

University Senate
Minutes of April 4, 2005

I Approval of Tentative Agenda

At 3:36pm Senate President Brent Lindquist called the meeting to order. The agenda for this meeting was amended and approved to include a new announcement item and to postpone proposed Item #V "Results of Campus Climate Survey" until May 2nd meeting.

II Minutes for March 7, 2005

Approved

III President's Report

See attached written report

Note especially:

- An acting dean will be appointed to the School of Medicine
- A town hall meeting will be convened on April 11th to discuss "the situation of women faculty and staff members" on campus now and for the future.
- The sixth annual gala will be held on April 20th in Manhattan.
- The new "J Club" has opened for Faculty and Staff at Jasmine in the Wang Center.

IV Provost's Report (presented by Mark Aronoff)

See attached written report

- Of special note are the SBU Goldwater Scholars for 2005. This is a highly competitive award that has been consistently won by SBU undergraduates.
- All are invited to the Provost's Lecture Series (note change for April 29th to feature Kate Burton instead of Leon Katz)

V Task Force on Academic Organizational Structure (Jeff Pressin & Jeff Segal)

This group has been meeting bi-weekly for the past 6 weeks and will present a report of findings in May. In the summer all task forces will meet to develop the next 5 Year Plan by fall 2005. Some areas were raised by senators as concerns:

- School of Medicine – New configuration – how will the 'chain of command' be set up; to whom will the deans of all other HSC school report – will it be different for the SOM?
- Life Sciences – how does the dean structure affect this department?
- Should the Dean of Art & Sciences sit on the President's Cabinet? (similar to VP of HSC who is currently the Dean of the SOM)
- More clarity required for governance relationships - Suggestion was made to research the CAS minutes concerning the original splitting of SOM from the 5 schools.
- Governance for Southampton College if SBU takes on that campus? (Note: Manhattan and Southampton are not included in the charge to this task force)
- Grading differences: Minimal/no rating of P/NC on East Campus - results in problems when the courses are moved from / shared with West Campus.
- Growth patterns. What is the status of administration growth versus faculty – note that the reorganization of the CAS under one dean was to have slowed the rate of growth of administration but at the end there had been no change in the number of positions.
- Lack of incentives for entrepreneurship – negative incentives when cuts in staff repeatedly follow new cash flow.

See attached for details for accessing database to discuss related topics.

Senators suggested that chairs of other task forces be invited to address the Senate while in process rather than after the research is completed.

VI SBU Preparation for the EPA Audit (Barbara Chernow & Terence Harrigan)

It is very expensive to 'fix violations' so SBU is focusing on finding any potential areas of concern such as unlabeled chemicals, storage containers, waste management and materials training.

By SUNY agreement with EPA – voluntary disclosure to avoid large fines. Focus is on:

- Labeling issues
- 2nd day containment
- Oil tanks
- Manifests regarding corrective measures (e.g. asbestos removal)
- Light bulb disposal

The pre-assessment audit has 100 items to focus on prior to August. Inspection teams are reviewing every campus lab now. There is a training program on hazardous waste management (see [EHS Website for schedule](#) and on line training courses). EHS website [lists hazardous materials](#)

Senators raised some concerns:

- When labs/divisions are cited – who pays for the fines (academic dept or grant?)
 - Chairs will decide -- cleanup is not too expensive – getting fined is

VII Earthstock 2005 (Malcolm Bowman)

April 22nd will have many opportunities to explore and celebrate the environment. In addition to the annual Pride Patrol there will be numerous exhibits and guest speakers including a **Book Signing and Lecture** by Peter **Matthiessen**, the 2005 Robert E. Smolker Distinguished Lecturer on Conservation and the Environment speaking on "Antarctica and Our Environment." All are encouraged to attend and enjoy. See the website for more information: <http://ws.cc.stonybrook.edu/sb/earthstock/events.shtml>

VIII Senate President's Report (Brent Lindquist)

There has been a change in the electronic voting for the senators to access through the SOLAR system rather than using Lotus Notes. The voting will take place near the end of the semester.

The proposed Academic Bill of Rights is being considered for a bill before the Florida legislature. No such bill has been introduced in NY.

IX Old Business

None

X New Business

None

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed.

The Senate adjourned at: 4:37pm

Respectfully submitted by:

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