

The University Senate will meet on Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m. in SAC 302.

Tentative Agenda  
University Senate Meeting  
May 5th, 2003

- I. Approval of minutes from April 7th
  - II. Approval of tentative agenda
  - III. President of University Senate Report (B. Lindquist)
  - IV. President's Report (S. Kenny)
  - V. Provost's Report (R. McGrath)
  - VI. Vice President Reports on implementation of budget cuts (R. Mann)
  - VII. Resolution on Designating Undergraduate Bulletin Online as Official Undergraduate Bulletin (R. Kerber)
  - VIII. Discussion on Resolution: Declaration of Majors (Undergraduate Council)
  - IX. Old business
  - X. New business
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Minutes of the University Senate Meeting  
April 7, 2003

- I. The minutes of the March 3, 2003 meeting were approved.
- II. The tentative agenda was approved.
- III. The University President's Report:
  - 1. Budget outlook remains uncertain, but we're planning on a 12-14% cut.
  - 2. We are organizing initiatives to involve the University in Homeland Security research.
  - 3. An article in the Village Times about Flowerfield property was neither accurate nor helpful. Discussions continue.
- IV. The Provost's report:
  - 1. On Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> the Celebration of Undergraduate Achievements will be held.
  - 2. Commencement will be on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.Faculty were urged to attend and participate in both of these events.
- V. Presentation on NCAA Certification self-study (G. Meyer):

The Self-Study Process is underway. Report due in Spring 2004. There are subcommittees on Academic Integrity; Equity, Welfare and Sportsmanship; Fiscal Integrity; Governance and Commitment to Rules; and each has an agenda to study and report upon.

Discussion: How compliance with Title IX can be established.

- VI. Vice Presidential reports on implementation of budget cuts:

R. McGrath: Budget cutting is serious; we're working on 12% reduction over two years, arising from various incursions. Enrollments have gone up on West Campus by 19% since '98-'99; the all-funds budget has going up 7%. Operating budget/student next year would be down 16%. Have reduced undergraduate admissions targets somewhat.

\$12M target for cuts for '03-'04: Mandated cuts have been apportioned to colleges; there are 10% TA cuts, no faculty hires, downsized CELT, Learning College, WISE, Undergraduate Academic Affairs, Physical Education, and others. There are fewer small courses and fewer adjunct faculty. Will reduce research support services, tuition waivers, RA's.

F. Preston: Student Services will continue. (Dr. Preston enumerated current range of services). Currently have 53.6 professionals and 12 classified staff. Housing and Health Services are fee-funded. Budget base is \$5.2M; will drop by \$0.6M, aggravated by equity adjustments now due. Staff reductions are only way to address cuts. Concerned at shortcomings in ability to address student mental health issues; inability to fund Women's Center as originally proposed.

N. Edelman: Cuts being met by cost shifting, belt-tightening, reduction of services (library cuts; media services-education only; attrition in HSC Office; reduction of adjuncts), postponement of technological enhancements. Attempting more rational distribution of state funding than that historically made.

W. Simmons: Need better alumni relations and professional fund-raising staff. Cuts will make growth slower. Will try to make better use of faculty and student volunteers to compensate for reduced funding.

VII. Resolution on tuition cuts (N. Goodman):

Motion was made (R. Srivastav) to untable this resolution. Passed.

N. Goodman briefly spoke in favor. Question: Will this allow us to offer quality education? Answer: Depends on coupling to state support. Graduate Student comment: Favors resolution as reflecting faculty/staff sentiment. Provost: It's kind of weak as expression of such sentiment. GSO President: favors the resolution.

Question called, motion passed without apparent dissent.

VIII. Proposed constitution for PEG Board (E. Kaplan):

Comment: it's nice and up-to-date, especially in use of electronic voting.  
Motion passed.

Parenthetical announcement by Senate President Lindquist: the Senate elections will also be conducted via a Web-based voting system this year.

IX. Presentation on hidden disabilities (M. Perno): postponed.

X. Notification of Faculty Survey (R. Kelly):

The Administrative Review Committee will distribute its Annual Survey of Faculty/Staff opinion on administration (last done in 1997) online. It contains 120 questions. The Committee hopes for greater response than last time.

XI. Presentation of written report from SUNY Faculty Senate meeting in Cornell (D. Kinney): (distributed). There were no questions.

Respectfully submitted,

R.C. Kerber, Deputy Secretary, Pro Tem.