

Faculty Senate

Minutes: March 19 2002

Senators Attending: C. Bowden E. Curtin G. Ferrence J. Files V. Hutchinson K. Khazeh R. Long D. Marshall R. McKenzie M. Mitchell M. O'Loughlin D. Rieck D. Whaley

1. Announcements: R. McKenzie

The Facilities Master Plan is going out to firm. Should have focus group including entire Senate. Dates not yet determined. More information forthcoming. Senators should share documents/information forms etc. with constituents. Return feedback to Provost so there is record of requests.

2. Comments from President: J. Dudley-Eshbach

Shared governance is still in infancy. No manual to follow. Dudley-Eshbach is visiting with various groups and/or representatives to discuss issues (i.e. theatre tickets meal plans etc.) Progressive discipline policy has been an issue of concern. President had asked D. Keaner to draft a policy reflecting what is currently being done so procedure is consistent. Keaner drafted policy as requested but there was some concern regarding how the process (communication) was shared. President expressed regret for confusion and proposed that in future the Staff/Faculty Senates will be used in an effort to better communicate information. (Dudley-Eshbach felt that it would be better to err on the side of "over consulting.") D. Keaner stated that the policy was a "working document." She too will try to work more closely and consistently with Staff Faculty Senate et al to utilize the best process for discussing and implementing changes.

Re: budget issues the Maryland Senate had cut higher education funds but the Maryland House has put 10 million back into higher ed. No details as to where and how it will be used.

3. Comments from Provost: D. Buchanan

Two offers have been sent out from Provost for Deans Candidates. Library Dean information has been forwarded to Provost. Background checks still need to be done on Library Dean Candidate. Announcements will be forthcoming.

Deadline for Intellectual Properties Policy submission is April 15. Whatever (change) is decided should be forwarded as soon as possible so it can be included.

4. Shared Governance: E. Curtin

Following Dudley-Eshbach's report Curtin bypassed her report. She instead made a "motion to table her intended motion to forward a letter to President Dudley-Eshback asking that President support Staff Senate's request for improved communication process." The motion passed. (12 for none opposed). President statedf she intends to meet with Staff Senate to express her commitment to Shared Governance and improved communication.

5. Bobbi Biron Theatre Report: R. McKenzie J. Patt

Addressing Senate concerns expressed by R. McKenzie regarding new theatre charges Patt reported that the proposed ticket sales policy for theatre performances was intended to continue support for scholarship in Bobbi Biron's name. Proposed solution is temporary until an alternative plan can be developed and agreed upon.

6. Commencement: S. Cohea-Weibel

Cohea-Weibel presented proposed guidelines for establishing future commencement dates. She will provide additional information in near future. She passed out proposed dates.

7. Bylaws Changes: D. Rieck

A motion was made to instruct Memberships and Elections Committee to include on the next ballot a bylaws change which would "change the following two committees from standing committees to permanent: Long Range Planning Committee *and* Learning Technologies Committee." The motion was approved. (11 for no abstentions none opposed.)

Meeting adjourned: 5:05 PM

C. Bowden

Secretary