

Tentative Agenda  
University Senate  
February 6, 2006

- I. Approval of tentative agenda
- II. Approval of Minutes from December 5, 2005
- III. President's Report (S. Kenny)
- IV. Provost's Report (R. McGrath)
- V. Albany Day (P. Cruso)
- VI. Senate Executive proposal for faculty new hires and re-appointments (B. Lindquist)-See item #1 below
- VII. Discussion: future governance structure for Southampton Campus (B. Lindquist) – See item #2 below
- VIII. Announcement: Senate Elections (B. Lindquist)
- IX. Old Business
- X. New Business

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**ITEM #1:**

Proposal for faculty new hires and re-appointments

Whereas: The faculty promotion and continuing appointment process in the Provostial area is carefully governed by written guidelines contained in College personnel policy procedures that are consistent with the Policies of the SUNY Board of Trustees;

Whereas: The process for new-hires and re-appointments is not so closely governed and potentially subject to greater variation;

and Whereas: The following policy is consistent with majority practice in the departments of the two major units in the Provostial area;

Be it resolved that:

"For every multi-year, new teaching appointment or re-appointment, in every academic department in the Provostial area, whether on tenure- or non-tenure track lines, there shall be a faculty sign-off procedure as follows:

At a minimum, all tenured faculty shall have access to the Chair's letter to the Dean making a recommendation regarding the appointment, and shall indicate, on a sign-off sheet provided by the Department, that they have read the Chair's letter and recorded their approval, non-approval, or abstention of said recommendation. The sign-off sheet shall be forwarded to the Dean along with the Chair's letter.

Departments may chose to include additional faculty ranks in this process as deemed appropriate.

This policy shall apply to new multi-year hires, and multi-year re-appointments, and is intended to complement, and not infringe, existing policies for continuing appointments or promotion."

**ITEM #2:**

Governance structure for Southampton Campus

Unlike Stony Brook Manhattan, where faculty commute from the main Stony Brook campus for classes, it is envisioned that the Southampton Campus will be a "branch campus", probably administrated by a

Dean. The Senate Executive Committee anticipates that the current model in the Senate constitution, that (new) "Academic units may, upon approval by the University Senate, choose the major governance unit with which to affiliate for representation in the Senate and/or for academic governance" will be impractical given the distance involved between the campuses. The Senate Executive Committee will begin a floor discussion of ideas on recommending a governance structure for the Southampton Campus and for mechanisms of integration of that structure with the home campus.

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University Senate  
Minutes  
December 5, 2005

#### **I. Approval of Tentative Agenda**

At 3:35 PM the University Senate President, Brent Lindquist, called the meeting to order. The agenda for the meeting was approved.

#### **II. Approval of minutes from October 10, 2005**

Minutes were approved with the following corrections:

- (1) Senators' request from President Kenny for status of the Senate resolution to adopt master campus environmental plan;
- (2) The suggested brochure to list campus procedures for individuals to seek assurances and safeguards specific to harassment of any sort be requested to be designed by the President's office

#### **III. Senate President's Report (B. Lindquist)**

The Executive Committee is currently drafting a motion to ensure inclusion of faculty in decisions on new appointments and re-appointments of faculty, whether on tenure or non-tenure track lines. Brent has been discussing the proposed procedures with the Provost office and the Deans. This motion is expected to be resented to the Senate at the February meeting.

#### **IV. Provost's report (R. McGrath)**

See attached report – especially with regard to Faculty Awards. Also note the new website for Undergraduate Colleges: <http://www.stonybrook.edu/sb/colleges/index.shtml>. There will be a variety of 102 seminars offered for credit starting in Spring 2006.

A retreat for Chairs focused on "How we manage ourselves" last Friday. The budget keys heavily into tuition revenue and the initiative to increase out of state students to 30% over 5 years is being carefully monitored. This first year's target for incoming out of state freshmen was 184 and the actual was 199; next year's target is 245. Consideration in analyzing the data must include scholarship v. full tuition and increasing the number of out of state exchange students. SBU continues to build market recognition. Out of state specialists are recruiting constantly with some experimentation with mid-west small towns that have a large proportion of residents with advanced degrees.

Evidence of results: 2005 Fall Open House = 6,000 visitors in 2 days.

*Georges Fouron:* Retention efforts?

*Provost:* Undergraduate Colleges are making a good start; assuring seat availability; following/anticipating shifting interests in course selection; promoting earlier declaration of majors; offering the Winter Session courses (35 total)

*Norm Goodman:* How many buildings will be used for the Winter Session courses?

*Provost:* Courses are being consolidated for ease of access for all especially in snow. AV Equipment needs will be addressed. Faculty who teach in these courses will be compensated as "extra service" similar to Summer Sessions.

*Malcolm Bowman:* Please record that MSRC faculty Dr. Robert Aller received an honorary degree from Universite de la Mediterranee, Marseilles, France  
(See <<http://www.mediterranee.univ-aix.fr/>>)

### **President's Report (S. Kenny)**

Dr. Kenny's report is attached. Questions?

Courses to be offered at Southampton campus would focus on ecological sustainability with strong arts program (Pollack/Krasner house is already in East Hampton. Some Freshman English and Math courses may be offered there but most courses will be for upper division.

Negotiations are continuing with a goal to start offering courses Fall 2006 if not earlier

*Alan Tucker:* How many students for Fall 2006?

*President:* 600 would be an ambitious goal

*Alan Tucker:* Will students have a choice of location (SB or Southampton)?

*President:* Probably

*Ram P. Srivastav:* Faculty recruiting? Projections for tenure track positions?

*President:* We do have 13 more tenure track faculty this year (see attached report). SUNY is developing a more realistic budget to increase faculty.

*Joan Kuchner:* Where is career track for 'off track' faculty?

*Provost:* We need more resources: Out of state recruitment; better budget, winter sessions.

*President:* Next year's budget will include more supplemental sources of revenue

*Joan Kuchner:* We can take steps to benefit off-track faculty: security, personal professional development, etc. The benefits include retention and increased morale.

### **V. Resolution on support of faculty at NYS College of Ceramics (N. Goodman)**

History of the relationship between the private Alfred University and the NYS College of Ceramics includes what appears to be an absorption of the NYS College into the private institutions budget, marketing, etc. The head of the college was under the Provost of Alfred University. The resolution has been passed unanimously by 15 – 20 SUNY campuses so far as well as by the Faculty Senate.

The attached Resolution passed unanimously to be submitted to the SUNY-wide Faculty Senate.

### **VI. Report on Student Affairs (P. Baigent)**

See attached report

Student Affairs planning develops collaboratively with other units across Campus including the Provost, Undergraduate College, Orientation/Enrollment Management and CAS.

Currently there is an initiative to convert certain sections of Residence Halls to include faculty offices on site.

Jerry Stein as Dean of Student Affairs is focused on the improvement of facilities and programs such as the recreation program which is a 'real success story' with intramurals and the wellness center.

Dallas Bauman is engaged in long range planning to increase beds in residence halls without a huge expense.

*Norm Goodman:* What are we doing for Commuters

*Jerry Stein:* Undergraduate Colleges, Full Time advisor, Increased communications

*President:* There are 3 finalists under consideration for position as VP for Student Affairs. A decision will be made as soon as possible

### **VII. Motion to change Senate By-laws regarding membership of the Campus Environment Committee (B. Lindquist)**

As the Campus Environment Committee has greatly expanded its charge in recent years; and

As the number of current and planned projects on the main campus and at other locations are increasing significantly; and

As this Committee meets monthly and consults with the Administration frequently on matters within its jurisdiction

The Senate is asked to pass a resolution to modify the University Senate By-Laws to increase the membership of the Campus Environment Committee as follows:

V. Committee Membership

2. Membership of the following committees shall be described below:

j. The Campus Environment Committee shall consist of:

- ~~one~~ two faculty members from each of the electoral divisions of Arts and Sciences
- ~~one~~ two faculty members from Engineering and Applied Sciences
- two  faculty members from Health Sciences
- one  library faculty member
- one  professional employee each from West Campus and East Campus
- two  undergraduate students;
- one  graduate student;
- the  Director of Environmental Health & Safety (*ex officio*, non-voting).

Motion Passed unanimously.

*Brent Lindquist*: Point of information: membership will be increased through the elections scheduled for the Spring semester. If additional interim members are required prior to Fall 2006 the committee may make the recommendation to the Executive Committee for temporary appointments

The Senate adjourned at 4:49 PM.

*Respectfully submitted by:*

Marge Tumilowicz  
Secretary

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**December 5, 2005**

**TO:** University Senate – Campus Report

**FROM:** Shirley Strum Kenny, President

**1. Faculty/Staff Campaign**

The Faculty/Staff Campaign, "It's About Us," for 2005/2006 is under way. Last year, more than 1,900 faculty and staff gave in excess of \$900,000 to support the University, and we expect to exceed that total this year. To date, 927 individual contributions have been received to a total of more than \$420,000.

The Campaign website, <http://www.stonybrook.edu/sb/itsaboutus/>, provides an annotated list of funding opportunities including scholarship, fellowship, and departmental programs. Contributions may be made by cash, check, credit card, or payroll deduction.

The Campaign Co-Chairs are :

- Gerald E. Brown, Distinguished Professor, Physics and Astronomy
- Patricia Gilbert, Director of Human Resources for Nursing, Stony Brook University Hospital
- Karol Kain Gray, Executive Director, the Stony Brook Foundation, Inc.; Associate Vice President for Administration/Finance
- Craig Lehmann, Dean, School of Health Technology and Management,

Health Sciences Center

- Michael L. McClain, Associate Director of Stony Brook University Hospital
- Fred Sganga, Executive Director of the Long Island State Veterans Home
- Yacov A. Shamash, Vice President for Economic Development; Dean, Engineering and Applied Sciences
- Peter Vicciellio, Clinical Professor and Vice Chairman of the Department of Emergency Medicine, School of Medicine

The Co-chairs will designate departmental leaders; for the name of your departmental leader or for further information, please call 2-4490 or 4-2899.

## **2. Faculty Recruitment**

University records show an increase of 72 faculty members to a total of 1,962 since November 2004.

Of these, 13 are tenure-track hires and 59 off track; 34 are on West Campus and 38 in the Health Sciences Center.

In the Provostial area, there are 9 more tenure track faculty: 3 in the College of Arts and Sciences, 1 in Business, 2 in the Physical Education Program, and 5 in Marine Sciences. The College of Engineering and Applied Sciences has 2 fewer faculty members than at this time last year.

## **3. William and Jane Knapp Endowed Chair in Pharmacological Sciences**

The inaugural lecture for Stony Brook University's William and Jane Knapp Endowed Chair in Pharmacological Sciences at the School of Medicine was given by its incumbent, Dr. Jeffrey Pessin, on Monday, November 28 in the University Health Sciences Center.

Dr. Pessin is Chair of the Department of Pharmacological Sciences and a nationally recognized leader in diabetes research. His address was entitled, "Diabetes, Obesity, and Cancer: The Human Condition in a Drop of Blood," and focused on the cellular and physiologic development of these diseases, and potential early diagnostic strategies.

Bill and Jane Knapp are 1978 graduates of Stony Brook University. Bill is a member of the Stony Brook Foundation Board, and Jane is the former president of the Stony Brook Alumni Association.

## **4. National Medal of Science**

Dr. Dennis Sullivan, Professor of Mathematics, has been named a recipient of the National Medal of Science.

Dr. Sullivan received his Ph.D. in Mathematics from Princeton in 1965. He has been a Stony Brook faculty member since 1995, and also serves on the faculty of the CUNY Graduate Center. He previously served at Princeton, MIT, the Institut des Hautes Études Scientifiques in France, and Queens College. In 1994, he was awarded the King Faisal International Prize for Science for his research in mathematics.

I congratulate Dr. Sullivan on receiving this prestigious award.

## **5. Veterans Home Funding**

The Long Island State Veterans Home has secured \$2.2 million in New York State funding for construction and technology improvements at the Home over three years.

The announcement was made during the Home's traditional Veterans Day ceremony, during which a check for more than \$1 million was presented. State Senators John Flanagan and Michael Balboni, who sponsored the legislation, were present at the ceremony.

The funds will be used to modernize the Home's information technology system, including its Electronic Medical Record (EMR) and pharmacy tracking systems, to provide residents with digital cable service, and to upgrade the overall communications within the facility.

## **6. Athletics Championships and Kornhauser Scholarship**

Stony Brook teams have won two historic victories.

On November 12, our Football team recorded a 23-21 victory over Central Connecticut State, sharing the Northeast Conference Championship with CCSU and winning the first NEC championship in school history. The same day, our Men's Soccer team won our first America East Men's Soccer Championship beating Binghamton 4-2 in penalty kicks. The game was recorded as a 1-1 draw.

Football coach Sam Kornhauser retires at the end of this season after 22 years of service. A "Coach Sam Kornhauser Scholarship Endowment" will be established in his honor and be awarded annually to a football player. An initial goal for the endowment has been set at \$200,000, and alumni Stuart Sharoff '81 and Dan Jones '91 have made leading gifts. Coach Kornhauser was named 2005 NEC Coach of the Year, in a vote conducted by the league's head coaches.

## **7. December Graduation**

The mid-year commencement ceremony will be held on Sunday, December 18 at 1 p.m. in the Main Arena of the Sports Complex. More than 700 students will be individually presented for graduation. I urge the attendance of as many faculty members as possible.

Academic dress for the ceremony may be obtained by arrangement with the University Bookstore. Participants should assemble in the Pritchard Gym at 12:15 p.m. for the academic procession.

For further details, please contact the Office of Conferences and Special Events at 2-6320.

## **8. Winter Holidays**

I wish all University faculty and staff, and their families, a very happy and peaceful holiday season.

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OFFICE OF THE PROVOST AND  
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

TO: University Senate

FR: Robert L. McGrath,  
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

DATE: December 5, 2005

### **REPORT TO THE UNIVERSITY SENATE FACULTY AWARDS AND HONORS**

Mark Schneider (Political Science) was confirmed on October 24<sup>th</sup> by the United States Senate as the Commissioner of the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) for the remainder of a term expiring June 20, 2009. The NCES is one of the four centers of the Institute of Education Sciences of the U.S. Department of Education. Schneider is widely regarded as a leading scholar in educational policy research.

Dennis Sullivan (Mathematics) was one of the eminent scholars awarded the 2004 National Medal of Science. He received the award for "solving some of the deepest [and most complex] problems in mathematics, for the creation of entirely new fields of mathematics, and for uncovering striking,

unexpected connections between seemingly unrelated fields." Sullivan is the third member of our Mathematics Department to receive this prestigious honor.

Robert Cess (Marine Sciences Research Center) has been elected as a Fellow of the American Meteorological Society.

Petar Djuric (Electrical & Computer Engineering) has been elected a Fellow of The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) with the citation: "*for contributions to Monte Carlo based methods to signal processing*"

Thomas Robertazzi (Electrical & Computer Engineering) has been elected a Fellow of The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) with the following citation: "*for contributions to parallel processor scheduling.*"

#### **2005 FALL CHAIRS' FORUM**

On Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Provost convened the semi-annual Chairs' Forum. There were two main topics discussed.

The first was the new departmental data profiles that the Office of Planning and Institutional Research is developing. This system will make it much easier to track many aspects of departmental teaching and research activities, along with space, staffing, etc. showing trends over seven years and comparisons with other units in the University and external peers. The data profiles will be very useful for the departments, for departmental reviews, and for long-range planning.

The second was a discussion of interdisciplinary research, including better understanding the conditions in which such initiatives flourish, establishing models that would further encourage and support interdisciplinary work, and questions of support and infrastructure for interdisciplinary grants.

#### **NEW WEBSITE FOR UNDERGRADUATE COLLEGES**

The website for the undergraduate colleges has recently been extensively redesigned and updated. Please visit <http://www.stonybrook.edu/sb/colleges/index.shtml>.

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Resolution from Stony Brook  
November 29, 2005

#### **Resolution in Support of NYS College of Ceramics**

**Whereas** the University Senate of the Stony Brook University is deeply concerned by the treatment of our colleagues at the NYS College of Ceramics (NYSCC) at Alfred University.

**Whereas** the University Senate supports the actions of system administration and the SUNY Board of Trustees in their efforts to restore the College's SUNY identity and the integrity of the College's governance as originally intended by the laws establishing the statutory colleges.

**Be it resolved** that the University Senate endorse the NYSCC faculty's principles of:

1. Support for the NYSCC statutory mission.
2. Support for a stand-alone NYSCC unit head in the college that is a joint appointment by SUNY and AU.
3. Support for statutory faculty's participation in the search for a NYSCC unit head.
4. Support of meaningful shared governance.
5. Support for SUNY representation on the Alfred University Board of Trustees, and

**Be it further resolved** that this resolution be sent to the President of the University Faculty Senate of the State University of New York.

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Background material for Resolution:

Dear SUNY Senators and Campus Governance Leaders,

As you know, at the last UFS Plenary meeting in Saratoga Springs, the University Faculty Senate passed without dissent a resolution in support of the Statutory New York State College of Ceramics, NYSCC. The resolution supports NYSCC's concerns and encourages individual campuses to show their support as well and to contact legislators.

Acting Chancellor Ryan at the Saratoga UFS Plenary asked for the UFS Senators' and Campus Governance Leaders' help in resolving the Alfred situation. The UFS Resolution that was passed was in part a response to his request.

Carol Donato has sent out the resolution in addition to the other UFS resolutions passed and also a text describing the situation at the NYSCC in particular to assist in campus discussions.

The Resolution and NYSCC description are also below and also attached.

You and your faculty's support would be of great assistance to us in resolving our situation.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

The New York State College of Ceramics faculty gratefully thanks you for your efforts.

Sincerely yours,

Peer Bode  
SUNY Faculty Senator  
NYSCC at Alfred University

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University Faculty Senate  
41st Plenary Meeting  
Empire State College  
October 29, 2005

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3. Support for statutory faculty's participation in the search for a NYSCC unit head
4. Support of meaningful shared governance including participation in policy development, strategic planning, budget process, etc.
5. Support for SUNY representation on the Alfred University Board of Trustees, and

Be it further resolved that the University Faculty Senate encourage the campus governance bodies to support their colleagues at Alfred Ceramics by endorsing this resolution and writing letters of concern and support to appropriate officials, including but not limited to the Governor, Legislators and SUNY officials.



141-02-1 Resolution in Support of NYS College of Ceramics  
Passed without dissent  
October 29, 2005

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November 3, 2005

To: SUNY campus Senators and Campus Governance Leaders  
From: University Faculty Senate and the Faculty Council of the New York State College of Ceramics (NYSCC)  
RE: NYSCC Information for campus governance bodies and letters of concern

The New York College of Ceramics (NYSCC), originally School of Clay-Working and Ceramics, was created by an act of the state legislature in 1900 to reside at and be administered by Alfred University (AU). When SUNY came into existence, the College became part of SUNY as a statutory unit.

Until 2000 the NYSCC's governing structure was within the College. The School of Art and Design and the School of Engineering Deans reported to a Dean of the College (Unit Head). In the 90's tension built between the AU administration and the College. In 1996 the Dean of the College was forced to resign without faculty consultation.

In 2000, again without faculty consultation, the presiding College Dean was forced to resign, and the position was dissolved. The College Unit Head became the responsibility of the AU Interim Provost with no job description. In other words, the College Unit Head was not a member of the College (SUNY) and had no clear understanding of job responsibilities.

The faculty of the NYSCC was patient, adopting a mostly "wait-and-see" attitude in the hopes that the new governance structure would save money without diminishing the College. Subsequently, the Unit Head position shifted from the AU Interim Provost/Associate Provost to AU Provost, then to the College's School Deans (co-Unit Heads), and then to another AU Interim Provost. All but the first interim appointment were made without official approval from the SUNY Board of Trustees, and none with faculty consultation. Because of recent SUNY BOT action, AU submitted the name of the Dean of Art and Design as a Unit Head candidate. This would bring the position back into the College, but does not meet the stipulations of the Chancellor, since AU intends for one person to cover both positions.

Also since 2000 Budgetary decision-making was removed from the College, and oversight of expenditures of SUNY money resides with the AU Provost. College business and human resource offices were integrated into non-statutory offices without consultation with either the College Deans or the College faculty School Deans and Directors (Scholes Library and College physical plant) report through different governance lines. Almost all references to SUNY have been removed from recruitment materials on the advice of a marketing consultant.

A recent recruitment blitz emphasized "one university" without adequately addressing the needs of professional program marketing. College recruitment materials have not been of the caliber needed to attract students from competitive markets. The number of academically qualified student applications has decreased. One sixth of the engineering faculty have left taking with them a significant amount of sponsored-research dollars.

NYSCC Staff have been let go without the approval of the Deans. Research funding has dropped. A newly created research department in the private sector was slow to develop policy and make decisions, which slowed contract negotiations. The professional staff of the NYSCC voted to join a union, the first union at Alfred University. Over two years of negotiations have yet to produce a contract. The support staff has been denied the SUNY/State approved and allocated pay raises. Morale is low.

The faculty of the College believes that the position of Unit Head not only needs to be in the College, but should report directly to the AU President and to the Chancellor, a situation that has not been in practice since 1988. At that time the College Dean became Provost of Alfred University, and subsequent College

Deans were required to report to the Provost. Also, there should be a clearly-stated policy that permits the NYSCC as a unit, its two academic units, and Scholes Library to fund-raise. With a qualified person, the position could more than pay for itself. When the Unit Head has the authority to lead the College's mission through recruitment, communication, research, and development, the College will once again flourish.

We want a healthy, vibrant partnership with Alfred University and SUNY that benefits the citizens and industry of our region. Your faculty support for our position, the UFS recent resolution, and the actions of system administration and the SUNY BOT, will help us secure a Unit Head, whose sole responsibility is to promote our mission and oversee expenditures of SUNY money.