The College Senate: May 11, 2000


Guests: FrAlice Fulfer, Bernard Gantt, McThiold, Deborah Paruolo, Nadine Posner, Nancy Rizze, David Taylor, Katie Williams

Excused: Rosemary Quinn, Paula Gilbert, Henry Skinner, James Ryan.

Meeting called to order at 12:25 by Dr. Ruth Bass

I – The agenda was approved.

II – The minutes of April 6, 2000 were approved.

III – Dr. Bass asked for a moment of silence for Warren Barron, and Howard Harris, who died in the past month.

The Executive Committee of the Senate nominated the following for Auxiliary Enterprises:

Cecilia Carew-Joyner
Marjorie Garrido
Ingrid Mueller
Joseph O'Sullivan

The Executive Committee of the Senate nominated the following people for BCC INC.

Ray Canals
Andrea Finkelstein
Atlaw Beligne
Ellen Hoist
Monte Gray
Ben Carney

For both these, the President will select half of the nominees.

IV – President Williams announced that she has made her decision regarding the Presidential Professional Development Awards, and that 9 applications were funded completely, 5 partially, and only one not funded.

The Foundation awards will go to 10 students and 5 faculty at the June gala.

One May 18th she will testify to the City Council. Funding is now in place for 18 new faculty per campus. She is working on getting the city to match state funds for the design phase of the new classroom building. We are “closer than we have ever been to getting that match.”

Vice President Keirz announced election or reelection of department Chairs: Kathleen Berger in Social Science, Lois Augustus in Nursing, Panayiotis Meletis in Chemistry, and James Ryan in History.

She also reported on conversation with University Heights High School. There is a difference in philosophy, which does not make the conversation easy but does make it interesting.
Vice President Coleman announced that a transformer blew in the power plant, which affected Loew, Nichols, and the Gym. She also said that problems in the Rotunda mean that we will have to take it off line, for the moment.

The good budget news is that the state has granted $125 additional per FTE. However, the city support is down: despite a much touted increase in 1.8 million in OTPS there also is an increase in fuel billing by 1.8 million.

We will not meet our revenue target for this year, but we hope to be close.

Vice President Scranton announced a new Student Assistance Center.

Dean Paruelo said that we are down in early registration, with only 2100 students. The good news is that the Admissions office is renovated.

V.- Committee Reports and Action Items.

The Committee on Academic Standing approved the grade changes (including the pluses) by a vote of 8 to 7.

The Governance and Elections Committee noted that the election for an alternate to the University Faculty Senate is underway.

The Committee on Instruction and Professional development is working on the student evaluation of faculty questionnaire.

The Curriculum Committee had no actionable items. (See enclosed report)

Other committees had no substantive reports, but did thank the chairs and members for their hard work this year.

Dean Ritzie reported from the Coordinating Planning Council (See Attached). Highlights are concerns about enrollment trends, the "digital divide" and good news about morale.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45.

Respectfully Submitted: [Signature]

Kathleen S. Berger, Secretary