

UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
2002-03 FACULTY SENATE
NOVEMBER 18, 2002 MINUTES SUMMARY

I. Roll – The following faculty senators were absent: Burger, Calculator, Craycraft, Elmslie, Fletcher, Frankel, Giraud, McCann, Miriam, Nicovich, Pollard, Strait, and Ward. Excused were Becker, Bocarro, de Alba, Laue, Marx and Reid. President Hart, Provost Hiley, Kevin Charles, Steve Pappajohn, and Mark Rubinstein attended part of the meeting.

II. Minutes – The minutes of the last senate meeting were approved unanimously.

III. Communications with the President – The university is moving through the early budget process, and the university system budget proposal was recently presented to the governor's budget committee. The trustees have included in the budget proposal an estimate of larger enrollment, an increase in both out-of-state and in-state tuition, and salary increases, for a total of a 6.4 percent increase in the funding request for public higher education in the state. The KEEP proposal had requested 185 million dollars for vitally-needed repair and renovation, but the legislature funded only 100 million dollars. Now the university system is asking for the remainder, which has risen to 96 million dollars due to inflation. The president said that the budget proposal assumes some enrollment increase in the system and that the university plans to do an analysis on the effect tuition increases may have on enrollment and how tuition increases and financial aid offers should be combined.

IV. Update from Provost Hiley on the Academic Plan – The provost said that the draft of the Academic Plan will be available this week on the academic affairs web site and that a copy will be sent to the senate. Last year governance groups proposed a series of action steps; and this summer the provost's office reviewed, combined and revised the action steps to form a much smaller number of items which relate to strategic planning at the university level. The provost said that the long original list will be archived and kept as items to be done but that the academic plan has been streamlined to strategic essentials. The items on the academic plan were reviewed according to degree of urgency, time line, and financial implications. The provost asks that faculty consider the proposed plan now and give input on a strategic level. The final draft will be submitted to the president after this period of campus review. When the Academic Plan has been approved by the president, an implementation plan with time lines and resource implications will be prepared and made available to the campus community.

V. Update on the New Member Academic Program – Kevin Charles, Steve Pappajohn and Mark Rubinstein gave information to the senate on this program. Last spring, an advisory task force recommended to the vice president for student affairs that the fraternities and sororities defer recruitment and pledging until the sophomore year, because freshmen males who pledge do less well academically than male students who do not join fraternities. In response to this recommendation and to concerns that such a change might result in the decline of the Greek system on campus, the students developed a proposal meant to increase the academic achievement of the freshmen pledges. The university has coordinated an array of services that are available to any student. This will be an organized program available in an efficient way. The students will agree to do a certain amount of school work that can be measured. The

university will evaluate both the process and the outcome and will know by the end of the year how this plan is working. This program might later be used as a template to provide service to all students on campus.

Faculty are asked to encourage students to participate in the program, and also faculty are requested to contact Steve Pappajohn to become advisors to a fraternity or sorority. The New Member Academic Program acknowledges that social problems and drinking behavior are issues of concern, but this program attempts to deal with the academic matters. The university intends to clarify policy on drinking and other behavioral concerns. Steve Pappajohn said that students join fraternities and sororities to participate in leadership development, service, and philanthropic and social activities. A faculty senator said that each fraternity and sorority should have a faculty advisor and that those advisors could form a council of advisors to work closely with the coordinator of Greek affairs. This is an opportunity for faculty to participate in positive changes in the Greek system. The vice provost for academic achievement said that the long-term vision is to see much greater input by faculty in a whole array of activities. A professor suggested that a ten to fifteen minute presentation could be given at departmental faculty meetings, to encourage faculty to become advisors to fraternities and sororities. Also, a student who already has a relationship with a faculty member could ask the professor to become an advisor.

VI. Intellectual Property Policy and Technology Transfer – Bob Dalton, Director of the Office of Intellectual Property Management, said that his goal is to build the research programs and to encourage invention and innovation at the university. The Bayh-Dole Act passed in 1980 and amended in 1984 encourages utilization of inventions produced under federal funding. This act allows universities and non-profit organizations to take title to inventions under certain conditions. There are requirements for prompt disclosure and a time line for the university to take title and to file a patent application. If these requirements are not met, the rights revert to the federal government. If the university obtains the rights, it must share the proceeds with the inventor and use the remainder for educational purposes. Although intellectual property may be bought, sold or leased, universities usually do not sell but rather license the property.

UNH is beginning to participate in this process increasingly but has a ways to go to reach its potential in this area. The university would review the patentability and marketability, utility application, technology valuation, market strategy, and identity of potential technology users. Then consideration would be given to an option to license, a research and development agreement, a standard license agreement, and a spin-out company. Chaoticom is an example of such a spin-out company launched early last spring. A licensing agreement generally specifies that thirty percent of the royalties go to the inventor, author or developer, an equal amount to the college or department, another thirty percent to the office of the vice president for research and public service, and ten percent to the office of intellectual property.

In a research institution, the time line is that the research is begun, a funding proposal is developed, a finding is made that the invention works, and then an invention disclosure form must be filed. The university looks for industrial partners. Bob Dalton said that he can be reached at 862-4130, that his office does presentations on the above issues, and that more information can be obtained from his web site at <http://www.unh.edu/oipm/index.html>.

VII. Communications from the Chair – The senate chair said that Professor Mimi Becker shattered her ankle in New Zealand, had an operation, and returns home this week. Frank McCann is the chair of the senate’s Library Committee. John Aber is a new member of the Ad-hoc Committee on the Discovery Program, and the senate chair asks that faculty contact her if they would like to be a member of this committee. There is now no representation on that committee from the College of Liberal Arts and the School of Health and Human Services. The senate’s Campus Planning Committee is meeting but does not yet have a chair.

Pedro de Alba wrote the senate chair that the role of the Faculty Senate is not spelled out in Article II of the Bylaws of the Graduate Faculty. With the agreement of the Agenda Committee, the senate chair wrote the Dean of the Graduate School to say that, in the last sentence of article two, “other faculty governance groups as appropriate” should be changed to “Faculty Senate”.

The academic plan is expected to include stronger faculty governance, and the senate will consider these matters. The senate chair asked that faculty senators review the academic plan on the academic affairs web site and give input.

VIII. Requirements for the Study Abroad Program – The chair of the senate’s Academic Affairs Committee said that this committee has met with Ted Howard, Director of the Center for International Education. The requirements for inclusion in the study abroad program are that a student have thirty-two credits, a 2.5 grade point average, and a declared major. Concern has been expressed about the grade point requirement. For example, the Thompson School students’ GPA is not recognized as a UNH GPA for the purposes of study abroad, and also the UNH language program requires study abroad but some of the language program’s students do not have a 2.5 average. Ted Howard will work on the requirements and make a proposal to the committee.

IX. Update on the Faculty Luncheon – The November 8 faculty luncheon was useful and interesting and included discussion on how faculty could explain their work and research to the citizens of the state. At the luncheon, a faculty representative was recruited for the Ad-hoc Committee on the Discovery Program.

X. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned.