

**Minutes of the University Senate Meeting
March 7, 2005**

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 including a modification requested by Malcolm Bowman and Robert Aller to include presentation of alternative plans for University entrance.

II. Minutes for February 7, 2005

Approved

III. President's Report

Dr. Kenny presented the following updated status regarding the acquisition of programs and property at Southampton College

Long Island University is leaving the 88 acre campus. SBU will adopt the undergraduate programs in Marine Sciences. SUNY and NYS both approved this move. Approximately 3 faculty and 80 students will join SBU in Fall 2005

Preliminary discussions are underway as to acquiring more interest in the Southampton Campus. Considerations focus on the sustainability both financially and academically. Any acquisition must strengthen the Stony Brook University campus. Financial issues include the purchase, remediation and operational costs (residence halls, police, grounds, bus transportation, etc.) It is not expected that a decision will be in place this year. Optimistic initial projections for Fall 2006 occupancy would require building to a student population of 2,000 on that campus. A multi-disciplinary offering in the sciences as well as arts and the humanities would be necessary as well as summer programs for writers and perhaps including an extension of the Manhattan based Center for Wine, Food and Culture. Preliminary negotiations had been underway between the Parrish Art Museum and LIU – this would enhance Stony Brook University as well. The campus would be developed as a 'green, ecologically sensitive' development in physical facilities and academics

See also: President Kenny's written report <http://ws.cc.stonybrook.edu/pres/Senate%20Report/Sen%20Rprt%203-7-05.htm>

IV. Provost's Report

Dr. McGrath highlighted the recent outstanding undergraduate successes included in his written report. He also confirmed the focus on out of state students and reported that there is a greatly improved academic profile of recruits overall. He noted the 45% increase from science winners and scholars with the average SAT at 1400 for the Scholars program. There is an increase of 75% of applications and 18% admits to the Scholars Program.

SBU is the lead institution on a new \$5.5 million National Science Foundation grant through the AGEP (Alliance of Graduate Education and the Professoriate) to increase participation of underrepresented minority students in Ph.D. programs in science, engineering and mathematics.

Spring 2005 Freshman seminars are running in 6 Undergraduate colleges; The Undergraduate Council is expected to recommend to the Senate that these seminars be required.

Fall 2005 will include 3+2 = 5year degree programs (Bachelors and Masters in Education) as well as 5 year programs for MBA and Bachelor/Master's degree in Engineering.

Winter Intersession 2006 will offer courses for both SBU and non-SBU students.

V. Vice President for Administration Report: Proposed Renovation of Main Entrance

Dr. Mann and Ms. Barbara Chernow (Assistant Vice President for Facilities and Services) presented the plans developed by Beyer Blinder Belle Architects and Planners, LLP to simplify the campus entrance, reduce congestion and calm traffic. Construction is planned to begin immediately on upgrading pedestrian paths with upgraded lighting. The expected cost of the construction is approximately \$7 million without landscaping.

Traffic concerns on Nichols Road will not be addressed with this construction. The safety issues on this road have been raised repeatedly by SBU to Suffolk County.

VI. Alternative Stony Brook University Entrance Drive Configuration

Dr. Malcolm Bowman presented for himself and Dr. Robert Aller. The alternative plan to the one presented by Dr. Mann and Ms. Chernow include a 'traffic roundabout' to reduce the loss of trees and to eliminate the necessity for an additional traffic light. This alternative had been considered by the consultants with Dr. Mann's staff but it was decided that there appeared to be too little space for this configuration. There is a workshop being presented by NYS on 'traffic roundabouts' at Dowling College on 3/21 to which Drs. Bowman and Aller will attend and invited all other interested parties to join them.

VII. Tsunami Survivor Relief – University Efforts

Paul Lombardi and Laura Valente as members of the Steering Committee for this ongoing effort reported on the numerous activities and successful fund raising. They suggested that faculty consider a 'teach-in' spending a short part of a class to focus on a specific day on the many levels of impact that this disaster has environmentally, politically, socially, psychologically, etc. This committee has researched the well established organizations to which they send donations to insure that the administrative overheads are minimal and the direct impact on worthy recipients maximized. (e.g. Save the Children = 90% to survivors; 6% to overhead 4% to fundraising). See the website for continued updated information: <http://www.stonybrook.edu/sb/tsunami>

VIII. Academic Bill of Rights

Brent Lindquist reported that the SUNY Academic Standards Committee forwarded this proposal to the Student Life Committee for review. Trustee Candace De Russey has requested that the Board of Trustees have a forum to discuss this proposal.

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

Respectfully submitted by:
Marge Tumilowicz, Secretary