

Approval of Tentative Agenda

At 3:39 PM the University Senate President, Brent Lindquist, called the meeting to order. The agenda for the meeting was approved with Amendment to move Academic Bill of Rights (ABoR) Resolution (M. Tumilowicz) to **Item IV**

I. Approval of minutes from October 10, 2005

Minutes approved without correction.

II. Senate President's Report (B.Lindquist)

Brent Lindquist introduced Marge Tumilowicz as the chair of the sub-committee charged by the Executive Committee to research and write a resolution in response to the proposed Academic Bill of Rights currently being considered by the SUNY Board of Trustees and other legislatures.

III. Academic Bill of Rights (ABoR) Resolution (M.Tumilowicz)

Marge Tumilowicz acknowledged the contribution of committee members Norm Goodman, Aaron (Bill) Godfrey and Kanika Jain to the research and writing of the proposed resolution. She indicated that this committee met with a number of administrators including Provost McGrath and Acting VP for Student Affairs, Peter Baigent in addition to SUNY Counsel Lynette Phillips to determine SBU and SUNY safeguards for SBU Faculty, Staff and Students to work in an environment that seeks and welcomes diversity of opinion.

The committee determined that sufficient safeguards – policies, procedures and appropriate offices and departments –are in place and that the University Senate should adopt the attached resolution urging the SUNY Board of Trustees not to adopt the proposed "Academic Bill of Rights". Additionally as the committee did experience difficulty in researching existing policies and procedures, the resolution urges the Provost and the Vice President for Student Affairs to provide a simple brochure listing related guidelines in hard copy and as a link from the SBU homepage.

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.

President Lindquist called for a motion to adopt the proposed resolution. Motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to accept the resolution as written.

IV. President's Report (S.Kenny)

Dr. Kenny's report is attached. Major issues include the acquisitions of the Gyrodyne property (Flowerfield) and Southampton College campus. The first building to be erected at Flowerfields when the negotiations are complete in the Spring 2006 will be the Center for Excellence and Wireless Information Technology (CEWIT). The Southampton Campus acquisition continues to advance with the President of LIU accepting the SBU offer of \$35million for the 81 acre campus. Academic programs will be located on that campus in Fall 2006.

Senators' request from President Kenny for status of the Senate resolution to adopt Master Campus Environmental Plan. Dr. Kenny indicated that she not aware of this resolution.

V. Provost's report (R.McGrath)

See attached report

VI. Faculty Athletic Representative Report (R. Susman)

Dr. Susman focused the Senate faculty on the importance of academics for NCAA Division I schools and especially at SBU. The Average GPA for 438 SBU "scholar athletes" last year was 2.98; 2.89 was the GPA for football team members. This is in comparison with the at large campus GPA of 2.6). 72/438 had 3.5 and higher GPAs with 7 of those achieving 4.0. Faculty are asked to support the athletes and to communicate at least 3 times / semester with the Faculty/Athletic Advisors.

VII. Plenary Session Report from University Faculty Senate (R. Srivastav)

A number of resolutions were passes at this session. See attached report
A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed.

The Senate adjourned at 5: PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Marge Tumilowicz
Secretary