

**Faculty Senate Minutes  
November 11, 2005**

**(Please note: these minutes were not transcribed and are not in a verbatim format. Additional note: a quorum was present for this meeting.)**

Durell Johnson

Meeting Called to Order at 12:03pm

Called for acceptance of September Faculty Senate minutes

Lisa Corrigall

Motion

Brenda Seery

Second

September 2005 minutes accepted as corrected.

Called for acceptance of October Faculty Senate minutes

Brenda Seery

Motion

Lisa Corrigall

Seconded

October 2005 minutes accepted as written.

Mary Beth Krogh-Jespersen

- Because football season has been wonderful it has allowed for some terrific opportunities to invite donors to a game. The stewardship of donors has been excellent this year.
- Campus Budget Telecast. President Spanier, Provost Erickson, and Vice President of Commonwealth Campuses Romano will present a telecast on November 30th from 10am-11am. They will be addressing budget concerns.

Brenda Seery

Will they take questions?

Mary Beth Krogh-Jespersen

Yes

Durell Johnson

Mike Mahalik can not be here today. He has sent out his DAA report- please forward any questions to Mike regarding same.

Enrollment Report

Bill Bryan-

(Overhead displayed on current enrollment statistics. Will forward over list serve due to difficulty in clarity.)

From time to time Bill will keep the faculty updated on the status of current enrollments- Couple of items to keep in mind. 1.) Don't draw conclusions too quickly from the data presented. 2.) Retention; retention; retention make recruitment efforts easier.

Slide 1: Spring 2006 applications - +17 from last year at this time. Paid are + 9.

Slide 2: Total paid by campus applications are up, offers are +1 and paid accepts are even.

There is still more work to do by in many cases we are heading in the right direction.

Maria Russoniello

What are the top majors?

Bill Bryan

Terry can you answer that?

Terry Caputo

2 year in nursing is our biggest draw and business. 4 year in nursing option is getting more popular. DUS is also getting much larger (undecided). In spring we bring in more transfer students.

Bill Bryan

Must think big across the board- globally. We need everyone's help and involvement.

Durell Johnson

TLTAC report

Marilee Mulvey

Teaching, Learning and Technology Advisory Committee (TLTAC) committee report. Marilee began by thanking members of the committee. Students, faculty and staff were surveyed last year concerning improvement of our learning spaces on campus. Mary Beth has responded and the committee is currently in the process of reviewing the response. (Handout given)

Highlights noted:

The recommendations document was distributed to all directors and they were asked to include them into their areas strategic planning proposal, as appropriate.

Overall we have made some significant headway.

- There is wireless access in Dawson and soon it will be available in the GCC.

- Academic technology fair will be provided in the spring semester.
- Because of the recommendations the plans for the new Business Building will have study rooms included.

The committee is working very hard to include all the recommendations, for instance: improving the lobby of the GCC and lower level of the library to make both spaces more students friendly. How can we make these things happen- it comes back to all of us to write some proposals to help secure funding. The committee is willing to discuss the findings at a brown bag session if faculty are interested. There are plans to keep the committee in existence.

Pat Hinchey

Are there priorities?

Marilee Mulvey

The committee can't make these items move forward, but can recommend. Gene Grogan can give an update.

Gene Grogan

(He noted he will send out an attachment on the list serve regarding all of the renovations going on currently on campus.)

**Highlights:**

*Inside*

- Funded the library renovation for sound proofing.
- Dawson 18- will be redoing the room
- The renovation of space for the HDFS research lab is nearing completion.
- Student media lab – funding was received from an outside PSU source
- Cafeteria- renovation will be coming in the spring and will be 1 million dollars. A good portion of this is in kitchen equipment, along with wireless networking. This will be a great place for students to gather.
- There are a few other proposals for inside that he is waiting to hear if they have been approved.

*Outside*

- Benches and signs have been installed in front of the buildings.

Ron Yevitz

Has the cafeteria renovation been scaled back?

Gene Grogan

Yes. The current game room was supposed to be made into a room for formal affairs. That will not happen. Additionally, in order to have the book store renovated- Barnes and Noble will need to contribute.

Phil Mosley

Does it allow for a revamp of the faculty/staff dining room?

Gene Grogan

That will be eliminated.

Phil Mosley

Can we expect a new one?

Gene Grogan

No

Phil Mosley

Will there be an upgrade of the food services?

Gene Grogan

Yes, that will definitely change.

Phil Mosley

The quality?

Gene Grogan

Yes

Gail Smith

Is a blueprint available? Will there be anything to separate out the open space- it is very unattractive to have one big space.

Gene Grogan

In the original plans there was separate spaces but because of the scaling back we had to eliminate some of those things.

Maria Russoniello

With the enhancements how much?

Gene Grogan

1.5 million

Norbert Mayr

Were students involved in the design process?

Gene Grogan

Yes

Phil Mosley

Are the blueprints available?

Gene Grogan

Yes, in my office. I will get a display board from the architects.

Phil Mosley

The Business Building?

Gene Grogan

Still just conceptual

Pat Hinchey

Sound proofing in D-14

Gene Grogan

Not 14, but in 16, but we will take a look at that.

Durell Johnson

P and T status report.

Dick Barshinger

The transfer report has gone to the Senate Faculty affairs committee (specifically to the P& T subcommittee); no decisions thus far. Whether to keep the division system or not is in the Interuniversity relations committee. Any ideas/comments should be sent to the committee chairs. The Senate as a whole should get the proposals in March. Final decisions will be weighted down by the 14 million dollar shortfall.

Jim Klein

What about the Royer Center no longer existing?

Pat Hinchey

Staff have been told they “hopefully” will find another position in the University. They lost about ½ of their staff to the IT unit. The other staff do not know.

Durell Johnson

Committee Reports- Diversity?

Janet Melnick

Project Able was a big success. She thanked committee members for assistance in the planning process faculty /staff for attending and faculty for sending students. Noted that 77 evaluations were completed and they were overwhelming positive. The diversity committee is currently in the process of planning for the spring semester. A celebration of Martin Luther King Day is in the planning process and faculty and staff will be notified of the finalized plans prior to the end of the fall semester so they can include this in their syllabi , were appropriate. Additionally, the faculty discussion series is also being planned whereby speakers will be recruited from the foreign born faculty members on campus who can share some of their experiences.

Durell Johnson

Faculty Affairs charge changing to include professional development. We need a motion to accept.

John Baildon

Motion to approve

No objections – Faculty Affairs change in charge -Motion accepted

Durell Johnson

Hesitant to discuss agenda items 2-5 as Mike was not present. So these were tabled until the December meeting. (Agenda items 2-5 included: Fixed vs. Multi –term contracts; Promotion to Senior Faculty; Course Load Guidelines; Summer Pay Suggestion)

Norbert Mayr

How pressing are these items as we don't want to come back in December and find out that decisions were made and have been passed and done.

Durell Johnson

No comment can be made because there has not been a determination made on the campus level- the determination will be done formally by the College.

Norbert Mayr

This can be seen as an attempt to balance the budget on the backs of the faculty. If faculty take a cut then administrators should too.

Durell Johnson

John Romano has asked to terminate the CWC Faculty Senate, therefore work flow issues which were handled by the senate and Division heads will be sent to a new governing body compromised of members of the 19 campuses. Information is currently in a piece-meal fashion.

Phil Mosley

What about Multi-year contracts?

Durell Johnson

My understanding is that discontinuation, at least for this year, is University-wide and is not just CWC issues.

Susan Harper

Emailed John Romano and he stated that the University is not eliminating the multi- year contracts.

Durell Johnson

Will former multi-year be moved back to one year?

Sue Harper

That will be a campus decision.

Phil Mosley

Norbert's concerns are pertinent

Durell Johnson

We can call a special session, but we don't want to foster unnecessary speculation. A special session will be convened if any new information is forthcoming.

Gail Smith

What about Division Head deletion- specifically?

Durell Johnson

That is a part of all of this and is still speculation at this point.

Fred Aebli

Will these issues be addressed in a timely manner?

Durell Johnson

I don't know about the status of contracts; however I have asked that people are informed ASAP. The reason we don't hear a lot is because of the panic last time with the misinformation.

Brenda Seery

Is there anyway we can have an impact prior to the decisions being made?

Durell Johnson

I can't answer all the questions now. The faculty affairs committee is working on this and will be stating a position.

Pat Hinchey

While we appreciate the resistance to panic we need to be proactive. We need to think about a position on these issues.

Durell Johnson

The information is not coming out so we can't head off all of these issues – some will be after the fact.

## **New Business**

### *Executive Officer Nominations*

Chair-elect: Deb Smarkusky and Ron Yevitz

Secretary –Janet Melnick

*Additional Constitutional Amendments:*

- Executive Officer Duties
  - Formalizes the duties of the executive officers.

Dale Holden  
Motion

Norbert Mayr  
Second

*Motion passed*

- Senate Council
  - Serve as a council to guide what the Senate does- bridge the gap between Senate and Directors

Norbert Mayr  
Motion

Dale Holden  
Second

*Motion Passed*

- Executive Officer Removal Process
  - A way to make sure the Faculty Senate is running in an efficient, competent manner.

Phil Mosley

What is the mechanism for removal?

Durell Johnson

A faculty person would need to petition the chair and 5 other faculty would need to co-sponsor. The petition would be forwarded to the Senate Council for review.

Norbert Mayr  
Motion

Ron Yevitz  
Second

*Motion Passed*

- Committee member removal



- Formalize the removal of a faculty member from a committee- the Senate Council would review and vote on a request.

Norbert Mayr

Motion

Gail Smith

Second

*Motion Passed*

SGA report – Pam Kulp

The SGA will be participating in the Santa Parade in Downtown Scranton and we need faculty support for building the float. Faculty are encouraged to support this project.

No other business.

Motion to adjourn- Lisa Corrigall

Seconded Ron Yevitz

Meeting Adjourned,

Respectfully submitted:

Janet Ann Melnick, Ph.D., LSW., MSW

Faculty Senate Worthington Scranton Secretary