

MINUTES OF THE FULL FACULTY AND
FACULTY SENATE MEETING
November 29, 2011

Prof. Susan Strehle (Department of English and Chair of the Faculty Senate) called the Full Faculty meeting to order at 11:45 a.m. in UU Old Union Hall. She welcomed President C. Peter Magrath and turned the meeting over to him.

President Magrath was pleased to announce that Dr. Harvey Stenger, the next president of Binghamton University, was introduced to the campus on November 28. President Magrath believes that Dr. Stenger has superb credentials and is a really good choice. He has been at significant research intensive universities and is exactly the person who should lead Binghamton University. He is an academic who wants to learn, meet, and digest everything about the university.

As we all know, the biggest challenge we face is money/resources that we need to do our job. We are in decent shape and well-managed budgetarily and are comfortable with assuming SUNY2020.

At this time, Interim President Magrath opened the meeting for questions.

Prof Nagendra Nagarur, Systems Science and Industrial Engineering, thanked President Magrath for his service to Binghamton University; those present applauded in unanimous agreement.

After no more questions, the full faculty meeting was adjourned.

The first Faculty Senate meeting of the 2011-2012 academic year was called to order by Prof. Strehle at 12:03 p.m.

1. Minutes A motion was made to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2011 meeting as submitted. On voice vote, the motion was approved.
2. Obituary Notices Prof. Strehle read a list of former faculty who had passed away since the previous meeting: Prof. Arthur S. Banks (Political Science), Prof. Richard Hofferbert (Political Science), Prof. Melvin Shefftz (History), Prof. Alfred Carlip (Economics), Prof. Harold Babb (Psychology), Prof. Ruth Stone (English), and Prof. Aldo Bernardo (Romance Languages and Comparative Literature). As is established practice, a note of condolence has been sent to each family on behalf of the Senate.
3. Approval of degree candidates Prof. Strehle asked for a motion to approve the lists of degree candidates contingent on completion of requirements for respective degrees. Motion was made by Prof. Spencer, seconded by Prof. Lewis. On voice vote, the motion was unanimously approved.
4. Reports
 - a) Prof. Peter Knuepfer (Geological Sciences and Environmental Studies and University Faculty Senator) reported on the SUNY Faculty Senate plenary of October 21-23 and outlined the key issues that were discussed:
 - Initiation by SUNY System of shared services -- There has been a move by Chancellor Zimpher to share presidents at some universities (Canton and Potsdam, Morrisville and SUNY I/T, Cobleskill and Delhi). This has become a touchy and political issue. Also, sharing of other administrative activities (such as I/T, Human

- Resources) is happening at institutions. The implication to campuses is unclear. SUNY Faculty Senate passed a resolution that faculty governance should be involved in determining whether and how shared services occur on their campus.
- Changes in oversight of SUNY Research Foundation – With the removal of the vice chancellor, it seems that the Foundation is moving in a more transparent way as they have been in the past.
 - SUNY System has developed a working relationship with Degree Works, an alternative to the DARS system. System is pressuring campuses to adopt this.
 - Budget and how it is going to roll out for the next fiscal year – SUNY2020 gave the SUNY Board of Trustees the opportunity to raise tuition at \$300 per year for the next four years; the Board passed a resolution at their last meeting confirming the rise in tuition by this amount. Barring a financial emergency, New York State will provide a “maintenance of effort” to maintain the current state budget allocated to SUNY. It is clear that certain legislators view this maintenance of effort as maintaining the previous cuts to SUNY and no more, so that any inflationary increases may not be covered. This maintenance of effort does not cover the support for SUNY hospitals and community colleges. Implications of this are that even if the state does maintain its effort, it actually will not maintain the funding necessary for SUNY, so there will be cuts felt by SUNY in the next budget cycle. Prof. Knuepfer asked faculty senators who are involved in advocacy to continue to advocate on behalf of Binghamton to their state legislators.
 - Prof. Knuepfer is on the SUNY Faculty Senate Executive Committee (with senators from the three other university centers). They met and discussed the closed presidential searches. All were in agreement that a closed search puts a new president in a difficult position “parachuting down to campus” with limited interaction with people on campus and not learning about specific issues before s/he arrives. Chancellor Zimpher does this to protect the anonymity of candidates. Hopefully efforts at the state level will move the process forward in future presidential searches in a less secretive fashion.
- b) Prof. Richard Lee (Sociology and Chair of Faculty Senate Executive Committee) reported on work of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee for this semester.
- PIC program – FSEC has not taken any action.
 - Maymester – There was a proposal for the final two weeks in May for a short term, but proposal has since been withdrawn.
 - Several items have gone to Bylaws Committee which will be brought to Faculty Senate in the spring.
 - Presidential Search -- For two years we have been occupied with the presidential search. First search round was public. With that search failing, we knew the second round would be relatively closed, but we had informal assurances that faculty would have input into prospective candidates, but were allowed no faculty input outside the search committee. Prof. Lee noted the copies of communications with the search committee co-chairs and Chancellor Zimpher handed out to each senator. We

received no response from the co-chairs of the search committee, although Prof. Lee did have a conversation with Kate Madigan, who explained that faculty outside the search committee were not trusted even with signed confidentiality agreements to preserve confidentiality. Prof. Strehle noted that she had a conversation with Chancellor Zimpher on November 28; Chancellor Zimpher told her that the System has drafted a system-level policy for presidential selections, and in response to our concerns, they are modifying the closed search process.

5. *Resolution for President C. Peter Magrath* Motion was made by Prof. Polachek, seconded by Prof. Morewedge to approve this resolution (attached). After no discussion, on voice vote, the motion was unanimously approved.
6. *Resolution regarding Revision of Learning Outcomes for Global Interdependencies* This resolution came forward from UUCC. (Attached) Prof. Strehle asked for questions on this learning outcomes statement.

Prof. Knuepfer noted that we had previously modified the gen ed requirements to satisfy demands of the former SUNY Board of Trustees. The current Board of Trustees has offered campuses to redefine its requirements and has “backed off” on their earlier requested requirements. We need to make sure students are exposed to cultures outside the one in which they are imbedded. Prof. Knuepfer strongly supports this motion and encourages fellow faculty senators to support it as well.

Question from Prof. Pueschel (Biological Sciences) – In the original learning outcomes, North America and Europe were single units. In the new requirement, they are not. Could students now select Europe as one area, North America as another? Would exposure to non-western societies be less?

Answer from Prof. Lander, Computer Science, Chair of UUCC – UUCC regards west as a group, Europe and America as both western, so this will not come up as a concern. UUCC is still working on what we mean by groups/regions. This is a wording issue.

Prof. Reiter noted that Faculty Senate passed the revised G requirement last year. This is the learning outcome to follow the requirement that has already been passed. All gen ed categories have requirements and learning outcomes that match them.

Prof. Strehle stated that given the wording of the G requirement that was passed last year, this learning outcomes statement is appropriate.

Prof. John Starks (Classical and Near Eastern Studies) noted that, as undergraduate director, he has a concern that this seems to “water down” the original wording regarding the non-western cultures. Since there is no wording in the current statement that Europe and North America is considered the same region, is there an ad hoc process on how classes will be slotted into “G”?

Answer from Prof. Lander – It is clear that western civilization is one thing, and Europe and most of North American fits into that. We expect another kind of region to be considered in addition. Both regions studied could now not include the west. If Senators feel that the wording of the requirement is not clear, a request could be sent back to UUCC for clarification.

Prof. Strehle proposed that we treat this motion as a procedural move to bring the learning outcome statement in line with the legislation passed last year by the Faculty Senate and ask UUCC to consider wording that would make clear the intention of the requirement as well as the way courses are selected to implement it.

Prof. Stark (Art and member of UUCC) -- Another issue that comes up is how to interpret what interaction means. He suggests that if the requirement is sent back to UUCC, that this issue should be included. The problem is that too often interaction means major action from one region to the other without much flowing back the other way. This word needs to be defined or expanded.

Prof. Strehle proposed that the motion be voted on so the learning outcome statement is aligned with the requirement, and then UUCC is directed to create a statement that will clarify these issues and explain how they determine which courses to approve for G credit.

Hearing no more discussion, the motion was approved by a vote of 31 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstaining.

A motion was made by Prof. Knuepfer, seconded by Prof. Lee, to refer to UUCC a request for policy guidelines for implementing these outcomes. On voice vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

7. *Annual reports of 2010-2011 Faculty Senate standing committees and others* A motion to receive all reports was made by Librarian Maximiek, seconded by Prof. Morewedge. After no discussion, on voice vote, the motion was unanimously approved. Prof. Strehle thanked all the committee chairs and committee members for their hard work.

After no other business, the meeting adjourned at 12:44 p.m.

Present: Tammara Behonick, Christopher Bishop, Mark Blumler, Anne Brady, Scott Craver, Jill Dixon, Peter Gerhardstein, Jennifer Gordon, Sonja Kim, David Klotzkin, Peter Knuepfer, Richard Lee, Alistair Lees, Harold Lewis, Michael Lewis, C. Peter Magrath, Sarah Maximiek, Marcin Mazur, Thomas McDonough, Jean-Pierre Mileur, Rosmarie Morewedge, Stephen Ortiz, Carolyn Pierce, Solomon Polachek, Curt Pueschel, Christine Reiber, Karen Salvage, Pamela Sandoval, Lisa Savage, Thomas Sinclair, Gale Spencer, Jim Stark, John Starks, Susan Strehle, Gary Truce, Wendy Wall, Karl Wilson, Zili Yang

Excused: Frank Cardullo, Donette Francis, Randall McGuire, Erin Rushton, Weixing Zhu, Melissa Zinkin

Absent: Tania Alameda-Lawson, Laura Anderson, Anne Bailey, Karen Barzman, James Burns, George Catalano, Lubna Chaudry, Eric Cotts, Ariana Gerstein, Christof Grewer, J. David Hacker, William Haver, Kimberly Jaussi, Kelly Kinney, Jonathan Krasno, Debi Mishra, H. Richard Naslund, Thomas O'Connor, Seungbae Park, Patrick Regan, Karin Sauer, Pamela Smart, Lisa Tessman, Lijun Yin, Nan Zhou