

**Penn State Worthington Scranton Faculty Senate
January 26, 2001**

MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 12:10PM. The secretary was late.

I. Senators:

Norbert Mayr

***Spoke of the upcoming CWC Faculty meeting at University Park, March 16-17th. He encouraged attendance again this year; last year's meeting had been very well supported and thus, productive. Theme will be Building a Learning Community to Support the 4-Year Programs.**

***There is also a possibility of meeting the new CWC Dean (that is, if appointed by then).**

***Work is still in progress on integrating the part-time faculty into the community. Hopefully, this will be done by the end of this semester.**

II. Administrative:

Mary-Beth Krogh-Jespersen

***She thanked everyone for participating in the Strategic Planning Meetings. Spoke of SWOT, analysis upcoming in February, and encouraged all to attend.**

***Reminded everyone that Bruce would like a meeting (committee) about evaluating Advisors/Advising.**

***The campus is involved in seven productive searches.**

***On Wednesday, January 31st, at 2:00PM, there will be a PicTel conference for another candidate for CWC Dean and Dr. Krogh-Jespersen urged all to attend, if possible.**

III. Standing Committees

A. Curricular Affairs: Dave Byman spoke of how courses will have to be worked into the two-year/four-year programs; spoke of determining the offsetting of the 2/4 year programs to assure students obtained required core courses.

B. Diversity: Norbert Mayr reminded all of the Diversity Speech Contest to be held February 26th. He encouraged faculty to urge their students to participate.

IV. New/Old Business

- A. Todd Adams: Pat Cole agreed to be a representative on the Commonwealth College General Education committee, a spot held previously by Pat Hinchey.**
- B. Philip Mosley: proposed an informal seminar series, presented by faculty of varying disciplines, to speak of their research and scholarship. Seminars would be open to all faculty, staff and students. Philip is willing to organize this and will send out a notice. Please forward your opinions/comments to him, with a suggested day and time period.**
- C. Senate Budget: this was presented as a possibility for the coming year at the previous faculty meeting. Todd Adams asked for comments about this. Ann Stoeckmann and Norbert Mayr questioned just what it would entail. Mary-Beth Krogh-Jespersen explained that she would like to see the Faculty Senate committee create a strong entity for itself. By establishing a Faculty Senate budget, it would hone the goals of each committee into more of a commitment by its members. In other words, members of each committee should feel more responsibility in establishing goals for the committee and thereby, carrying out these goals. For example:**

Diversity Committee should have tremendously important goals. Perhaps some fiscal support would be desirable?

Curricular Committee might require some cash flow for printing or publishing, or photocopying.

Strategic Planning Committee might feel the need to hire a consultant, advisor, or speaker for a special planning meeting.

Pat Sweeney suggested a committee be formed to discuss all possibilities. Anthony Portanova (student) asked where the money would come from and Mary-Beth said the Faculty Senate on this campus would be supported by this campus for those projects benefiting this campus. In like manner, if a project were undertaken to benefit University Park, more than likely the funds would come from University Park.

Ron Yevitz suggested that Committee chairs meet with their committees and represent said committee on the to-be-formed “Faculty Senate Budget Committee.”

- D. A discussion took place about evaluating the Advisor/Advising Program. Bruce Sherbine suggested how important this is and that it would impact on peer reviews (broad faculty committee). He feels it will be important to operate through committees for more efficiency. Responsibility for this should be turned over to the Faculty Affairs Committee.**

Question arose as to whether we should have a separate Advising Committee? Norbert suggested it be put to a vote; Chris Carney asked if it would be a standing committee. John Baildon elected to stay out of the discussion.

Jim Fehlner suggested the committee may have to be established by executive order; question was raised as to this being a lengthy process. Richard Fitzsimmons advised that an Ad Hoc Committee could be formed.

Todd Adams will send out a survey to determine how many faculty members would be interested in serving on this committee.

Meeting unanimously adjourned at 1:10PM