

Tentative Agenda
University Senate Meeting
February 5, 2001

- I. Approval of Tentative Agenda
- II. Approval of the Minutes from University Senate meeting of December 4, 2000 (to follow)
- III. Provost's Report (R. McGrath)
- IV. University Senate President's Report (B. Godfrey)
- V. Report on the Faculty Senate meeting in New Paltz (D. Kinney)
- VI. Report on Environmental Protection Agency regulations (M. Kotlas)
- VII. Old Business
- VIII. New Business

Next University Senate Meeting: March 5, 2001 at 3:30 p.m.

University Senate
Draft Minutes, December 4, 2000

- I. Bill Godfrey, University Senate President, called the meeting to order at 3:36 p.m.. The tentative agenda was approved with minor adjustments (President is out of town – drop agenda item III & add the Dean of the Graduate School). The President's report can be found in the in appendix.
- II. The Senate minutes of November 6, 2000 were approved with the minor changes.
- III. Campus President's Report: see appendix section of minutes.
- III. New agenda item: Dean's report on the Graduate School: Lawrence Martin

The Dean started off his report by observing that he has been in office for 7.5 years and has enjoyed the environment and the high level of quality in our graduate programs.

A major goal that he has set is to raise the bar and continue to build on our strengths and continue to maintain the appropriate allocations.

SUNY issues:

Dean Martin mentioned that he participates in a Task Force on Tuition Scholarships funds and he reported that Stony Brook already does well. The Task Force is close to submitting a proposal that states, the allocation of funds should be driven by the number of students that are enrolled in graduate programs that are rated as excellent. This rating provides a weighing factor that should keep our allocations at the current level or better.

Recruitment:

New backstop program initiated for graduate programs during recruitment periods. Over the 45 programs there will be enough mass in order to balance off and cover all the offers that are accepted. Departments are provided the increased flexibility that will guarantee that a full class can be recruited and shortfalls avoided.

Other initiatives:

- \$600K boost in stipends has led to a better acceptance rate (50%). The applicant base is strong and we are seeing if we make a good offer we will get the student.
- Graduate Brochures ... Provost Office has budgeted for @ 10 a year.
- Science lines program: 78 lines will be created to enable doctoral programs to grow enrollments.
- Provost funding 25 GA/TA lines.

Housing issue:

The housing crunch for Graduate Students continues to be problematic (supply and demand issues & cost issues). The GSO is involved in this problem and their Exec. Board has been meeting with HPAC. A survey needs to be carried out regarding current needs, costs (off campus \$750 – \$850/month) and solutions (new affordable housing on campus).

International Programs:

Study abroad programs: New Director and Associate Dean are on board and we have added additional programs over the past 5 years, the activity (\$) moving through this department has tripled. We now have an impressive array of programs that are available to students and we are requesting departments to keep us informed of other areas in order to improve the interest of study and improve the quality of the education for all our students.

One last item: the Graduate School has finally generated an annual report and the Dean provided a copy for Bill Godfrey to take back to the Senate office.

There were no questions for the Dean so we move on to the Provost report.

V. Provost's Report: Bob McGrath submitted his written report (see appendix section) to the Senate and mentioned he would briefly hit some highlights.

The Provost provided an update on all BSA/BNL operations. Bob presented a brief history that covered the transition period to the present time. BSA has done very well regarding its DOE reviews and the overall grade for FY-2000 was outstanding. The next regulatory step to reach for is called the “ideal state.” Many of the systems and controls put into place by BSA are being transferred to other Federal Laboratories as Jack Marburger has formed his own team and put into place an Integrated Safety Management program (ISM). An ISM program utilizes 6 guiding principles in regard to the BNL safety program.

Future vision: many Universities have significant stakes in BNL. We are looking to develop program initiatives that we haven't been able to do in the past. There are a fair number of programs that are moving in the right direction. Seed monies are being used to call out proposals that will partner with BNL. • SBU-BNL programmatic developments:

- Seed grant program established in January 99. Have now had two rounds with 74 (excellent) proposals and 19 funded. Third round call for proposals beginning now. See VP for

Brookhaven Affairs (or Provost's) website for announcement, and abstracts on the funded activities.

- BNL is reaching out to the universities associated with BSA. For example, a proposal to DOE to build a nanofabrication user facility at BNL has SBU and Columbia faculty an integral part of it. In turn, we are including BNL as much as possible in New York State research initiatives.
- SBU graduate dean having discussions about more extensive formal arrangements with BNL for advanced graduate student research activities.

There were no questions for the Provost at the end of his report.

VI. Senate President: Bill Godfrey

- Year of Community Service - look for more specifics in Happenings. Plus the University is looking to partner with Habitat for Humanity
- Senate Exec. updates: The Senate Exec. Committee has been meeting with the Provost, Dean Edelman and the Dean of the Graduate School. In addition, a meeting with the President is scheduled in January 2001.
- Reminder about Stony Brook Day on February 13th ... let's get on the bus with the President for Stony Brook. A great day is planned, be sure to sign up.

Resolution was introduced that involved a change in the transfer requirements ... everyone who needed to review has passed on it.

This motion was passed by the CAS and the Senate Exec.

New SUNY Gen Ed policy does not match with what we have in our undergraduate bulletin. Motion to revise the existing transfer policy for consistency was placed on the floor.

Call for discussion: none

All in favor -- aye

Motion carries.

VII. No Old Business

VIII. No new business

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

Respectfully submitted,

Edward J. O'Connell
Senate Secretary

