

Tentative Agenda
University Senate Meeting
October 2, 2000
3:30 p.m., Student Union Auditorium

- I. Approval of Tentative Agenda
- II. Approval of the Minutes from University Senate meeting of September 11, 2000
- III. Campus President's Report (S. Kenny)
- IV. Provost's Report (R. McGrath)
- V. George Meyer: The Sylvia Geoghegan Presidential EARN Program
- VI. Pat Cruso - Stony Brook Day, 2/13/01
- VII. University Senate President's Report (B. Godfrey)
- VIII. Executive Committee Resolution: "Foreign Language Requirement Change for Fall 2000 Entering Students" See Draft Resolution below.
- IX. Old Business
- X. New Business

Next University Senate Meeting: November 6 at 3:30 p.m.

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.

University Senate
Draft Minutes, September 11, 2000

Bill Godfrey, University Senate President, called the meeting to order at 3:36 p.m. The tentative agenda was approved with minor adjustments.

The Senate minutes of May 1, 2000 were approved.

1. Campus President's Report: President Kenny had a schedule conflict and was not available for the Senate meeting but she did submit a written report. Highlights follow:

- I. Fall Enrollment figures. Day One total enrollment of 19,237.
- II. Appointments: Dr. Robert McGrath (Provost), Dr. Yacov Shamash (VP for Economic Dev), Mr. C. Filstrup (Dean/Director of the Libraries), Dr. Peter Manning (Chair of the Department of English)

III. Fundraising update: five-year fundraising goal set for the University has been met with much success. We are now planning to undertake our first major capital campaign.

IV. Campus Facilities update: over 25 major projects are underway and progress is being made.

V. Summer Camps at Stony Brook: camps were run from June to August for over 350 campers ranging in age from 5-13. Plus in July we inaugurated the University's summer residency camp program, "World of Opportunity: Literacy through Research."

VI. Sylvia Geoghegan Presidential EARN Program - A unique program designed to increase employment among people with disabilities has been created in honor of Sylvia Geoghegan, a very special University employee with a disability whose life was cut short last fall. George Meyer will discuss this program in more detail at the next Senate meeting in October.

VII. Shimon Peres visit: A USB sponsored Public lecture is set for 9/19/00 at 1 PM at the SAC auditorium.

2. Provost's Report: Bob McGrath submitted his written report to the Senate and mentioned he would briefly hit some highlights and make some introductions of the new faces on Campus.

a. Enrollments are up according to our targets

--Same amount of Freshman

--SAT scores are up 32 points, plus there was a nice Newsday article on our performance this year. This latest increase follows a trend of several years with 10 point jumps.

--Graduate enrollments are up dramatically - 35% to 45%

--Two new chemists are on board with joint appointments at BNL. It is unlikely that we would have been able to attract these candidates without being able to trade in on the strengths of both programs. This recruitment strategy follows a pattern similar to what Lawrence Livermore Labs have been doing for over 50 years.

--Challenges that we face in the future--Retaining our new Faculty

--New Dean/Director of Libraries - Christian Filstrup was introduced and said a few words re: the plans he is making for the new semester and the direction he would like to see the Libraries take.

b. Other SUNY/Stony Brook matters:

--Budget is up 4.1 % - most for mandated salary increases

--Research volume is up

--Enrollments are up

--Operating budget is 437 million with 30% coming from taxpayers

--We are in the final stages of an Memorandum of Understanding with SUNY re: Mission Review Process.

Indicators are positive - SUNY at Stony Brook is viewed as a Flagship University. There are benchmarks for us to hit plus on balance we have to have to make sure we have the right kind of support to carry on the quality we have.

c. General Education:

The Provost briefed the Senate on the Gen. Ed. issue. Our original sense last year was that our proposal was acceptable. We received no official word on our proposal; however, we did receive unofficial word that Albany was not happy. We have had a full and frank discussion on this subject with the Albany folks and throughout the summer there was a running dialogue that involved the President. Bottom line is that we need definitions from Albany and we to know the ground rules if we are to continue to clarify issues to the satisfaction of the Trustees. We are committed to working together as best as we can in order to get the work done. Salins plans on having his representative sit down with Mark Aronoff in order to work things out soon.

Sidebar: This issue will also be a topic of discussion at an upcoming September SUNY/Senate meeting. Look for more discussion and updates on this topic in October. Norm Goodman and

Bill Godfrey plan on attending this meeting and will be sure to make noise during the plenary session.

d. Rankings:

Good news re: USB ranking (ref. Provost Report), overall - Stony Brook ranks 25th among 110 research universities and Stony Brook ranked 9th among public universities.

e. New Dean of Business:

Search firm hired for new Dean of Business School-looking to create a high quality innovative MBA program in Technology. The Search firm comes highly recommended via Duke and Indiana. The Senate Exec. Committee will be involved in the search process along with input from CAPRA.

f. New ideas:

The Provost plans on creating some Task Forces to study the organizational structure and study the process/function of the way we do business. We have achievements yet there are a lot of things that we tolerate... this is the time to make improvements.

Other ideas the Provost has on his mind include:

- A School of Creative Arts
- Center/College for Environmental Sciences

3. VP for Economic Development: Yacov Shamash

Yacov provided the Senate a brief outline of the projects he is working on. Currently we are competing with other Institutions for \$95 million earmarked for Centers of Advanced Technology. Stony Brook has two centers and we are in a unique position to marry the two centers into Bio/Medical Engineering. Yacov also mentioned that the time is right to look for other initiatives that would involve other disciplines (Software development, Life Sciences, Engineering/Physical Sciences). We should look to building the research infrastructure in all these three areas. We will also be building collaborative research alliances with our LI neighbors (BNL, CSH, NSLIJ). Potential exists for a \$200 million program over 5 years.

4. Senate President: Bill Godfrey

Upcoming events:

Everyone is invited to the Legislative B-Fast at the LIHTI (Long Island High Tech Incubator) on October 19th, 8-9:30 A.M. RSVP at 2-6570 if you plan on attending.

Mark your calendars for the annual Stony Brook day Bus trip to Albany February_13th,2001. Get on the Bus with the President as we lobby at the State Legislative Office Building. Last year we had three Buses and politically it was a big success. Shirley would like to have 10 bus loads filled for next year.

5. Old Business:

a. Malcolm Bowman asked about the status of the Wang Asian Cultural Center. Work seems to be going at a snail's pace. Do we have a completion date? .

Provost McGrath answered that the Architect stated during a 2/00 visit with C. Wang, that the opening would take place on Valentine's day 2001.

b. Mary Scranton asked about the Committee report on the Status of Women.

Provost McGrath responded that the report is completed and that the written response is almost completed and action will be taken. The report details systematic issues that involve (salary and gender issues along with general recommendation i.e., a spousal hiring policy). In closing, the Provost said that he is committed to improving the quality of work life for women on campus plus he is overdue in providing the written response.

Other Senators suggested that a second task force be set-up to study other under-represented groups and perhaps an informal group be formed to discuss faculty diversity - 20 year trend (1977-1997) shows an overall decrease. Some of the Senators will make an appointment to follow-up on this issue with the Provost in the near future.

c. Hugh Silverman reminded everyone that the Arts and Sciences ballots are out and are due back on Wednesday (9/13).

d. New Buisness - none

Motion was made to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 4:32P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward J. O'Connell
Senate Secretary