

Approved* Minutes of the
SU Faculty Senate Meeting
27 April
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Senators present:, Curtin, Hopson, Hutchinson, Long, Marshall, Mathews, McDermott, McCallops, McKenzie, Muller, Mullins, O'Loughlin, Parker, Pereboom, Rotondo, Rieck, Shannon

Senator absent: Diriker

1. David Rieck called the Senate to order at 3:33 pm. A quorum was present.
2. David had several brief announcements:
 - A. He reminded everyone that the timeline for approving sabbatical leaves has been changed, and urged faculty to remind their colleagues that the application deadlines are earlier than in the past.
 - B. Jane Dané will be sending an e-mail concerning the assignment of classrooms to departments during the time the schedules are being constructed.
 - C. He urged everyone to vote in the faculty elections. He noted that the referenda do not appear on the ballot since the Forum has yet to have a second reading on at least one proposed amendment to the Forum bylaws.
 - D. The next meeting of the Senate is scheduled for 11 May, and it will include both this year's and next year's senators. Next year's senators will elect its officers at the 11 May meeting. The Forum will meet next week.
 - E. He thanked Dave Buchanan for his support to the Senate during the year.
3. Dave Buchanan had several comments about the budget.
 - A. The details for our budget remain unclear, but we'll probably know more from the University of Maryland System by next week, and almost certainly by the week following.
 - B. Merit money, although possibly unfunded, remains in the budget. Details will be announced later.
 - C. Each State employee will receive a "cost of living increase" of \$752. This represents a 1.6% raise for the "average" State employee. (\$752 is 1.6% of \$47,000.)
4. The draft minutes of the 13 April meeting were approved,
5. Jane Dané distributed a sheet describing Seat Management and Setting Limits for Class Enrollments. The procedures and policies were discussed.
6. Jane Fandray answered questions and the Senate discussed facility use fees. The issue of charging for SU facilities when departments sponsor conferences in their disciplines was discussed at length. Dave Rieck announced that the Senate officers, Jane, and Ellen Zinner would meet to work out details concerning this and related issues.

7. Dave Parker presented a draft report from the Learning Technology Committee. They submitted a draft of an informational web page for prospective students who were planning to purchase computers before coming to SU. Several suggestions were made, and Dave agreed to return to the Senate at the next meeting with an updated draft. It was moved and seconded that the Faculty Senate approve the posting of a corrected web page. The motion passed 15 - 0.
8. Grace Clement and other members of the Academic Policies Committee presented a written report from the Committee concerning suggested policies and procedures regarding academic integrity.
 - A. The committee had drafted four reasons opposing clemency for academic dishonesty. After considerable discussion, the Senate appeared to generally agree with the committee and thanked Diane for their efforts.
 - B. It was moved and seconded to approve the committee's draft policies regarding academic integrity, without providing a provision for clemency (as the Committee had recommended). The motion passed 12 - 4. Other than rewriting and restating existing policies, the major changes are as follows :
 - i. F grades given for academic dishonesty will remain on the student's transcript, will not be removed if the student repeats the course, and will continue to be counted in the student's GPA. (Note: the precise way this policy and the following policy will be implemented has not yet been determined, although at least one possibility was briefly discussed. At a previous meeting the Senate approved a policy which would no longer allow students to drop courses in which they received grades of F as the result of academic dishonesty.)
 - ii. Students who receive any F grades for academic dishonesty will be ineligible to graduate with academic honors. (Note: the precise way this policy and the preceding policy will be implemented has not yet been determined, although at least one possibility was briefly discussed.)
 - iii. Repeat offenders will be referred to the Academic Policies Committee for possible additional sanctions, including possible suspension or expulsion from the University.
9. David Rieck adjourned the meeting just after 4:30 pm.

The next meeting of the Faculty Senate is tentatively scheduled for 11 May.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Parker, Secretary

*Minutes approved at the 11May 2004 Meeting of the Faculty Senate