

**Draft Minutes of the
SU Faculty Senate Meeting**
October 11, 2005
HH 119

Senators present: DeRidder, Ervin, Groth, Hopson, Howard, McKenzie, Lawler, Muller, Mullins, O'Loughlin, Parker, Ritenour, Robeck, Pereboom, Shannon, Shipper, Talbert

Senators absent: Morrison

1. Maarten Pereboom called the Senate to order at 3:30 pm. A quorum was present.
2. Maarten had the following brief announcements:
 - Introduction of Senators recently appointed due to sabbatical replacements and/or resignations: Bart Talbert for Len Robinson, Danny Ervin for Memo Diriker and Ellen Lawler for Elichia Venso.
 - Reminder to all senators to check their assignments as designated senators to committees.
3. O'Loughlin/Shannon moved approval of the minutes of 9/13/2005.
4. O'Loughlin/Shannon moved approval of the minutes of 9/27/2005 with the caveat that it be stipulated that the minutes do not reflect all comments/perspectives articulated during the discussion of the possibility of changing delivery of curriculum at SU.
5. Remarks from President Dudley-Eshbach

She is focused on getting resources for SU

Hopeful for a 7% increase in budget

There are signs that we will see a "substantial" increase in budget

Aware of the need for additional faculty/staff

Aware of the continued goal to reach the 85th percentile for faculty salaries

Hopes to contribute additional funds, perhaps \$200,000, for salary adjustments for next year

Goal of creating 1000 new parking spaces on campus over the next five years.

Pledged to accommodate student growth only if we get resources

Encouraged Senate to have more open discussions about issues, citing the success of the 9/27/2005 discussion of the curriculum change model

Encouraged Senate to look for ways to create a "more intellectually vibrant feel to our campus."

Questions/comments from the floor:

Encouraged to consider salary decisions based on comparisons within disciplines, not across them. President asked us to consider whether or not salaries are or should be discipline driven, or shall we function as a university community?

Asked for restoration of budget items cut previously, such as faculty travel and departmental support.

Provost Buchanan reported on some efforts to restore certain levels of funding relative to travel.

6. Remarks from Provost Buchanan

Sloan Semester Initiative—Online courses for victims of Hurricane Katrina. Eight faculty members responded to the call to participate. The Provost commended those faculty involved in this project.

Encouraged faculty to take advantage of the Ad Hoc Committee on Curricular Change's offer to visit with departments to have discussion about the proposal. The Provost encouraged us to "do something" about workload.

Reminded us of the October 22-26 NCATE Site Visit. Commended the faculty and staff of the Education Department and their work in demonstrating the extent to which we can provide caring, competent, committed practitioners.

Encouraged participation in the survey relative to the First Year Experience project.

7. Remarks from Jerry Waldron, Chief Information Officer, relative to the problems with the campus email system.

We have no limitations on how much we are allowed to store. As such, the hours needed to complete the weekend backup exceed the number of hours in the weekend.

Measures currently being employed:

- clearing non-faculty from faculty email server
- attempting to speed up the backup process
- encouraging faculty not to store emails

Kathleen Shannon suggested that "heavy users" be invited to a special meeting to learn how to minimize problems.

Rich McKenzie reported a rumor that as a campus we would be leaving the Novell Network. Jerry Waldron dismissed that rumor as untrue.

Ken Kundell reported that if we were to impose an email limit on faculty that reaching that limit would not impact emails received, but only emails sent.

8. Maarten Pereboom reported that the recently established Faculty Recognition and Awards Committee was up and running.

9. Susan Mueller Ad Hoc Committee on Curriculum Change Update

Susan indicated that the committee was getting a message that the window of opportunity to make such a change might be closing sooner than we expected, thus calling into question the committee's current timetable of operation. Administrators present responded that while sooner would be better, we should not feel as though we should rush this process. Susan also reported on the issue of increasing the size of the committee to be more representative. Maarten Pereboom indicated that the Senate Executive Committee would be addressing that issue. Mike O'Loughlin asked the administration on feedback relative to the likely response of the Board of Regents to the proposed model. President Dudley-Eshbach responded that she would like SU to be the "first out" with such a plan and is convinced that it will improve the intellectual environment of SU.

10. Greg Mitchell and Alan Selser, Budget Presentation.

Presented the FY 2007 budget process timeline

Discussed how academic priorities have impacted budget decisions.

Discussed the role of Fiscal Advisory Committee

A number of senators questioned the appropriateness/effectiveness of the Fiscal Advisory Committee in representing academic priorities given the structure of that committee.

Natalie Hopson asked about the input of faculty and department chairs in determining departmental budgets.

The question of whether or not there was a need for a Senate Finance Committee arose.

Mike O'Loughlin asserted that there is a need to institutionalize the budget process to include the Faculty Senate.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:10 pm

Respectfully Submitted

Darrell Mullins