

UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
2005-06 FACULTY SENATE

OCTOBER 31, 2005

MINUTES SUMMARY

I. Roll – The following senators were absent: Burger, Carroll, Macieski, McCann, Morgan and Tenczar. Excused were Jacobs, Kenefick, Mathur and Schlenrich. Guests were President Hart, Greg Cerveny and Tom Franke. Sean Kelly was a guest observer.

II. Remarks by and questions to the president – President Hart said that the *2005 Faculty Excellence* publication has just come out celebrating the UNH faculty and their work and that a member of the Durham legislative delegation called this publication a fantastic tool for letting New Hampshire citizens know about the university and its faculty. In addition, the president said that the Committee on Recognition of Philanthropy and Service makes important decisions about naming opportunities for buildings and programs. Currently there are naming opportunities for two new buildings and four other buildings in the Gables complex. In addition, three new residence halls and other buildings will be built in the near future. The group will only meet for specific decisions. Seats exist for five faculty representatives including one or two faculty emeriti.

The president asked for input from faculty on how the university should deal with the budgetary impact of the requirement that the university meet the full direct costs for all New Hampshire residents enrolled at the university. The president also asked for input on how the university's curriculum prepares students for globalization. The trustees have read a book by Bill Straus et al. and are interested in whether UNH students could correctly be labeled as "millennials". The president said that faculty must have a primary role in curriculum choices at the university. The president said that the VPFA search committee has selected four candidates to receive invitations for campus visits and that the candidates' names will be posted on the website soon. VPFA Corvey will assist with the upcoming negotiations with the faculty union even after her retirement.

President Hart said that the Committee on Violence against Women has presented a report which contains a number of issues and recommendations. A dialogue across campus is needed about the report and its recommendations this year, and a forum will be set up to initiate this discussion. There is concern over publications, electronic media and a university-wide understanding of what a consensual relationship is. The president said that three surveys will take place this year regarding family and women's issues: an equity study; a survey on child-care needs for faculty, staff and students; and a survey of students regarding unwanted sexual contact.

III. Remarks by and questions to the chair – The senate chair said that the Student Senate has recently passed a motion regarding Study Away Program conduct requirements. In September, the Agenda Committee with the consent of the Faculty Senate decided not to review the Faculty Senate's 3/21/05 motion on Study Away Program conduct, pending the trial period and implementation set forth in the original motion. Neil Vroman, Chair of the Academic Standards and Advising Committee, will convene the Task Force on Developing Procedures for Implementing Policy on Study Away Eligibility and Student Conduct, with membership as

described in the Faculty Senate motion. The task force should include representatives from ASAC and from the University Committee on Study Abroad, two-thirds of the faculty directors of the UNH-managed Study Abroad programs, and three student representatives who have studied abroad. The task force is to submit the proposed procedures to the Academic Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate this year for review and submission to the Faculty Senate.

Bruce Mallory is being considered for reappointment as provost and vice president for academic affairs. When he was originally appointed, the president agreed to complete a comprehensive third-year review and has recently asked the senate's Agenda Committee to solicit faculty input, to give her feedback about the provost's work. The senate chair has worked with the administrators of Blackboard to make available a comprehensive, confidential and secure survey to all faculty members. The Agenda Committee encourages all tenure-track, research and clinical faculty to complete this survey. Since the survey is confidential, no names will be connected with the survey response data. Please urge your departmental colleagues to participate in the provost-review survey this week.

IV. Minutes – The senate unanimously approved the minutes of the last Faculty Senate meeting.

V. Introduction to Tom Franke – Tom Franke, who is the assistant vice president/CIO of Computing and Information Services, has recently joined the university. He said that he would be happy to meet with faculty to discuss any technological issues or concerns. He asked that the Faculty Senate provide a representative to the Technology Policy and Planning Group, which reviews the university's information technology policies. Recent policy discussions relate to wireless technology and virus protection. This year the group will engage in planning related to newer technologies such as instant messaging, pod casting, blogs, interactive gaming and many other issues. The TPPG meets once a month and may form additional subcommittees as needed. The senate chair asked that senators who are willing to serve on the Technology Policy and Planning Group please contact him.

A senator suggested that, since professors may have technical needs but not know how to ask about specific solutions, CIS should ask how faculty teach and what they would like technology to do. Could CIS have a specialist in human/machine interface? There is a two-week program in the summer that works on these issues. There is also a grant-funded program on teaching and technology in the College of Liberal Arts, and the same fund might be available to develop similar programs in other colleges. A faculty member said that Blackboard has room for improvement, especially in the area of grading. CIS does not control Blackboard programming but does have influence on it, and improvements may be made over time. Some companies make niche products that could be added onto the core product of Blackboard.

VI. UNH Foundation – Wendy Scott Keeney has recently become the fourth president of the UNH Foundation. Gregg Cerveney, who is the director of major gifts at the UNH Foundation, said that the foundation was created in 1989 as a non-profit entity to enhance UNH programs. Friends and alumni have donated over \$160,000,000 for the university. That figure amounts to roughly eleven million dollars raised each year since inception. Over the last five years, the cost of fund raising has averaged sixteen cents per dollar raised, which is considered to be on the low side of the average nationally. The foundation manages over three hundred endowments earning an 11.1% rate of return last fiscal year. The endowments fund scholarships, student and faculty

support, academic centers of excellence, and technology and learning tools. The foundation has twenty-five volunteer directors and also twenty-seven staff members.

Current emphasis is on fundraising for the Kingsbury Hall project. The largest gift to that project is one million dollars from BAE Systems, and the largest individual gift is \$250,000 from an alumnus. Faculty are asked to communicate ideas to their department chairs and deans about potential priorities for the capital campaign. Today, there are roughly 105,000 living UNH alumni. The last capital campaign, which was called the Next Horizon Campaign, brought in \$102.3 million dollars and was completed two years early. Planning for the next capital campaign is underway; and a goal has not been established but will most likely be more comprehensive than the last campaign and be somewhere over 150 million dollars. A senator expressed concern that an alumnus from his department who made a large donation has not received much recognition. Gregg Cerveny responded that a public recognition event is planned for February.

VII. UCAPC charter motion – UCAPC was established in 1999 as a committee of the faculty senate with elected members. Last spring UCAPC submitted a report containing recommendations for revisions to its charter. The Agenda Committee has reviewed those recommendations and has added wording to clarify that UCAPC is a senate committee and reports to the Faculty Senate. The Faculty Senate is the primary body for making academic recommendations to the VPAA. Today's motion also includes changes which have occurred over the years, such as two motions which changed the UCAPC membership and were dated respectively 1/22/01 and 12/1/03. Two responsibilities (to compile and maintain records of campus academic policies and to periodically review UNH academic policies and programs in comparison with comparable institutions and make appropriate recommendations) have been deleted, because programmatic reviews in departments and colleges accomplish the review and because other entities in the university compile and maintain records. **Mimi Becker moved and Jeff Salloway seconded the UCAPC charter motion which was distributed with today's agenda.**

A senator agreed that the Faculty Senate is the primary body for making recommendations to the VPAA and asked if the word "recommendations" could be changed to something stronger. The mover of the motion responded that the administration normally accepts Faculty Senate decisions on academic policy. UCAPC's two current and continuing charges are to: (1) monitor curriculum changes, in order to track their impact on academic programs over time, and report results of deliberations and any recommendations to the Agenda Committee of the Faculty Senate and (2) consider whether units are inappropriately changing their practices, in order to maximize enrollments and funds in that unit, and report results of deliberations and any recommendations to the Agenda Committee of the Faculty Senate.

Another senator pointed out that, although UCAPC is intended to consider academic and curricular matters which have inter-college and/or campus-wide effects, opinions might differ on what matters meet those qualifications. He asked if UCAPC could refuse a charge. The mover of the motion replied that, if there were a question about a charge, the UCAPC chair would normally consult with the senate's Agenda Committee. Two Faculty Senate members are also UCAPC members. The office of the VPAA and the senate's Agenda Committee have the authority to assign charges to UCAPC, normally after consultation with each other. If UCAPC

believed that a charge were inappropriate, the committee could recommend to the Faculty Senate that UCAPC not deal with that charge, and the senate could make the final decision. **The motion passed with all ayes except for one abstention.**

VIII. Committee membership – UCAPC is supposed to have two members who are also faculty senators. Currently only one UCAPC member is also a senator, and so one more senator is needed to serve on UCAPC. In addition, Roger Grinde is unable to continue on UCAPC and Ju-Chin Huang is willing to complete his term as WSBE's representative; and the senate unanimously confirmed her membership. Also Tom Davis is unable to complete his term as COLSA's representative to UCAPC. The senate chair said that, if he could find a senator to fill this seat, then the third UCAPC member would not be needed. The senate chair asked senators willing to serve on UCAPC to contact him.

The senate chair also asked that faculty contact him who are willing to serve on the Committee on Recognition of Philanthropy and Service. John Carroll is already serving on that committee, and two more current faculty and two faculty emeriti are needed. Currently two RCM review subcommittees do not have representatives nominated by the Faculty Senate. Recently, the provost said and the Agenda Committee agreed that, since the subcommittees are well along in their work, to add members at this stage could be inadvisable. There are faculty serving on those committees, and the senate chair may ask some of them to represent the senate in addition to the college on those committees.

IX. COLSA interim associate dean selection procedure – The Agenda Committee has solicited input on this matter and is currently receiving the information. The Agenda Committee will discuss the situation next week, and the senate chair will provide a report to the senate at its next meeting. The COLSA dean has recently announced to the COLSA faculty that the associate dean search process will be reinitiated.

X. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned.