College Senate minutes of May 10, 2001

The College Senate:


Excused: Mary Coleman, Marcia Keizg, Jeff Spielberg, Bernard Wittieb.

1. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Ruth Bass at 12:20 p.m.
2. The agenda was approved.
3. The minutes were approved.
4. Report from President Carolyn Williams:
   A. Congratulations to Dr. Frederick DeNaples, elected as Chair of the English Department and thanks to Dr. Bernard Wittieb for his years of service.
   B. Congratulations to the recipients of the President’s Grants and thanks to Dr. Kathleen Williams and the Instruction and Professional Development Committee for their efforts.
5. Announcements and reports:
   A. Dr. Ruth Bass asked that committees, including BCC, Inc. and Auxiliary Enterprises, remember to send copies of minutes to the Senate and to the Faculty Council Chairpersons, as well as to the library to allow overall access to pertinent information.
   B. No reports from Vice Presidents Marcia Keizg and Mary Coleman.
   C. Report from Dean David Taylor:
      The problems of overall connectivity in Meister Hall will be addressed. When full switches are operating in that building, then all areas will be addressed. The air conditioning in Meister will also be addressed.
   D. Report from Vice President Brenda Scranton, with Dr. Jennifer Misick: The graduation list that has been communicated is composed in order of academic curriculum. Grade point averages are in descending order.
E. Report from Kirk Daley (on graduation): Caps and gowns and student yearbooks will be paid for by the students. As of this date 405 caps and gowns were ordered and 236 yearbooks were sold.

F. Report from Orlando Lopez, Director of Financial Aid: A Financial Aid Website has been developed, where students can apply online. There has been a PEL increase and a TAP increase, as well as some expansion in the book voucher program for Fall 2001.

G. Report from Bernard Gantt, Registration: As of this date, 2,689 students have registered, indicating an increase of approximately 500 students as compared to last year at this time.

5. Committee Reports and Action Items:
   A. Academic Standing: There appears to be a need for revisions in the probation and suspension processes of students.
   B. Curriculum: 1) The Executive Council needs to vote on the endorsement of the Pharmacology Technology AAS Degree program, and 2) A change in the Human Services Degree program curriculum needs to be voted on.
   C. Governance and Elections:

   C1) Senators-at-Large elected for 2001-2003:
      Name: Department
      Dr. Frederick DeNaples: English
      Prof. Helen Papas-Kavalis: Nursing/Allied Health
      Dr. Ivan Petrovic: Math/Computer Science
      Prof. Don Read: Business/Information Systems
      Dr. Christina Sassi-Lehner: English
      Dr. Kathleen Williams: History

   C2) Senators-at-Large re-elected:
      Dr. Ruth Bass: Art
      Dr. Madeline Bates: Math/Computer Science
      Dr. Kathleen Berger: Social Sciences
      Dr. Vincent Bonelli: History
      Dr. Marjorie Garrido: Student Development
      Ms. Paula Gilbert: Student Development
      Dr. Andrew McNerny: Math/Computer Science
      Prof. Phyllis Read: English
      Prof Henry Skinner: Health, Physical Education & Wellness

   C3) Student Government members elected:
D) Instruction and Professional Development: The new Faculty Evaluation Instrument has been tested and reviewed and appears to be effective.
E) Space, Facilities and Physical Plant: The Resolution for "Renaming a College Space for Dean Carl J. Polowczyk" was moved and seconded. The vote was: Yes - 21, No - 5, and Abstention - 1. The motion carried.
F) Student Activities: No report.
G) Student Government Association: A referendum was being voted on, by a vote, that the Student Activity fees be increased by three dollars for full-time students (from $50.00 to $53.00) and three dollars for part-time students (from $25.00 to $28.00), with the increases to be earmarked for health care services.
H) University Faculty Senate: After forty years of teaching and service, Dr. Howard Fuld is retiring and Dr. Charles Milioti will take his place on the Senate.
I) University Student Senate: No report.

7. Dr. Ruth Bass thanked the secretary for her work and thanked all Senate members for their dedication and hard work.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Mangiante