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## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

1. President Austin officially called the regular meeting of the University Senate of September 8, 2003 to order at 4:05 p.m. in Room 7, Bishop Center.
2. Election of Moderator – Mr. Palmer nominated Susan Spiggle as Moderator of the University Senate. Mr. DeWolf seconded the nomination. The Senate approved Ms. Spiggle without dissent.
3. Election of Secretary – Mr. DeWolf nominated Gerald Gianutsos as Secretary of the University Senate. Mr. Anderson seconded. Mr. Gianutsos was approved without dissent.
4. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Spiggle presented the Minutes of the regular meeting of May 12, 2003 for review.

The minutes were approved without modification.

5. Report of the President.

President Austin touched briefly on the following items:

- a. He informed the Senate that Governor Rowland appointed Dr. John Rowe as Chairman of the Board of Trustees and Thomas Ritter as a member of the Board of Trustees.
- b. He announced the following University appointments: John Martin as President of the UCONN Foundation, William C. Hunter as Dean of the School of Business, and Jeff Hathaway as Athletic Director.
- c. He briefly described the consolidation of administrative functions and introduced Linda Flaherty-Goldsmith as the new Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the University.
- d. He described the recruitment and enhanced quality of the incoming freshman class. He anticipated no increase in size of the class next year but indicated that this may be a political challenge. He will look to the legislature to get an agreement to move to 35,000 students with appropriate budgetary adjustments. Enrollment management has engaged a consulting firm to examine tuition costs and student aid. An increased emphasis on Marshall/Rhodes scholarship applications is anticipated.
- e. He discussed the investigation of inappropriate activities at the Environmental Research Institute. He stated his confidence that the problems are now self contained.
- f. Mr. Faustman asked a question about the impact of early faculty/staff retirements. President Austin answered that there has been no commitment from the State about the refill rate (estimated to be around 50%) but that it is expected within the next few weeks. He indicated that the University is already a year behind in the recruitment cycle. Provost and Executive Vice President Petersen reported that he is working on budget models and that searches will soon be authorized in anticipation of the budgetary commitment.

6. Report of the Senate Executive Committee

Mr. DeWolf presented the written Report of the Senate Executive Committee.

(See Attachment #1)

7. Introduction of Members – Mr. DeWolf asked the Senators to introduce themselves, including their departmental affiliation.

8. Mr. Palmer presented the Report of the Nominating Committee.

(See Attachment #2)

a. He moved the following faculty and staff deletions from the named Standing Committees:

Paul Goodwin from Curricula & Courses  
Robert Miller from Faculty Standards  
Michael Turvey from Faculty Standards  
Susan Porter-Benson from Scholastic Standards  
Kenneth Neubeck from Scholastic Standards  
Janine Caira from University Budget  
Jeremy Paul from Growth and Development  
Philip Yeagle from Growth and Development

The motion carried.

b. He moved the following faculty and staff additions to the named Standing Committees:

Lynne Goodstein to Scholastic Standards  
Kathryn Myers to Scholastic Standards  
Adrian Pantoja to Scholastic Standards  
Kathryn Ratcliff to Scholastic Standards  
Fred Maryanski to Curricula and Courses, ex-officio, non-voting member  
Dolan Evanovich to Enrollment, ex-officio, non-voting member  
Ronald Taylor to Faculty Standards, ex-officio, non-voting member  
Steve Jarvi to Scholastic Standards, ex-officio, non-voting member  
John Saddlemire to Student Welfare, ex-officio, non-voting member  
Dale Dreyfuss to University Budget, ex-officio, non-voting member  
Dana Wilder to Growth and Development, ex-officio, non-voting member  
Pouyan Faghri as representative to Growth and Development from Faculty Standards

The motion carried.

c. He moved Daryl Harris be deleted from the General Education Oversight Committee.

The motion carried.

d. He moved Diana Rios be added to the General Education Oversight Committee for a two year term.

The motion carried.

e. He moved Jacqueline Peltier, graduate student, be named to the Student Welfare Committee.

The motion carried.

f. He moved that the membership of the GEOC be increased by the addition of a graduate student.

The motion carried.

9. Ms. Hiskes presented the report of the General Education Oversight Committee.

(See Attachment #3)

She described the plans for implementation of the new general education requirements which will take effect with the freshmen class entering in 2005. She also described the accomplishments of the committee since 8/25/03, indicated that guidelines and a timetable are available on the web, and alerted the university community to the need to start implementation. An online proposal form is in preparation and GEOC will offer workshops and forums on issues related to general education. Longer term goals are to present a comprehensive slate of courses for approval in April; the Senate may need an extra meeting to approve these courses. Other goals include: implementation plans for each major field for the W, computer literacy, and information literacy competencies; creation of learning centers; and a long term plan for future oversight of general education. She invited input from the University community.

Mr. Mannheim asked whether, in 2005, general education courses under the old system would still be available, and if current students could elect to follow the new system. Both questions were answered affirmatively.

10. Unfinished Business - None

11. New Business – None

Mr. Brown **moved** to adjourn.

The motion to adjourn was approved by a standing vote.

The meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald Gianutsos, Secretary

The following members and alternates were absent from the September 8, 2003 meeting:

Aronson, Lorraine	Hightower, Larry
Bramble, Pamela	Jones, Cynthia
Breen, Margaret	Macgill, Hugh
Caira, Janine	Majumdar, Suman
Carstensen, Fred	Miniutti, Peter
Eby, Clare	Ouimette, David
Flanery, Trudy	Ross, Stephen
Fox, Karla	Silander, John
Gramling, Lawrence	Vinsonhaler, Charles
Greger, Janet	Woods, David

**REPORT****SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

September 8, 2003

The Senate Executive Committee welcomes all members to the beginning of another academic year. We look forward to a year in which we will discuss and debate issues that are before the Senate and in which we will continue our efforts to provide input into the workings of the University.

The Executive Committee has met four times since the end of the last academic year. We met on separate times with the President and Chancellor during the summer to discuss issues before the University. We met at the end of August with the Chairs of the Senate's Standing Committees to set the agenda for this meeting and to review issues that will be considered by each of the committees during the coming year. We also discussed the plans of the GEOC Committee, including the proposed schedule that will be discussed separately at this meeting. This will most likely require an extra meeting in the spring semester. The Executive Committee met this past week with the central administration to continue discussions of issues before the University. At that meeting, we had a lengthy discussion with Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Linda Flaherty-Goldsmith on issues that she is working on. We also provided her an opportunity to hear about some of the current concerns of the faculty and professional staff at the University.

The Executive Committee is delighted that Ms. Tammy Gifford joined the Senate as Administrative Assistant in the spring. She has been active the past summer updating the Senate web site and working with the GEOC Committee, in addition to the usual duties. All Senate information is now readily accessible on the web site, including the Senate By-Laws. The site also provides easy access to Senate Committees.

The Senate is fortunate to have Senator Susan Spiggle continue as moderator for the upcoming year. We are also grateful to Prof. Gerry Gianutsos, who has been Wymanized for this year and who has agreed to serve as secretary during the fall semester.

Respectfully submitted,

John DeWolf, Chair  
Gregory Anderson  
Rajeev Bansal  
Scott Brown  
Janine Caira  
Gary English  
Scott Kennedy  
David Palmer  
Sally Reis Renzulli

REPORT  
NOMINATING COMMITTEE  
September 8, 2003

1. We move the following deletions from the named Standing Committees:
  - Paul Goodwin from Curricula & Courses
  - Robert Miller from Faculty Standards
  - Michael Turvey from Faculty Standards
  - Susan Porter-Benson from Scholastic Standards
  - Kenneth Neubeck from Scholastic Standards
  - Janine Caira from University Budget
  - Jeremy Paul from Growth and Development
  - Philip Yeagle from Growth and Development
  
2. We move the following faculty and staff additions to the named Standing Committees:
  - Lynne Goodstein to Scholastic Standards
  - Kathryn Myers to Scholastic Standards
  - Adrian Pantoja to Scholastic Standards
  - Kathryn Ratcliff to Scholastic Standards
  - Fred Maryanski to Curricula and Courses, ex-officio, non-voting member
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  - John Saddlemire to Student Welfare, ex-officio, non-voting member
  - Dale Dreyfuss to University Budget, ex-officio, non-voting member
  - Dana Wilder to Growth and Development, ex-officio, non-voting member
  - Pouran Faghri as representative to Growth and Development from Faculty Standards
  
3. We move the following deletion from the General Education Oversight Committee:
  - Daryl Harris
  
4. We move the following faculty addition to General Education Oversight Committee:
  - Diana Rios to a two-year term
  
5. For the information of the Senate regarding the Committee of Three:
  - David Palmer has been appointed to replace Judith Kelly
  - Scott Brown has been appointed to replace Harry Frank
  
6. We move Jacqueline Peltier, graduate student, be named to the Student Welfare Committee.
  
7. For the information of the Senate, the Graduate Student Senate has named David Pendrys to membership on the Senate for a one-year term.
  
8. The Nominating Committee moves that the membership of the GEOC be increased by the addition of a graduate student.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory Anderson  
Janine Caira  
Anne Hiskes

Suman Singha  
C. Ernesto Zirakzadeh  
David Palmer, Chair

## **Report to the University Senate from GEOC Sept. 8, 2003**

### **GEOC MEMBERSHIP 2003/04**

#### **Chair (two-year term):**

\*Anne Hiskes, Philosophy

#### **Member (two-year term):**

Michael Darre, Animal Science

Françoise Dussart, Anthropology and the Humanities Institute

Cecile Hurley, Chemistry

Gerald Gianutsos, Pharmacy

\*Robert Jeffers, Mechanical Engineering

Deborah McDonald, Nursing

Thomas Recchio, English

Diane Rios, Communication Science

John Salamone, Psychology

Robert Stephens, Music and African American Studies Institute

#### **Member (one-year term):**

Rosa Chinchilla, Modern and Classical Languages

#### **Members completing a two-year term:**

\*Rajeev Bansal, Electrical and Computer Engineering

Thomas DeFranco, Curriculum and Instruction, Assoc. Dean School of Education

\*Hedley Freake, Nutritional Science

George Gibson, Physics

\*Jane Goldman, Family Studies

Blanca Silvestrini, History and Puerto Rican and Latino Studies Institute

David Allen Stern, Drama

Kentwood Wells, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

#### **Student Member (one-year term):**

Michael Tremmel

Vacancy - One-year term (replace Daryl Harris)

### **GEOC ACTIONS 8/25/03 - 9/5/03**

- User Friendly Format of the new General Education Guidelines at the Senate Website <http://senate.uconn.edu>.
- University Community alerted to the need to now start the process of implementation.
- Information disseminated and posted on the new General Education system, the implementation timetable, and preliminary procedures for developing course proposals.

- The C&C Committee of each School/College has been asked to establish and disseminate its review process and timetable.
- Many drafts of an on-line course proposal form. Not yet finished.
- GEOC and ITL are collaborating on issues of pedagogy and offering a series of workshops later this fall on issues related to general education.

### **SHORT-TERM GOALS**

- On-line course proposal form and detailed instruction/example sheet available Oct. 1, 2003.
- Open forums in October to discuss the new general education requirements and proposal form.
- Q & A sessions for each department, school/college, and regional campus. Motivate serious review and development of courses.

### **LONGER-TERM GOALS**

- Present a comprehensive slate of courses to the Senate in late April for approval.
- Approve a plan for each major field showing how its students can meet the new W competency requirements. (Fall 2004)
- Oversee the implementation of the information literacy and computer technology competency requirements. (Fall 2004)
- Oversee the creation of the Learning Centers.
- Articulate a long-term plan for the future oversight of general education.
- Fall 2005: The new General Education System is up and running.