

Meeting called to order by President Georges Fouron at 3:35 p.m.

I. Approval of agenda – approved

II. Approval of minutes from March 26, 2007 – approved with adjournment time changed to 4:50 p.m.

III. Report from the CAS Dean (J. Staros)

- Faculty recruiting – 23 tenured and tenure-track searches: 18 Assistant Professors, 10 searches in HFA, 7 searches in SBS and 6 searches in NSM. There were 6 searches through regular college funding (in addition to these 23 searches) for visiting faculty or lecturers
- funded (presidential) individual lines: 1 Sr. visiting appointment, 1 state line for the D'Amato Chair, 7 lines in HFA, 3 lines in SBS, 1.5 tenure-track lines and 1 lecturer line in NSM. Requests for 2 NSM and 1 HFA lines declined.
- Cluster Hires: NYCCF: 3 anticipated for CAS; CIDER: 3 anticipated for CAS; cDACT: anticipating 5 in CAS; EIP: 2 Neurosciences lines (filled)
- Faculty Recruitment Prospects for next year:
 - Cluster in Globalization, Migration and Diaspora
 - Cluster in Judaism, Islam and Christianity (bases for a new center)
 - Complete the cDACT cluster
 - Individual lines to support increased enrollments

IV. Curriculum Committee report (N. Tomes)

- Annual Report will be ready in fall 07
- Good Curriculum Committee Slate for the A&S ballot
- Working on the completion of the new courses for the major in Journalism. Thirteen new courses were approved
- Resolving the challenges represented by the 1.8 Mil. grant money from the Knight Foundation to create new course in News Literacy
- Approved curricular changes – Undergraduate Biology, Chemistry sequence, etc.
- Approved BA/MAT in Africana studies, MS/MAT in Mathematics (both 5-year combined degrees) and BS/MAT in Biology
- Two new interdisciplinary courses in Astronomy and English
- Curriculum Committee is strained with the increase in enrollment and also with the addition of Southampton. Concerned with the committee's ability to keep up.

V. Report on Stony Brook Southampton (M. Schoonen)

- Issues in hiring, curriculum and physical plant.
- Developing innovative set of majors (not competing with or duplicating Stony Brook).
- Within next five years we anticipate approximately 2,000-2,500 students with 50-60 faculty with tenure. There will be no departments.
- Middle states granted temporary accreditation for additional location status. Southampton can offer any major that is currently approved at Stony Brook.
- Next fall we will apply for branch campus status location to Stony Brook

- Recruiting students for Fall '07
- It will be approximately one year before new majors are set in place
- Decided with Provost to take four concentrations from Environmental Studies (approved major at Stony Brook with 10 concentrations). They are: Environmental Economics, Ecology, Public Policy and Marine Environmental Studies. The majors will be flexible
- Posted 12 jobs on the campus job opportunities
- Tenure issue: Southampton is more of an undergraduate college. Departments can consider affiliate status
- Physical facilities: one building is only 7 years old and has classrooms/labs that are fully functional. A number of other buildings have been renovated. There is also a 440 seat theatre.
- Dr Silverman questioned the status of governance at Southampton. For the time being, governance will reside with the Arts and Sciences Senate at Stony Brook
- Dr. Fred Walter asked if there is a plan to have a sufficient number of courses so that students do not have to come to Stony Brook. In response, there will be regular bus services between the two campuses. Dr. Bob Kerber suggested advanced teleconferencing which would be a great improvement over more busing.

VI. Report from the Academic Judiciary Committee (W. Moore)

- Focusing on reducing the time of reporting the hearing process by eliminating mailing of accusation letters to students. Students are now notified through their Solar System account.
- Students are aware of their rights, the accusation and the options that are available to them. They then decide if they want to waive their right to a hearing or go through the hearing process.
- The instructors are always kept informed of the hearing details involving their students
- In the fall of 2006 there were 107 accusations 69 of whom waived their rights to a hearing. Students have to immediately register for the Q course.
- Students receive help to prepare for hearing process
- AJC Committee members are kept informed of future hearings at least 1-2 weeks prior
- The number one accusation is internet plagiarism, the second is collusion, copying. Pilot Program on the internet called "Plagiarism Detection Program".
- Q course registration is for undergraduate students only but they have had guest graduate students sit in on the course.
- Collaborating with Library, English Department, Career Center, etc.

VII. President's Report (G. Fouron)

- April 26th is the get together for faculty and staff given by the Dean Staros
- Ballots are online for elections
- This is Dr. Fouron's last meeting as A&S Senate President. Cynthia Davidson (as VP Elect) will be taking over as President this fall

VIII. Old Business – Establishment of Promotion Review Committee to Sr. Lecturer

- Dr. Hugh Silverman: with respect to the A&S Senate, we are asking to simply establish a Senate review Committee parallel to the PTC, which will not deal with promotion cases but only promotion from lecturer to Sr. lecturer.

- UUP is the official legal representative for the faculty and staff for all of SUNY. Dr. Michael Zweig is VP for Academics for UUP, an elected union officer of the Stony Brook chapter and a delegate to the State-Wide Delegate Assembly
- Dr. Zweig reported that there have been numerous discussions with Lecturers over their concerns: Career ladder, more pay, having professional recognition for their work and the possibility of longer appointments.
- Report came out last fall from academic administration. The UUP Delegate Assembly has agreed to the language of the proposal and in our response particular to the creation rank of Sr. Lecturer.
- Part of what is being added to the mix from what the Administration suggested is the need for peer review among the faculty. Cooperation is essential with the A&S Senate to establish these kinds of procedures. Response also includes the university policies that a minimum of 70% of instructional faculty be on a tenure/tenure-track line. This is important with the establishment of career tracks so that we do not parallel faculty who are going to be brought in as Lecturers/Sr. Lecturers. Administration may turn around and say that that we do not need tenure-track faculty anymore. It is important to protect the integrity of tenure and the tenure process
- Dr. Silverman believes that we are now in a position actively to install this proposal
- Dr. Walter feels that this is still too premature, but it is important to move ahead with the position of Sr. Lecturer and that perhaps a statement should be issued by the Senate stating that we approve of the Sr. Lecturer position and think a peer review process should be involved. Once the position of Sr. Lecturer exists and is codified then we can set up committees.
- Dr. R. Geeta: Who will be involved in the peer reviews?
- Dr. Silverman: Will be done by the same process as the PTC. Departments have their own tenure committee which prepares the files and makes recommendations. This then goes to the PTC, Dean, Provost, etc.
- Dr. Joan Kuchner: There is clearly a whole cluster of issues in defining the review process for Sr. Lecturer that will need to be clarified for the guidelines in any review of promotion process. That is why we need to have a committee set up to spend the time working with the Faculty Rights Responsibilities Policy committee and working appropriately with the union on union issues to make sure this is well thought through so that the process (as long as we have the go-ahead from administration) can move forward. Because of this, lead time is needed. This is why we need the committee in place to represent the A&S Senate in this discussion.
- Dr. Silverman would like the senate to endorse the process. We still haven't actually committed ourselves to the formal committee
- Dr. Kuchner would like to take a vote for the peer review then seriously consider the formation of the committee
- Dr. Silverman thanked the Committee on Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Policies for all their hard work during the year.

Motion: Promotion from Lecturer to Sr. Lecturer shall be subject to peer review conducted by governance. All in favor: Unanimous

Motion: To establish the Arts and Sciences Senate "Senior Lecturer Promotion Review Committee" (SL-PRC). All in favor: 8, Against: 2. Motion passed.

IX. New Business: No new business

Adjourned: 5:40
Submitted by:
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