

**FACULTY SENATE MEETING**  
**Monday, 6 December 2004 - 3:30 p.m.**  
**272 Bascom Hall**

**MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by Chancellor John Wiley at 3:32 p.m. with 167 voting members present.

1. Memorial resolutions were presented for:

Professor Emeritus Henry L. Ahlgren	1813
Professor Emeritus Robert M. Gates	1814
Professor Emeritus John M. Kean	1815
Professor Emeritus Leonard A. Larson	1816

2. Announcements/Informational Items.

Professor Murray Clayton announced that Ombuds Office has reported to the University Committee and their annual report is available on the web at <http://www.ombuds.wisc.edu>. The Ombuds Office would be happy to make presentations to departments if asked to do so.

3. Question Period.

Professor Richard Knowles (District 55, English) asked if the faculty had discussed and approved the change to the new e-grading system, and if faculty who object to the new system can continue handing in grades in the traditional way. He asked that an assessment of the e-grading system be conducted by the Faculty Senate, and that the assessment include substantive discussion of faculty concerns.

**AUTOMATIC CONSENT BUSINESS**

4. The minutes of 1 November 2004 were approved as distributed.

**REPORTS**

5. The chancellor called attention to the informational report on the membership of the Faculty Consultative Committee on Financial Emergency for 2004-05.

6. Professor Bruce Jones submitted for informational purposes the Athletic Board Annual Report for 2003-04, and highlighted some of the year's activities. 1817

There were a number of questions and comments.

7. Professor Michael Thornton submitted for informational purposes the Campus Diversity Plan Oversight Committee Report, January 2003 through December 2004. Professor Thornton talked about the goals and activities of the committee, and about how faculty can help improve classroom climate. 1818

There were questions regarding the ethnic studies requirement, university support/resources for individuals with disabilities, and minority student enrollment trends in the professional schools.

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

8. Professor Larry Church presented the recommendation from the senate's Ad Hoc Committee 1806a on Academic Due Process, as required by the senate at its 4 October 2004 meeting, and moved to amend by substitution the Beck resolution pending from the October meeting. A number of senators engaged in the discussion of the motion to amend by substitution, including Professor Beck who offered his support for its passage.

The previous question was moved, seconded and accepted by unanimous consent. The motion to amend by substitution passed by a voice vote.

The previous question was then moved, seconded and accepted by unanimous consent. The original motion as amended passed by a voice vote with no dissenting votes.

**SPECIAL ORDER**

9. A motion was made and seconded to convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85 (1)(f) to consider the recommendations of the Committee on Honorary Degrees. Unanimous.

Professor Anatole Beck (District 63, Mathematics) asked that the paper ballots not be distributed until discussion of the nominee was concluded. The chancellor agreed to that procedure.

Professor Jo Handelsman, chair of the Committee on Honorary Degrees, presented background information on the nominee for the honorary degree. There were no questions. The senators voted by paper ballot whether to award the honorary degree.

The meeting adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

David Musolf  
Secretary of the Faculty