

**Tentative Agenda
University Senate Meeting
September 11, 2000**

- I. Approval of Tentative Agenda
- II. Approval of the Minutes from University Senate meeting of May 1, 2000
- III. Campus President's Report (S. Kenny)
- IV. Provost's Report (R. McGrath) - General Education and Report on Dean for the Business Program
- V. University Senate President's Report (B. Godfrey)
- VI. Old Business
- VII. New Business

The schedule for Senate meetings for the fall semester are: October 2, November 6 and December 4. They all meet in the Student Union Auditorium at 3:30 p.m.

Aaron Godfrey
President
University Senate

University Senate
Draft Minutes, May 1, 2000

Bill Godfrey, University Senate President, called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m.. The tentative agenda was approved.

The minutes of April 3, 2000 were approved with minor corrections.

Campus President's Report: President Kenny was in attendance and a report was submitted. Highlights follow:

The President opened her remarks with the announcement that the First USB Manhattan Gala raised \$930k for University academic scholarships and other initiatives. In addition, the silent phase of the University Capital Campaign is underway and the good news is that we have a goal of over \$100 million. The bad news is that the Chairs, Deans and Provost have submitted wish list items that top \$400 million. Stay tuned on how we do in the new semester.

- I. Five Year Plan update ...the draft Five Year Plan for 2000 – 2005 is available for review and comment on the President's Office website (<http://notes.cc.sunysb.edu/Pres/presdoc.nsf>).
Town meetings were held but were poorly attended. However, many good comments were received by the various Task Force committees through the web. The President thanked all Seven Task Force Chairs and the over 200 committee members for all their efforts.
- II. Building update -- the President listed all the Building projects (over 25) that are now underway on campus. She has heard the concerns raised re: tree loss but assures the Senators that everything possible is being done to be gentle with the Campus trees during

this intense building phase. She reminded the Senators that we have a special building window right now and USB must take advantage. The next 5-year plan for the campus will probably involve 70% rehab work of existing buildings and 30% new buildings - if we are lucky.

- III. Searches: Provost and the VP for Economic Dev. , new Chair for English and on the horizon a Dean of Business for the new MBA program.
- IV. President's Awards -- winners of the various categories were announced in the President's report.
- V. Commencement activities described briefly.

No questions for the President at the end of her report.

Acting Provost's Report: Bob McGrath submitted his written report to the senate and mentioned that he just had a few comments.

- Three Faculty appointed to the Distinguished Ranks
- Stony Brook Faculty receive Guggenheim Award
- Provost Office coordinated the external review of six of Stony Brook's academic departments.
- Enrollment Fall/2000 – same number of acceptances for the new semester
Graduate enrollment – last year we had a dip and this year some changes (\$) were made and the number turn around is dramatic. All program indicators are up across the board.
- Woman's Faculty Studies Committee is having a final meeting today and their report should be completed in two weeks.
- Implementation plan for the Asian Cultural Studies program is just about complete.
- *Search is on for a new Dean/Director for the Director of Libraries.*
- Last subject re: The General Education debate with the SUNY Board will be covered by Mark Arronoff

Mark opened his remarks by saying that much is happening and little is happening. A final meeting was suppose to held at the end of April but that was postponed. Officially there has been no response; unofficially it is not clear where we stand. Lots of grumbling going on. The playing field and the rules seem to be changing daily. The Chancellor is saying that there is so much in the mix that the 9/00 deadline is not realistic. There was much debate in the Senate re: the freedom issues and the fear that all of SUNY courses could become canned type programs throughout the State. Judy Wishnia and George Tortora shared some of the debate that went on at a recent SUNY Senate meeting. "lot's of divide and conquer talk...Binghamton is doing this... Stony Brook is doing that." Other concerns were voiced saying that a good teacher is always making changes to his/her courses. would this mean that all changes would have to have prior approval by Big Brother. Due to time constraints debate on this issue was brought to a close. The Senate Exec. was directed to follow this issue during the summer and we will re-visit this topic in September. When an official response is received from Albany concerning the Stony Brook Gen Ed response, the Senate Exec will propose a Policy Statement for the University Senate to review.

Senate President's report: Bill Godfrey stated that he plans on calling a meeting between the Senate Executive board and the President sometime during the summer. The meeting will seek to improve communication and clarify some programmatic concerns that the Senate has.

Old Business: Update on 8-semester and out rule This proposal is still in committee.

New Business: none

Meeting brought to a close at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward J. O'Connell
Senate Secretary