

UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
2003-04 FACULTY SENATE

MAY 3, 2004

MINUTES SUMMARY

I. Roll – The following senators were absent: Baldwin, Broussard, Burger, Herold, Mulligan, Neefus, Niese, Pescosolido, Schlenrich, Shea, and Sparr. Excused were Dobbins, Farrell, Giraud, and Selwyn. President Hart was a guest for part of the meeting.

II. Communications with the president – The president complimented the effort put forth by students on projects highlighted at the recent Undergraduate Research Conference. During the Legislators Day held on campus, some legislators accompanied students to classes. Renovation and repair for Demeritt Hall, James Hall, and Parsons Hall are at the top of the proposed capital request list. A higher education center in the northern part of the state is at the end of the list, and UNH might offer courses for a couple of years at a time in that program. The president had breakfast recently with various legislative delegations and will continue to meet with other legislators. Legislators are interested in more ways of getting faculty out to their communities, and Vice President Murray's office will work on better ways to do that. Most of the citizens of the state and many of the legislators are not aware that the state provides less than seventeen percent of the university's budget and that this amount is the lowest per capita in the fifty states. The president said that the university has doubled its external grants and contracts in the last few years but is running out of space for that research. The university wants to be more active in thanking legislators who vote for legislation important to the university, whether or not the law passes. The president said that the chair of the Alumni Director Search Committee reported that the committee found that it could not unanimously recommend at least two candidates from its search pool; and so Gregg Sanborn, with his long-standing knowledge of and commitment to the university, was named as interim alumni director.

III. Minutes – The minutes of the previous Faculty Senate meeting were unanimously approved.

IV. Motion on the report of the Task Force on Academic Expectations and Student Behavior – Grant Cioffi moved and Barbara Krysiak seconded a motion that:

The Faculty Senate accepts the report of the Task Force on Academic Expectations and Student Behavior. In doing so, we recognize the efforts of the committee and the value of the findings. We view the report to be a working document that outlines strategies for improving the quality of academic life on campus. We charge the 2004-05 senate with providing sufficient discussion and review of the proposal and its implementation.

Mark Wrighton proposed a friendly amendment to change the motion to:

The Faculty Senate accepts and endorses the report of the Task Force on Academic Expectations and Student Behavior. In doing so, we recognize the efforts of the committee and the value of the findings. We accept the links and strategies for improving the quality of academic life on campus. We charge the 2004-05 senate with the report's implementation.

This wording was accepted by Grant Cioffi as a friendly amendment. However, another professor said that the task force's report contains over fifty recommendations and that therefore endorsing all those recommendations is too much at this time. The intent of today's original motion is to make sure that the recommendations of the task force will receive active consideration. The senate should discuss each of the task force's recommendations and consider passing a motion to charge each person or group with the particular implementation task. Today's amended motion was defeated unanimously except for one abstention.

Jeff Salloway moved and Mark Wrighton seconded today's original motion. Barbara Krysiak made a **friendly amendment to add at the end of the motion: "by December of 2004"**; and Jeff Salloway and Grant Cioffi accepted that wording as a friendly amendment. Another professor said that next fall the senate could clarify certain of the task force's recommendations and that some items might be rejected or given high priority. The task force chair said that she could attend a senate meeting next fall to facilitate this discussion. **The original motion, as amended to add "by December of 2004", passed unanimously.**

V. Academic Affairs Committee motions – Michael Kalinowski presented a **motion from the Academic Affairs Committee that "any UNH student who is ineligible for participation in a UNH-managed/UNH-approved study away program and who enrolls in a non-UNH study away program may not transfer credits earned in that program to his or her UNH degree"**. The Academic Affairs Committee chair said that students who take part in UNH-sponsored study abroad programs are required to meet certain academic standards. It has been possible for some students to get around those standards by taking part in programs outside of UNH and transferring the credits. The proposed motion is designed to close this loophole and ensure a more uniform set of requirements for all students who seek to take part in a study away program. This motion was developed in conjunction with ASAC.

A friendly amendment was proposed to add at the end of the motion: "without a successful petition". Mike Kalinowski responded that students already have the right to go through the standard petition appeal process if special circumstances exist. The proposed amendment was withdrawn. The requirement for the UNH Study Abroad Program is a 2.5 grade point average and good conduct. The caliber of students the university sends to foreign lands is important, so that the students will succeed there and also to maintain the reputation of the university and our country. Michael Kalinowski said that he believes that eighty-five percent or more of UNH students meet the GPA requirement. If a student does not meet the requirements of the UNH Study Abroad Program, the student could study abroad but not transfer the credits back to UNH. **The motion passed by a voice vote.**

Michael Kalinowski presented a **motion from the Academic Affairs Committee that:**

In the current context of budgetary uncertainty, the Faculty Senate affirms its interest in the quality and performance of university-wide academic programs that do not fall under the purview of individual colleges. Some examples of such programs include: the Center for International Education, the Undergraduate

Research Opportunity Program, the University Honors Program, Writing across the Curriculum, and the Center for Teaching Excellence.

He added that the current budget dilemma affects the university's curricular offerings and support services. The Faculty Senate has a role in ensuring that all academic programs are treated fairly and that the broader interests of the campus are given due attention. The above programs may be viewed by some as especially vulnerable at this time, and the Academic Affairs Committee wants to ensure Faculty Senate involvement in reviews of those programs. Another professor said that this motion indicates that the Faculty Senate should have review over changes in those programs. Betty Hageman proposed **a friendly amendment to add after the first phrase of the motion: “and remembering the principles of shared governance”**. Mike Kalinowski accepted the friendly amendment, and **the motion as amended passed unanimously**.

Michael Kalinowski presented **a motion from the Academic Affairs Committee:**

- a. To support item #1 in the Conclusions and Recommendations in the Report of the Faculty Senate’s Associate of Arts Degree Task Force regarding the Associate of Arts, General Studies at UNH Manchester.**
- b. The Academic Affairs Committee recommends that the Faculty Senate take no action on the DCE Associate of Arts Degree until the Academic Affairs Committee receives written recommendations from the administration for review. The committee further recommends that no decision be made on this program until the Academic Affairs Committee has had a chance to review administrative recommendations and forward its suggestions to the senate.**

Michael Kalinowski said that the Academic Affairs Committee was charged with reviewing the Report of the Faculty Senate’s Associate of Arts Degree Task Force and its conclusions and recommendations. A Strategic Planning Committee for DCE is completing its work on other DCE issues; and there have been recent proposals made regarding CLL. It seems prudent at this point to wait until there are specific administrative recommendations on DCE. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Michael Kalinowski presented **a motion from the Academic Affairs Committee that:**

The Academic Affairs Committee requests Faculty Senate support for inviting the Honors Program director and the director(s) of the Discovery Program to be appointed (as non-voting members) to the senate’s Academic Affairs Committee for a period of two years, starting in September of 2004.

The Faculty Senate will have an important role to play in the ongoing assessment of the Discovery Program, and the senate should facilitate a smooth transition to the new Honors Program director. The presence of these program coordinators at the Academic Affairs Committee table will help ensure appropriate senate involvement. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Michael Kalinowski said that he appreciates the help of the senate coordinator Sallie Ricker and also the opportunity to work with the Academic Standards and Advising Committee. He said that ASAC sent the senate's Academic Affairs Committee all cases and results on a weekly basis, that ASAC had disposed of over a thousand cases in 2003/04, and that communications are now very good.

VI. Other business – A professor said that the Professional Standards Committee had been charged with considering faculty hiring policy regarding administrative input. This charge will be carried over to next fall. The 2004/05 faculty senators will be invited to meet this summer to propose agenda items for the senate to work on next year. The senate is setting up a committee to review academic administrator search procedures. After a discussion on the effectiveness of the senate, thanks were expressed to Tom Laue, the senate chair, for his hard work this year.

VII. Adjournment – The 2003/04 Faculty Senate meeting was adjourned.

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I. Roll – The following senators were absent: Baldwin, Broussard, Burger, Deem, Finkel, Frierson, Halstead, Herold, Mulligan, Neefus, Pescosolido, Quigley, Schlenrich, Shea, and Shore. Excused were Dinapoli, Dobbins, Kenefick, and McCarthy.

II. Election of officers – **The Agenda Committee proposed a slate of officers for next year's senate: Mimi Becker as chair, David Richman as vice chair, Tom Laue as past chair, and Ed Hinson, Barbara Krysiak and Jeff Salloway as at-large members of the 2004/05 Agenda Committee.** Other nominations were invited from the floor. **The proposed slate passed unanimously.**

III. Communications from the chair – Mimi Becker asked that faculty consider the priorities that are important for the Faculty Senate to work on next year. The summer meetings to propose agenda items will be announced soon, and also committee preference requests will be sent to all senators. Senators usually serve on one standing committee of the senate. Among the agenda items already proposed for next year are responsibility center management review design, review of the Discovery Program implementation, and review of the academic misconduct policy. The Faculty Senate Constitution and Bylaws can be accessed on the senate web site. The senate chair said that the senators are the elected representatives of the faculty and that, when the senate raises an issue it thinks is important, the administration takes that seriously.

IV. Adjournment – The 2004/05 Faculty Senate meeting was adjourned.