

The University Senate meets on Monday, November 6th at 3:30 p.m. in the Student Union Auditorium.

Tentative Agenda
University Senate Meeting
November 6, 2000

- I. Approval of Tentative Agenda
- II. Approval of the Minutes from University Senate meeting of October 2, 2000 (attached)
- III. Campus President's Report (S. Kenny)
- IV. Provost's Report (R. McGrath)
- V. Report on SUNY Faculty Senate in Morrisville (G. Tortora)
- VI Undergraduate Council Proposals (attached)
- VII. University Senate President's Report (B. Godfrey)
- VIII. Department of Biomedical Engineering
- IX. Old Business
- X. New Business

Next University Senate Meeting: December 4th at 3:30 p.m.

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Undergraduate Council proposals

The Undergraduate Council held a special summer meeting on Wednesday, 6/14 to discuss changes to academic policies that were needed to implement PeopleSoft beginning in the fall 01 semester. The following two changes to academic policies were passed by the Council, and were forwarded to you after the meeting.

We then learned that PeopleSoft was going to be delayed until fall 02 and we felt that, since the proposals were tied to PS implementation, we wanted the Council to reconsider whether the proposals should be delayed until then.

At yesterday's meeting the Council decided that the proposals should go forward for fall 01 implementation so that they can be included in the 2001-2003 Undergraduate Bulletin.

Please bring these proposals to the Senate Executive Committee so that they can be included as part of the next University Senate meeting.

1. Students may advance register for 19 credits from the outset of advance registration.

Background: Currently students are restricted to 17 credits during advance registration and then it changes to 19 credits the week before school begins. This was approved so that students would not register for a sixth course "on spec," dropping their least favorite course during the add/drop period and limiting the choices for students registering later. To take advantage of the waitlist function in PeopleSoft, the 19-credit limit is reasonable.

2. Students may not add courses after the sixth class day of the semester.

Background: Currently students are allowed to add courses without permission during the first week of the semester and with permission during the second week of the semester. This has not solved the problem of the enormous number of transactions that take place during the second week of the semester. In addition, the waitlist function should be cut off earlier than two weeks into the semester so that students know whether they have a place in a course or whether they don't. Under the new scenario the add period will be 6 class days, with students being allowed to add to the waitlist throughout the six day period. After the 6th day students will no longer be able to add a course. The drop period will remain 10 days.

In a case in which a course has not met during the first six days of classes (e.g. snowstorms or Jewish holidays), the add period for that course will be extended until the day after the first meeting of the course.

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University Senate

Draft Minutes, October 2, 2000

- I. Bill Godfrey, University Senate President, called the meeting to order at 3:36 p.m. The tentative agenda was approved with minor adjustments (Provost is in Albany - drop agenda item IV)
- II. The Senate minutes of September 11, 2000 were approved with the following minor changes:

Provost report - section 2b. write out MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) and change admission review process to mission review process... plus drop the "like" and replace with SUNY at Stony Brook is viewed as a Flagship University.

- III. Campus President's Report: President Kenny started the meeting off by introducing Mark Aronoff with information "Hot off the Joe DePhillipo Albany Press" re: agenda item VIII "Executive Committee Resolution" "Foreign Language Requirement Change for Fall 2000 entering students" (see draft resolution below).

DRAFT RESOLUTION:

The University Senate expresses its strong displeasure at the Trustees' imposition of a change in the foreign language entrance requirement for Fall 2000 entering students in the College of Arts and Sciences and in the Harriman School. These students understood (as stated in the Undergraduate Bulletin 1999-2001) that they needed only a 75 Regents Exam score in order to satisfy their language requirement. The Trustees are requesting that incoming Fall 2000 students now show a score of 85 in order to complete their language requirement. While we are glad to support the increase in the level of foreign language expertise required of our incoming students, we do not support the change in the requirement for Fall 2000 students who would not have known about this requirement prior to enrolling at Stony Brook. Although we understand that this may be one of the less onerous impositions from the Trustees, we hereby request that the Provost not inform new Fall 2000 students of this effectively retroactive requirement change but rather that the new requirement be introduced for entering students beginning in Spring 2001 (with appropriate advance notice to these new students).

NOTE: The Arts and Sciences Senate Curriculum Committee discussed this matter on September 28th and is on record as expressing its displeasure at the premature change.

· Mark Aronoff reported that the change proposed by the Board of Trustees in our Undergraduate Bulletin would not take place this year but will go into effect in 9/01. We do not have this in writing but this is from the Gen Ed voice of SUNY. Mark went on to explain that USB has always met the requirement of one year of a foreign language, so the only remaining issue focused on the more stringent 85% on a regents. Mark A. went on to say that with this one exception aside, we have been in compliance with the Board of Trustees Gen. Ed requirements. Loose talk of Stony Brook not being in compliance is simply not accurate. In fact, in many cases our requirements are more stringent than those put forth by the Board of Trustees. Our DEC program goes through routine course adjustments over time so the recent shifts do not represent anything outside the normal course of University housekeeping business.

- * President Kenny recommends that we accept victory "gracefully" and let the Provost and Mark carry on the dialogue with Albany.
- * Bill Godfrey makes a resolution to table the Senate Exec resolution...motion carries unanimously.

President Kenny went on to brief the Senate on a few more items (see President's report)

- * Snapshot Enrollment figures: Fall 2000 = 19,900; 703 more than last year @ 200 over SUNY target.
- * New Faculty Hires: 89 new full time faculty members (total = 1,313). 29 more than last year, 58 more than 1998 and 87 more than fall 1997.
- * Hospital matters: Meeting with the Chancellor and GOER (Governors Office of Employee Relations). They came to an accommodation re: the \$116 million dollar budget problem. Bob King will deal with the Governor's office to handle this issue over a five-year period. At the end of that time the Hospitals will have to cover their own fringe benefits costs.
- * Search updates:
(VP for Advancement) - restarting.
Hospital Executive Director - short list
Cancer Institute Director - Appointed: Dr. Kovach
Dean for the new MBA program - progressing
- * Economic Development front:
New Incubator planned for the Calverton area - Environmental Companies
Millennium Tech Center - planning stage for new building on East Campus by LIHTI
New USB space in Manhattan - address 28th street and Park Ave South (uses: Alumni, Fundraising, Class Reunions, Internships)

Q & A session: Building updates

- * Asian Cultural Center - they are getting busy-activity is increasing (look for opening next spring)
- * Ambulatory Surgery - on the fast track
- * Football Stadium - hole in the ground
- * SAC Phase II - structure is going up
- * Conference Center / Hotel - very close to signing the ground lease

- * Humanities is in the planning stage plus some additional classrooms on the first floor
- * New Residence Halls - underway
- * Some new labs in CMM

The President mentioned that we are actively looking for ways to construct buildings that do not require State funds (i.e. new Recreation Center). We know that our next 5-year capital expenditure plan will concentrate on optimizing the space we currently occupy and will not feature the creation of new buildings.

V. EARN Program: Bill Godfrey introduced George Meyer (President's office) to brief the Senate on the a new Presidential initiative called the "The Sylvia Geoghegan Presidential EARN (EMPLOY ABILITY RIGHT NOW) PROGRAM." George explained that this initiative focuses on changing the University culture in order to take the "dis" out of disability and increase employment of people with disabilities at Stony Brook. The Program eliminates the distress and discrimination that can occur when people with disabilities seek employment. By providing financial incentives to department chairs and administrators to interview and hire people with disabilities, the E.A.R.N. program seeks to match campus job opportunities with capable people.

VI. Stony Brook day: Pat Cruso briefed the Senate on all the plans underway to make a big SB day impact on the Legislature on February 13th, 2001. Pat is busy recruiting Academic Departments and signing up students in order to hit the President's goal of sending 10 busses up to Albany on that day. Bill Godfrey gave a brief history lesson and urged all departments to "get on the bus (6 am) at South P-lot with our President". This road trip plans to be a lot of fun and a great opportunity for us to tell the real Stony Brook story to our Legislators and State Senators. The SB day program will include: official SB buttons, a Jazz Band, boxed b-fast, USB information booth & USB display info at the cross-roads and an end of the day reception at the Well. Stay tuned for more information re: SB Day and be sure to sign-up soon.

President Kenny mentioned how important it is at this time for the Legislators to hear us and see us. They have to know that we are interested enough in our University to take time out from our busy schedules in order to visit with the folks that control the purse strings. They need to see and hear from our students. We have such an articulate student body that the Legislators can't help but be impressed after spending a day with our students. This is the time that many States are increasing their support to State Higher Ed and we should be certain to take full advantage.

Old Business: none

New Business: Unfortunately, Geralyn Datz from GSO was cut short on her presentation concerning the present shortage of adequate graduate student housing - with apologies - President Godfrey promises to revisit this issue at a later Senate meeting.

Motion was made to adjourn. the meeting was adjourned at 4:36 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward J. O'Connell
Senate Secretary