

MINUTES OF THE FULL FACULTY AND  
FACULTY SENATE MEETING  
October 21, 2014

Prof. Alistair Lees, Chemistry, called the Full Faculty meeting to order at 11:48 a.m. in UU Old Union Hall. 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:

Q: Prof. Julian Shepherd, Biology and chair of Committee for the University Environment – We all appreciate the Nature Preserve for how special it is. There is a vast population of deer. We have lost many trees, herbs, and wildflowers due to the deer. CUE submitted an extensive report which documents these events and various solutions, one of which was to cull the deer. The U.S. Forest Service and the Department of Environmental Conservation validated this report. President Stenger was unwilling to cull the deer. We feel that the Nature Preserve is in great danger and we are at an impasse. What can we do next?

A: President Stenger responded that this was presented to him when he first arrived on campus. The planned culling was stopped by a court injunction as we had not filed the proper paperwork. President Stenger wanted to find out what the problem was and hired a firm to do an extensive measurement of the deer population. He feels this was a good survey with accurate results which showed 260 deer over two square miles. Many deer were in the neighborhoods and relatively few in the Nature Preserve. President Stenger believes that culling would not be successful. We received 10,000 emails protesting this action and he feels if it was done, it would be a significant disruption on campus and also a difficult event to hold every year. President Stenger offers to help in any other way other than culling.

Q: Sandra Michael, Biology – What is the status of the Pharmacy School, where is the funding, how long will this take, and what are plans?

A: President Stenger – We have \$10 million for the purchase of the property, demolition of the existing building, and design of the new building. We have a promise from Governor Cuomo that he will provide an additional \$50 million, and we are also hoping to raise about \$2 million. We are now reviewing candidates for a dean. The dean will then hire two department chairs (clinical and research) and then hire faculty. There will be expenditures that will not be covered by tuition which we will need to take care of. We expect to have our first class in the fall 2017. Provost Nieman and Dean Strehle have been working very hard on this.

Q: Prof. Fernando Guzman, Math – We have heard that the search for the Pharmacy dean will be done behind closed doors and there will be no meetings on campus. Is this true?

A: President Stenger – We are now reviewing candidates. We are trying to attract the best person possible. Some candidates are sitting deans of existing pharm schools, so we are trying to keep it closed and confidential for the moment, but faculty will be involved in meeting the final candidates.

Q: Prof. Scott Craver, Electrical and Computer Engineering – With the increase of undergraduate enrollment, there will be a need for increased classroom space. What is the plan for this and how successful will we be in meeting these goals?

A: President Stenger – We expect a 25% increase in seats from the fall of 2012 to the fall of 2016. We will bring classrooms on line as fast as we can. Moving Geography out of

Student Wing was a big step. Construction on the Student Wing will start in January. Spring semester will be tough and we have asked departments to assist with this temporary burden. Thank you to faculty who have moved class times to earlier in the morning and later at night.

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

The first Faculty Senate meeting of the 2014-2015 academic year was called to order by Prof. Lees at 12:24 pm.

1. Minutes A motion was made to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2014 meeting as submitted. On voice vote, the motion was approved.
2. Obituary Notices Prof. Lees notified the body that Frank Mols, University Libraries; Prof. Bruce McDuffie, Chemistry; Prof. Edwin Rutkowski, Political Science; Dean John Colligan, School of Advanced Technology; and Prof. Ali Mazrui, Institute of Global Cultural Studies passed away. As is established practice, notes of condolence have been sent to the families on behalf of the Senate.
3. New Business  
Annual reports of 2013-2014 Faculty Senate standing committees and others

Chair Alistair Lees reviewed each report and asked members if there were any questions or any information that needed clarification.

Bylaws Review – No questions or discussion

Convocations – No questions or discussion

Educational Policy and Priorities – No questions or discussion

Intercollegiate Athletics – Prof. Sandra Michael, Biology, stated a request for President Stenger. Both NCAA and FARA recommend that the Faculty Athletics Representative and any other type of organization or board (in our case the Intercollegiate Athletics Board) report at least annually to the faculty. Since our reorganization, we have not had a report from our FAR and the IAB. Prof. Michael requests that we get these reports annually and perhaps a good time to get these would be when we receive other committee reports.

**Action: Faculty Senate** will send request for reports from FAR and IAB to President Stenger beginning at the end of 2014-2015 academic year.

Library – Prof. Howard Brown, History, noted that the Library Committee reported a discussion of the allocation of space, notably for graduate students and faculty, but that it did not indicate any resolution or plan for the future, and he would like to know where matters stand. **Action: Library Committee chair**

Professional Standards – No questions or discussion

University Undergraduate Curriculum – No questions or discussion

Academic Computing Educational Technology – No questions or discussion

Committee for the University Environment – No questions or discussion

Committee on Committees – No questions or discussion

Evaluation Coordinating Committee – No questions or discussion

Prof. Alistair Lees called for a motion to accept all reports. Upon hand vote, all reports were accepted by a vote of 54 for, 0 against, 1 abstention.

After no more business, meeting was adjourned at 12:34 pm.

Present: Manoj Agarwal, Benjamin Andrus, Serdar Atav, Jeffrey Barker, Mark Blumler, Anne Brady, Howard Brown, Nicole Cameron, Frank Cardullo, Manas Chatterji, Kenneth Chiu, David Clark, Scott Craver, Lee Cummings, Magdalena Czubak, Leslie Gates, Brandon Gibb, Jennifer Gillis, Fernando Guzman, Colleen Hailey, John Havard, Hadassah Head, Leslie Heywood, Hoe Kyeong Kim, Celia Klin, Ji-Song Ku, Michael Lawson, Alistair Lees, Stephen Levy, Michael Lewis, Gretchen Mahler, Aja Martinez, Sandra Michael, Robert Micklus, Pamela Mischen, Donald Nieman, Neil Christian Pages, Robert Palmer, Carolyn Pierce, Florenz Plassmann, Mark Poliks, Dmitry Ponomarev, Xingye Qiao, Sara Reiter, Bonita Roth, Omowunmi Sadik, Pamela Sandoval, Thomas Sinclair, Pamela Smart, Diane Sommerville, Jim Stark, John Starks, Harvey Stenger, Sandro Sticca, Thomas Wilson, Stephen Zahorian

Excused: Gisela Brinkler-Gabler, Vincent Grenier, Randall McGuire, Daryl Santos, Lisa Tessman

Absent: Josephine Allen, John Baust, Jonathan Biggers, John Cheng, Alison Coombs, Charles Goodman, Douglas Holmes, Murali Jagannathan, Jonathan Karp, Ricardo Laremont, Seungbae Park, Michael Rozalski, Karen Salvage, Ruth VanDyke, Leigh Ann Wheeler, Bruce White, David Wilson, Sara Wozniak, Zili Yang, Chaun Zhong