

MINUTES OF THE FULL FACULTY AND  
FACULTY SENATE MEETING  
March 25, 2014

Prof. Alistair Lees (Department of Chemistry) called the Full Faculty meeting to order at 11:45 a.m. in UU Mandela Room. He welcomed President Harvey G. Stenger and turned the meeting over to him.

President Stenger began his report to the Full Faculty meeting attendees. See attached PowerPoint presentation for details.

Questions and answers:

Question from Prof. Naslund (Geological Sciences and Environmental Studies) – Our old goal was 1,500 undergraduates and 500 graduate students in five years. How does the new five-year goal of 2,200 students break down in terms of undergraduate and graduate students?

President Stenger noted that our numbers are growing faster at the undergraduate level. If we stay in the same trajectory for the next two years, we will go back to the original plan of 1,600 undergraduate students. We are hoping to be able to change that trajectory.

Question from Prof. Michael (Biological Sciences) – Of the three potential locations for the Pharmacy School, can you share the criteria of the choice and how the choice will be made?

President Stenger responded that cost, prominence within the city, visibility, cleanliness, friendliness for the city, and closeness to United Health Services are the main things we will need to think about.

Question from Prof. Guzman (Mathematical Sciences) – Regarding the questionable budget support for the Pharmacy School from Albany, how will that change the timetable? Will we be able to start the school with less than the planned \$20 million?

President Stenger noted that our original plan was that the Pharmacy School could be housed in Science II with renovations. This is an option, but not a very good one. We are going to do this right and the way we want to. Governor Cuomo is aware that this is a multi-year commitment of \$60M. There is risk that we proceed without this entire commitment. Assemblywoman Lupardo is committed to get this year's budget amount changed from \$2 million to \$10 million. We will hear the decision in a couple days.

Question from Prof. Starks (Classical and Near Eastern Studies) – Are we in a race with Stony Brook?

President Stenger answered that our analysis of the doctor of pharmacy market is good. The majority of pharmacy programs are in private universities. The demand is there for public universities. President Stenger doesn't think that Stony Brook also having a pharmacy school will affect us. We have commitments from United Health Services, Lourdes Hospital, Greater Binghamton Health Center, and Elmira Psychiatric Center that they will place our students. We have a huge advantage that we have these commitments. Buffalo has competition from other schools in their area to place their students.

Question from Prof. Chen (Asian and Asian American Studies) – You talked about students' unemployment, which is a national problem. Related to this problem, more and more students choose practical majors such as management, engineering, and nursing, and less students

study humanities. Do we feel this pressure at Binghamton? If we do, how do we address this issue?

President Stenger responded that if we can address this, we will find a way for students to stay in the area of study they love. We would like our students to stay here and continue to build on their experience and be successful. Our experiential learning system addresses this and may become a place for students to study liberal arts here as we have a path for them.

After no more questions, the Full Faculty meeting was adjourned.

The third Faculty Senate meeting of the 2013-2014 academic year was called to order by Prof. Lees at 12:19 p.m.

1. Minutes A motion was made to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2013 meeting as submitted. On show of hands, the motion was approved.
2. Obituary Notices Prof. Lees notified the body that Clifford D. Clark, former President, Ms. Janet Brown of University Libraries, and Professors William Heyman of Psychology, Paul Goldstaub of Music, and Gilbert Janauer of Chemistry passed away. We have also just learned that adjunct professor David Bosnick of Philosophy passed away. As is established practice, a note of condolence has been sent to the families on behalf of the Senate.
3. New Business
  - a. Pharmacy School proposal

Provost Donald Nieman addressed the body regarding the Pharmacy School proposal. There have been many discussions with the Campus Governance Leaders, Faculty Senate Executive Committee, and EPPC. Provost Nieman also addressed the Faculty Senate at its November 19 meeting. Our next step is for Faculty Senate approval. If that is received, then external evaluators will come in to review the proposal, then their report will go with the proposal to Albany.

The plan is to create a PharmD degree which is a clinical practitioner degree. This is the first step in creating a research orientated school of pharmaceutical sciences. Some have asked, why not proceed with the PhD first? In order to offer pharmacy, we need a master plan amendment with SUNY. We are offering the professional degree first, before we are in a position to propose the PhD program. We do hope, however, to get the PhD within the first year.

We have had a lot of intensive discussion over the last 15 months. The Creative Activities and Research roadmap team agreed that this is a way to enhance the research in life sciences. We convened a faculty committee, chaired by Prof. Deak, to look at its academic merits. The committee agreed that there are research synergies across the campus and this school would help us enhance research in the life sciences.

Once our proposal was approved by SUNY, we started working on our full proposal. Provost Nieman thanked Dean Susan Strehle who worked hard on the proposal, Nasrin Fatima in the Office of Institutional Research for her work on the business plan and

environmental scan, and President Stenger for getting the resources for start-up, hiring, and operating.

Provost Nieman reinforced that the Pharmacy School is a good idea academically and will advance Binghamton University strategically. It will:

- strengthen research in the life sciences,
- contribute to the strategic goal to increase graduate enrollment,
- will help with significant job growth in pharmacy, and
- will attract top quality students, maintain academic quality, and enhance this institution.

Questions and answers:

Question by Prof. Lees (Chemistry) – When will the PhD be applied for?

Provost Nieman noted that the first class will be in August 2017 for the PharmD students. We plan to hire a dean in the summer/fall of 2015. One of first orders for the dean will be to develop the PhD program. We anticipate to come to a conclusion when admitting the first class of PharmD students. The PhD program is much less time consuming as the approval of the PharmD.

Question by Prof. Brown (History) – There is a plan of 12 faculty on each side. What is the sequence after hiring the dean in the fall of 2015?

Provost Nieman answered that it will be a lot of work for the dean to develop the PhD, work on the pharmacy education program, design the curriculum, etc. We plan to hire the first senior faculty in the fall of 2016, one year before admitting PharmD students.

Question by Prof. Guzman (Mathematical Sciences) – By 2020, you expect 300 graduate students coming from PharmD and 60 from the PhD program. Is 60 a stable number?

Provost Nieman noted that it's hard to anticipate, but depending on research, we hope to have a group of 60 PhD students.

Prof. Naslund (Geological Sciences and Environmental Studies) – Do you envision the school as a standalone school? Can undergraduate students interact with the pharmacy faculty?

Provost Nieman responded that we do not see this as a standalone operation. We will encourage opportunities for research. The pharmaceutical faculty will bring undergraduate students into their labs for research. We hope to foster collaboration across the disciplines. This synergy will help increase research in the life sciences.

Question from Prof. Craver (Electrical and Computer Engineering) – We will see interest in this graduate program from our existing undergraduate students. Some classes, for

example microbiology, are pretty full now. Will we make sure there will be more sections available to meet these demands?

Provost Nieman noted that we will remedy this as with any other situation. We do not believe the impact will be large on biology and chemistry. We are reminded that we are looking at a class of 60 PharmD students and most students will be coming in with a bachelor in science; perhaps only 10 to 15 students would need this. This is a revenue positive program which will generate resources for a variety of priorities.

After no more questions, a motion to approve the proposal was made by Prof. Michael (Biological Sciences) and seconded by Prof. McGuire (Anthropology). After no more discussion, this proposal was approved by a vote of 37 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

b. Faculty-Staff Handbook -- Change to VII. C. 5. Final Examinations

Question from Prof. Xingye (Mathematical Sciences) regarding the scheduling of exams.

Provost Nieman noted that most universities have their final exams scheduled ahead of time. We hope to do this which will clarify things for students and faculty.

Question from Prof. Santos (Systems Science and Industrial Engineering) – Will the Registrar schedule the final exam?

Provost Nieman noted that this will be done automatically before the beginning of the semester.

Prof. Michael (Biological Sciences) urges that there be a mechanism to indicate up front if a professor is not planning to schedule an exam so we are not asking the Registrar to schedule times and rooms that won't be used.

Provost Nieman agreed that this is reasonable, and an opt-out method would be made.

Prof. Pages (German and Russian Studies) stated that there is a concern about the wording. This is a problem for foreign language pedagogy. He suggests eliminating the last sentence of first paragraph.

Prof. Reiter (School of Management) noted that this sentence was added to cover any other kind of test to be given and that any type of final test can only be given during exam week. This sentence was added to make this policy global.

Prof. Starks (Classical and Near Eastern Studies) stated that there are some different types of testing in languages.

Prof. Reiter (School of Management) again noted that any final tests should be done during the final exam week, no matter what kind of test it is. Any final tests, no matter what type, should be done during exam week.

Prof. Brown (History) suggests that the word “only” be changed to “rather” in last sentence of first paragraph. Revised language is as follows:

*If there is no comprehensive final examination but rather a series of examinations or quizzes, the last examination, test or quiz must take place on the assigned day during final examination week.*

A motion was made to approve the proposed change in the wording of “only” changed to “rather”. After no discussion, this revised wording was approved by a vote of 33 in favor, 0 against, 3 abstentions.

A motion was then made to accept the entire bill. After no discussion, the bill was approved by a vote of 33 in favor, 1 against, and 2 abstentions.

c. Syllabus statements on credit hours and course expectations

This item was tabled for the next Faculty Senate meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:58 pm.

Present: Nael Abu-Ghazaleh, Josephine Allen, Jeffrey Baker, Mark Blumler, Howard Brown, Sharon Bryant, Subimal Chatterjee, Manas Chatterji, Zu-yan Chen, Scott Craver, Magdalena Czubak, Jill Dixon, Fernando Guzman, Colleen Hailey, Mathew Johnson, Surinder Kahai, Celia Klin, Les Lander, Anne Larrivee, Michael Lawson, Alistair Lees, Patrick Madden, Aja Martinez, Randall McGuire, Robert Mess, Sandra Michael, Pamela Mischen, H. Richard Naslund, Donald Nieman, Neil Christian Pages, Robert Palmer, Xingye Qiao, Sara Reiter, Daryl Santos, Thomas Sinclair, Pamela Smart, Diane Sommerville, John Starks, Harvey Stenger, Gary Truce, Deanne Westerman, Jill Yaples

Excused: Gisela Brinker-Gabler, George Catalano, Jungyun Cho, Pamela Sandoval, Leigh Ann Wheeler

Absent: Allan Arkush, David Bartine, John Baust, Jonathan Biggers, Christopher Bishop, Donald Boros, Yulong Chen, Joseph Church, David Clark, Derrick Conyers, Marilyn Desmond, Deborah Elliston, Salvador Fajardo, Samantha Fox, Alfonso Flores-Lagunes, Douglas Glick, Charles Goodman, Jennifer Gordon, Vincent Grenier, David Klotzkin, Christopher Knapp, Ji-Song Ku, Ricardo Laremont, Stephen Levy, Seungbae Park, Solomon Polachek, Eugene Stevens, Dale Tomich, Michael West, David Wilson, Thomas Wilson