

University Senate Minutes

April 12, 2004

At 3:32 PM (04/12/2004) the University Senate President, Brent Lindquist, called the meeting to order. The agenda for the meeting and the minutes of the last meeting were approved.

D. Hicks gave the report for the Provost (a written report was also submitted).

University Senate President reported that the nominations for US committees have been obtained and the ballot has been prepared. The US elections will be performed using SOLAR with the assistance of DoIT.

A Resolution on General Educational Assessment was made by N. Goodman. This resolution was endorsed by the EC and was submitted in writing to the US at the meeting. It urges our representatives to the SUNY University Faculty Senate to vote for approval of a motion on General Assessment that will be presented at the Spring Plenary Meeting next week in Syracuse. The motion passed unanimously.

President Kenny submitted a written report and made an oral report. She was happy with the Middle States Report. A significant part of her oral report, not in the written report, was devoted to fund raising. Among the points she made are the following: She will be the VP for Development (fund raising). She will meet with several group for ideas on fund raising. More needs to be done at the department level. Alumni activities in the metropolitan area as well as across the nation are important. There are 65,000 alumni in the area. A corporate liaison will be added. A faculty/staff campaign is important.

In the question period a Senior Gift was suggested to begin the giving process. It was also suggested that breakfast with faculty and staff would be useful.

The "tuition from grants" issue and its negative impact on the University was mentioned. This was associated with a decreasing moral of the faculty. Since the faculty have direct contact with students (gift givers), faculty morale was a fund raising issue.

N. Goodman made a request for nominees to the SUNY Senate.

There was a question from the floor on the status of the University Senate Administrative Review. The results of this survey have been sent to the Deans and we are waiting for a response. When everything is finished it will be placed on the web page.

The Senate adjourned at 4.29 PM.

Recorded by Frank Fowler