sherri
Reis, Sally
Smith, Winthrop
Taylor, Ronald
Vinsonhaler, Charles