

Minutes of the University Senate Meeting November 1, 2004

I. Approval of Tentative Agenda

II. Approval of minutes from October 4, 2004

At 3:37 PM the University Senate President, Brent Lindquist, called the meeting to order. The agenda for the meeting and the minutes of the last meeting were approved with minor correction. Brent Lindquist announced that Marge Tumilowicz has accepted the invitation to the position as Secretary of the Senate.

III. President's Report (S. Kenny)

President Kenny announced that there is an agreement in principle between Stony Brook and Southampton College to acquire the undergraduate program for Marine Sciences from Southampton College commencing in Fall, 2005. Although details are currently being worked out and all the plans must be approved by SUNY Central and the NYS Department of Education, it is expected that Sophomores and Juniors who are currently in the Southampton College Marine Sciences undergraduate program will continue their studies and graduate from Stony Brook University; seniors may complete their studies at LIU. Incoming Freshman are expected to enter the new Marine Sciences Undergraduate Program at Stony Brook; the curriculum for this new major will be reviewed for compliance with SBU's standards. As the campus at Southampton will be abandoned for all but the Marine Sciences components it is not yet decided where the students will complete studies. There are approximately 50 students currently enrolled per year. Several of the faculty at Southampton had completed their graduate work at SBU.

President Kenny submitted the attached draft of the topics to be addressed in the Five Year Plan: 2005 – 2010. Emily Thomas will again provide stewardship for this project. The task forces will focus on very "central issues" to move the University to the "next level as a world class" institution. The Student Experience task force will focus on the recommendations of the recent Middle States review. The Alumni Association also is implementing a 5 Year Plan and that will be included for the Task Force that addresses "Image, Spirit and Pride". Dr. Kenny requested advice from the Senate specific to the attached topics and themes. The timeline is very short – the nominations will open tomorrow (11/2/04). A senator questioned the degree of involvement for the faculty in this process. Dr. Kenny replied that there will be faculty on every task force and especially noted that "Programmatic Directions, Academic Organizational Structure, and Graduate Education" will consist predominantly of Faculty. Every task force will include representatives from Faculty, Student, Staff, Community and Alumni to insure diversity of participants.

IV. Provost's Report (L.Martin)

Provost McGrath's report was submitted in writing (see attached). Lawrence Martin spoke for the Provost highlighting the draft of the Mission Review 2 that they are working on with the contributing members of the President's cabinet and the deans. This is due by 12/15/04 to Albany. The Senate Executive Committee will have the opportunity to review as soon as the drafts are assembled completely in the Provost's office.

Dr. Martin highlighted the accomplishments of the Faculty members recently elevated by SUNY to the rank of Distinguished Professors and also the national accreditation by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).

Dr. Martin brought the attention of the Senators to the attached list of the new College 102 one credit Undergraduate College Seminars, Spring 2005. These introductory seminars are not mandated and it is unclear yet how they will be received. Faculty are encouraged to provide ideas for future seminars.

V. Report on Electronic Recruitment Strategies (J. Burke-Berhannan, P. Long, C. Giaconda)

The Undergraduate Admissions Office demonstrated its recent implementation for electronic recruitment strategies that enable the admissions counselors to address the specific interests of prospects through personalized e-mail and communications. SBU has a presence on a number of other websites including Princeton Review and Petersons as well as banners and electronic newsletters. The Admissions homepage includes comments by current students, videos of campus, virtual tours, links to academic departments, Faculty and Alumni Profiles and a section devoted to Parents' issues. A popular feature is

the online chat room that allows prospects to converse directly with current students, faculty and alumni. The 'virtual advisor' allows a prospective student to query a database that provides answers to approximately 2,600 'typical' questions. By the next cycle of admissions all students will apply on line through the web.

VI. Status on Stony Brook's implementation of its Gen Ed Assessment Plan (M. London)

Dr. London provided the written report attached below.

The SBU assessment is designed to evaluate all the DEC courses on a revolving three year cycle that will focus on four of the twelve General Education disciplines each year. The implementation of SBU's assessment plan was in response to the SUNY initiative to insure consistency of standards for the General Education of all SUNY Campuses. SUNY Senator George Tortora pointed out that at the recent Faculty Senate Plenary Session Provost Salins hailed Stony Brook University's assessment strategy and that the campus is looked upon 'with great favor'.

The Faculty Committees completed the assessment for the DEC for 2002-2003 as a first year pilot program. Last year's assessment was presented to SUNY as an official report. The committee for the current year (2004-2005) has not yet met to review the narratives currently being drafted by the Deans and Dr. London. There will be testing for approximately 10% of the student in certain categories to demonstrate the longitudinal progress of the students as a whole.

VII. Report on SUNY Maritime Plenary Session (G. Tortora)

Dr. Tortora provided the attached written report of the Plenary Session. He indicated that the meeting was "upbeat" due to in part to the obvious rapport between the Faculty Senate and Provost Salins.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed.
The Senate adjourned at 4:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Marge Tumilowicz