

Tentative Agenda  
University Senate Meeting  
October 1, 2001

- I. Approval of Tentative Agenda
  - II. Approval of the Minutes from University Senate meeting of September 10, 2001
  - III. President's Report (S. Kenny)
  - IV. Provost's Report (R. McGrath)
  - V. The SUNY Senate Report:
    - The SUNY Strategic Plan.
    - Status of revisions in General Education requirements.
  - VI. Campus Police: Issues associated with campus security and safety post WTC
  - VII. GSO report on student-organized activities pertaining to the WTC disaster.
  - VIII. Old Business
  - IX. New Business
  - X. Adjournment
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University Senate Meeting  
Recorded by David Hanson  
September 10, 2001

Minutes of May 7, 2001 meeting not available and hence were not approved.

President Kenny unable to attend, submitted a written report.

Malcolm Bowman's report from the Campus Environment Committee:

Committee passed a resolution to identify campus forests as Stony Brook Living Treasures.  
Committee passed a resolution to establish a committee to oversee the preservation of these treasures.

On 9/28 the Cornell Plantations manager will visit Stony Brook to describe CP initiatives and be available for discussion at a 10:30 a.m. meeting in SAC 304.

Provost McGrath is out of town at an AAU meeting. Provost's Report presented by Mark Aronoff. Submitted and discussed a written report consisting of:

faculty awards  
announcement of award nominations  
announcement of Derek Walcott lecture  
PEP director and search  
staffing changes in Provost's office.

Mark Aronoff reported on the lack of success of the change in schedule to utilize late afternoon MWF time slots. Courses scheduled in these time slots did not draw students so actually one effective time period was replaced by two ineffective periods, for a net loss. For Spring, 2002 the proposal is to revert to the previous schedule. He noted that Stony Brook is functioning better on Fridays than many peer institutions, of which some have no Friday classes at all.

**Motion made and seconded that the two late afternoon 55 min MWF time slots, which meet after 3:20 pm be replaced with one 80 min MW time slot. Motion carried.**

Alan Tucker raised the issue of how Thanksgiving break turned became a week long without consultation with the Senate. Mark Aronoff reported that this task had been given to the Registrar in consultation with

the Senate Executive Committee. A new Calendar Committee has been established. This committee will present proposals to the Senate Executive Committee for approval.

Richard Mann and Dallas Bauman presented a report on Student Housing and the failed plan to have adequate housing available for Fall, 2001. Difficulties in the construction of four buildings became apparent in April and May, 2001, when they should have been identified in February. Dormitory Authority terminated the contract with the contractor and brought in a surety company to hire a replacement contractor. Up until July, Stony Brook expected at least one building to be available. It then became clear that this would not be the case. Arrangements were made to accommodate students in a variety of ways (use of small lounge areas as rooms, increasing occupancy of existing rooms, providing rooms at Dowling College). Upper-division students primarily were impacted.. Explanations were provided about why this situation occurred, and how it would be avoided in the future.

Dallas Bauman reported that the first cycle of residence hall renovations have been completed. The second round will begin Summer, 2002, on the planned 10 year cycle.

Lawrence Martin reported that all graduate students who applied by a May 15 deadline and all continuing students were accommodated in residence halls. Only students who applied late, in July and August, remain on waiting lists.

Senate President's Report by Ben Walcott:

Appreciation to Bill Godfrey for his term as President was expressed by all for his service and commitment to governance.

Agenda items for the coming year:

Invigorate the Senate function and faculty involvement, especially younger faculty, by getting Senate committees more interactive with the University administration, who have agreed with such an initiative.

Examine the situation of transfer students: advising, orientation, articulation agreements and connections of departments to the community colleges.

Examine the situation of non-tenure track faculty: their roles, their status in the departments, their opportunities for advancement.

Bob Liebermann reported that last Spring the CAS conducted an assessment and prepared a report on the issue of non-tenure track faculty. He will share that report with the University Senate Executive Committee.

**A motion was made and passed that David Hanson be elected as Senate Secretary by acclamation.**

The Admissions Committee should work with the Administration to establish enrollment targets and goals. The enrollment target is important because it affects strategies for growth and resource allocation. No one seems to be considering where we want to be 10 years from now. What do we want to look like? The Senate needs bring this issue to the attention of the Administration.

Fred Preston reported that students have perceived positive changes in the Stony Brook learning and social environment, and both these students and those working in the area of student affairs express their appreciation for the efforts faculty and staff have made in this regard.

Motion to adjourn passed at 4:35.