

University Senate
September 13, 2004

At 3:42 PM (09/13/2004) the University Senate President, Brent Lindquist, called the meeting to order.

He asked and received approval for the agenda.

He asked and received, with minor corrections, approval of the minutes of the last meeting.

Nominations are needed for a new Secretary of the Senate and for the next President of the Senate.

The University President was not present but sent a written report.

The Provost (R. McGrath) submitted a written report and made an oral presentation. Enrollments are down but the SAT scores are still high, about the same as last year (1208).

He was pleased to announce that Joseph Auner was appointed as Vice Provost.

An improved bus service has been established between BNL and SBU.

With sadness, the provost, acknowledged the passing of three of our colleagues

Questions from senators to the Provost concerned issues such as out of state undergraduates, the recent veto by the Governor of part of the capital budget, our future relationship to Southampton College, and progress on the BAP.

Mark Aronoff distributed a letter from the Middle States Commission on Higher Education to Dr. Kenny reaffirming our accreditation. Mark stated that this is his last report on the "Middle States" report. He stated that the future plan is to have the 31 recommendations of the Self Study become part of the next 5 year plan.

The University Senate enthusiastically thanked and acknowledged the contributions of all who participated in the self-study, particularly the two co-chairs.

W. Dethlefs from the Campus Environment Committee gave a report on committee activities: The Committee noted that they have had excellent relations with the Assistant Vice President for Facilities and Services and support from Vice President for Administration. He noted that an Ashley Shiff Management Committee has been established with the goal of preserving the remaining 26 acres of undeveloped land on the campus. He noted that the minutes of their committee meetings are now on the web. They offer considerable detail, with references, to their recent activities.

W. Dethlefs proposed the following resolution:

The University should immediately commission an Environmental Master Plan (EMP) to be developed by an outside consulting firm in conjunction with and closely integrated with the *Campus Planning Framework* as was written by Beyer Blinder and Belle. This process should examine factors such as natural drainage patterns, plant and animal community distributions, soils, and geologic features of the campus holdings and their relation to immediately surrounding areas. The EMP should provide:

1. An environmentally responsible quantitative and qualitative guide for long term development, maintenance, or preservation of campus regions,
2. Address economic, environmental, and educational benefits of specific policy or management decisions,
3. Identify possible remediation of degraded or improperly developed areas,
4. Provide an intelligent basis and specific criteria for the design and placement of new structures and a sustainable campus environment,
5. Identify and recommend possible cooperative partnerships with local, state, and federal agencies that may facilitate environmental stewardship, optimize response to regulatory requirements, enhance the environmental educational infrastructure of the campus, and derive economic benefit.
6. Identify sites on campus that have historical (King's Highway road bed) or archaeological significance.
7. Identify existing recreational areas for both passive recreation (walkways, and bike paths) and active (organized sports fields, tracks)

There was no pro and con debate on this resolution. The following points were made in the discussion period.

It was generally agreed that this was an excellent resolution. The question was raised about opposition. It was stated that there is no known opposition. The question was raised about the next step. It was not clear whether this resolution will result in a document or a process. It was mentioned that this resolution has no teeth. It was pointed out that the administration was part of the plan. There was a concern on whether \$\$\$ would be spent for consultants. The hope was raised that future development will be a compromise between opportunistic development and planned development. There was a question as to what extent other locations of SBU will they be part of this plan?

A vote on the resolution passed unanimously.

1. Annual Fire Inspection. The process is an inspection to note violations. If the violations are not corrected they are followed by citations. If the citations are not corrected they are followed by fines. Last year we had 1000 inspection violations and 0 citations.
2. The SUNY – EPA audit agreement. This process involves self-audits with independent consultants. The first audit will begin in August 8, 2005. Much work needs to be done before this date.
3. Safety Warden Program. It was announced that this program is underway and appears to be working.

D. Little from the Campus Police reported that they received 20,000 emergency and non emergency calls last year. He stated that the Department is concerned about the quality of life on campus. They want to know how they can do better. They are very willing to work with all members of the campus community. They provide roadside assistance. He reported the speed limit on Nicolls road will probably be lowered to 45 mph.

The Senate adjourned at 5:09 PM.

Recorded by Frank Fowler