

Minutes from September 12, 2005 University Senate Meeting:

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. Minutes for May 2, 2005

Approved

III. President Brent Lindquist - Term

Following a resolution by the Executive Committee President Brent Lindquist was asked and has agreed to extend his term for one full year up to and including the first meeting of the Senate for September 2006.

IV. Vice President for Administration (D.Mann)

Status of purchase of Southampton College Campus – SBU is continuing to analyze the feasibility of purchasing this campus. Transitional adequate funding for start up operations will not require SBU Campus resources. The expectation is that the purchase and renovation will be funded by tax/SUNY support. \$35 million has been allocated by the State for this purchase. Additionally, a number of benefactors from the East End have approached the administration with commitments for major fund raising. If all approvals from the State are in order, the Campus makes the offer and LI University accepts the offer, the official possession could be as early as this Spring with an operating agreement to commence use of those facilities for Fall 2006. Senators suggested that the administration work closely with the Senate for this initiative. Dr. Mann stated that Barbara Chernow will continue to work closely with the Environmental Committee.

Status of purchase of Gyrodyne Property – The map of this property is being filed in Albany for the process of executing eminent domain. After this filing is complete there is a four week period prior until the Campus takes possession. During this time the current owners can negotiate the price with the Campus or appeal to the NYS Court of Appeals.

Front Entrance and Roads – Barbara Chernow reported that the progress on the road construction is progressing according to schedule. A traffic light will be installed at the intersection near the Visitors' Garage mid-October; top coats for the recently paved roads will be completed before Thanksgiving break; all landscaping will be complete in Spring 2006 for the main entrance and adjoining roads. Changes to Circle and Marburger Roads are still being planned with a goal of completion for May 2006

V. Provost Report (B.McGrath)

Enrollment - 21,162 students were registered on opening day with many more new admits with higher averages and SAT scores. The 5 year goal of reaching 30% out of state students is very feasible and the progress is remarkable. At the Undergraduate Convocation the seating was arranged by college and a great deal of enthusiasm was obvious as the students cheered for their college, etc.

Southampton College – Chancellor Ryan seems to agree that the acquisition of Southampton is a 'natural' for SBU. The plans call for 2,000 students to be enrolled at the that campus. Academic programs would include interdisciplinary activities to research issues of the 21st Century. (Environmental Science, Public Policy, Human Behavior/Sociology, Masters Programs). Undergraduate/upper division will be located with new majors on that campus.

Budget – Chancellor Ryan has called for a budget proposal a few weeks ago - this initiative is very welcome so early in the year.

(See attached report for additional topics)

2nd Evolution Conference – focus on Africa will be on our campus ... the 1st was a great success

Housing – Senators raised concerns that new faculty are unable to locate affordable housing and as a result some are unable to remain with Stony Brook University. Ideas were suggested for discussion.

VI. President Report (S.Kenny)

(See attached report)

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed.
The Senate adjourned at 5:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:
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