

Stony Brook School of Medicine  
Faculty Senate Meeting  
March 22, 2005

Dr. Cedric Priebe (Presiding)  
Dr. Scott Johnson (Recording)  
Attendance: Please see attendance roster

Dr. Priebe called the meeting to order at 5:10.

- I. Review of minutes of Meeting of 1/25/05: Dr. Johnson
- Minutes of the January 25<sup>th</sup> meeting were accepted as written.
- II. Vote on Senatorial Appointment Dr.Priebe
- Dr. Tracie Saunders was unanimously approved as a Faculty Senator, representing the Department of Anesthesiology. She will replace Dr. John Gage who has resigned.
- III. Updated Report on vote for Bylaws change adding three Representatives to the Curriculum Committee -Dr. Priebe
- Dr.Priebe reported that to date there have been 43 votes for the Bylaw change and 5 votes against. Two-thirds of the Senate (53 of 80 Senators) needs to vote in favor of the proposed change for approval.
- IV. APT Committee requests for Faculty Senate Approval: Dr. Priebe
- 1-Optional Personal Statement for all candidates  
2-Consideration of an Educator's Portfolio for documentation of teaching criteria
- Dr. Priebe stated that the APT committee has proposed that the optional Personal Statement be allowed for all candidates for promotion, not just for those seeking tenured promotions
  - Discussion ensued:
    - It was questioned what the standard length of the statement would be; Dr.Priebe stated that it may be up to 2 pages in length.
    - Dr.Kallus stated that a Personal Statement option may have avoided problems in the past when a candidate felt that their chairman was not supportive enough.
    - Dr.Simon stated that a Personal Statement allows a candidate to express their interests and accomplishments outside of their department, which may not be addressed in their chairman's letter, which frequently stresses departmental service.
    - It was stated that a Personal Statement may be more important to non-tenured candidates, as they will typically have less quantifiable information (i.e. grants, papers, etc.) in their CV. It was argued that since a Personal Statement has already been approved for tenure candidates, it should also be approved for non-tenure candidates, especially since they would tend to benefit more from personal comments.
  - Vote for an optional Personal Statement for all candidates was carried out- Initially there was one vote opposed, but this opposition was subsequently withdrawn after discussion. The proposal was passed unanimously.
  - Dr. Priebe stated that Dr. Nachman's APT Committee will be working to develop guidelines for an Educator's Portfolio, which will describe the candidate's teaching

endeavors, rather than base teaching accomplishments only on total hours taught. These will be presented to the Senate in the future.

V. Report of HSC representative to SB University Senate      Dr. Beverly Horowitz

- Dr. Horowitz described her role as HSC representative to the University Senate, as well as issues that are addressed by the University Senate
- Dr. Horowitz represents all 5 schools in the HSC (SOM, Nursing, Health Technology and Management, Social Welfare, Dental school) at the University Senate
- Information regarding the University Senate such as meeting dates and times can be found on the SB website.
- Recent Issues discussed at University Senate:
  - SB has been pursuing the purchase of the Southampton campus of LIU for \$35 million
  - Chancellor King has suffered criticism in the media recently
  - Discussions regarding building a hotel on main campus have been in progress for quite a long time, although nothing has been formalized. Planning for the redesign of the Main Entrance to the West Campus is also in progress.
  - A 5 Year Plan/5 Year Task Force has been implemented by President Kenny, with a goal to move SB prominently into the international arena.
  - Discussion of the results of the recent Faculty Survey.
  - SB formation of alliance with Central Suffolk hospital is first alliance between SUNY hospital and a community hospital.
  - Fundraising campaign to promote faculty reaching out to alumni for donations. SB is less aggressive than most universities in fundraising efforts.
- Dr. Priebe asked what the University Senate's approach to public relations issues have been and how they have sought to inform the community about the University Hospital.

VI. Report of SUNY Stony Brook representative to SUNY Senate      Dr. George Tortora

- Dr. Tortora, the SUNY Stony Brook HSC representative on the State's SUNY-wide Faculty Senate, described his role as representative and the issues addressed by the SUNY Faculty Senate at the State level. He is presently completing his second 3-year term, which is the term limit. His discussion described the general "flavor" of the meetings. He stated that any specific questions can be emailed directly to him.
- The University Faculty Senate has been the representational voice for the faculty of the State-operated colleges for over 50 years. The UFS is concerned with policies and issues at the System level. It is an advisory body working to make the SUNY System an example of excellence within American public higher education.
- Website for SUNY faculty Senate information: [www.suny.edu/facultysenate](http://www.suny.edu/facultysenate)
- The last 2 plenary sessions have been quite upbeat and there were a number of positive statements regarding Stony Brook.
- Dr. Tortora described the SUNY Assessment Initiative, which is a standardized campus-based assessment of general education and assessment of the major departments. In 2004, the University Faculty Senate agreed on the specifics of the assessment for accountability via Strengthened Campus-based Assessment. The Task Force agreed that "Assessment results should never be used to punish, publicly compare, or embarrass students, faculty, courses, programs, departments, or institutions either individually or collectively."
- In 2005, a report filed a Freedom of Information Legislation request for the assessment data collected by SUNY. After checking with legal counsel, SUNY

System Administration released the assessment data collected to date. At the present time, no articles have appeared which use comparative assessment data. Many faculty remain concerned over the entire assessment initiative.

- On January 18, 2005, Governor Pataki submitted the 2005-06 Executive Budget for SUNY.
  - The Budget proposed that SUNY would increase tuition by \$500 and generate \$85 million in revenue to support mandatory cost increases such as collective bargaining and energy.
  - State tax dollar support for State-operated and Statutory campuses would be cut by \$24.9 million (\$979 million to \$954.1 million)
  - A statement was made requiring the Board of Trustees to transfer all of the University Hospitals to private hospital status.

VII. SOM Faculty Retreat- A Strategic Plan for Education

Dr. Priebe

- Dr. Williams was unable to attend the Senate meeting, so Dr. Priebe reminded the Senate of the upcoming retreat to develop a strategic plan for education.
- It will be held on Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 10am-6pm at Raphael Vineyard. It will be the first step in 5 year plan for education improvement. There will be meetings prior to the retreat which will evaluate different models of curriculum, as well as evaluate weaknesses in our present curriculum and educational process. This process has not been done since 1990.

VIII. Faculty Senate News in monthly HSC E-News

Dr. Priebe

- Dr. Priebe will be asking the Senate Committee Chairs to contribute to a monthly column in HSC E-News which will describe activities of the Faculty Senate and its Committees.
- Dr. Priebe welcomed suggestions or comments on the process, any of which may be emailed to Dr. Priebe or Dr. Johnson.

IX. Departmental voting for their Faculty Senators for the Academic Years 2005-2007.

- Dr. Priebe will email a letter to all of the department Chairs informing them of the number of Senators needed to be elected in their respective departments.

X. New Business

- Dr. Jeffrey Pessin and Dr. Jeffrey Segal will present information on the President's Committee on Academic Organization at the next Faculty Senate meeting in April.
- Negotiations between President Kenny and Dr. Neal Cohen are still in progress, although the exact progress to date is uncertain.
  
- The meeting was adjourned at 6:00pm
- The next Faculty Senate meeting will be on **Tuesday 4/26/05 at 5pm.**