

As amended and approved at the senate meeting on 6 February 2006.

**FACULTY SENATE MEETING
Monday, 7 November 2005 - 3:30 p.m.
272 Bascom Hall**

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Interim Provost Gina Sapiro at 3:33 p.m. with 159 voting members present.

1. Memorial resolutions were presented for:

Professor Emeritus Carter Denniston	1871
Professor Emeritus Maurice Gras	1872
Professor Emeritus Vilas W. Matthias	1873
Dean Emerita Valencia Natalie Prock	1874
Professor Emeritus William C. Thiesenhusen	1875

2. President Kevin Reilly presented his State of the University System address to the senate. He spoke about university funding and salary issues. He stressed the need to inform the state and the legislature about the important contributions that UW-Madison makes to the state's economy. He thanked the faculty for their work and commitment, and spoke to the importance of shared governance and faculty tenure.

There were a number of questions for President Reilly. Several senators questioned President Reilly about the UW-System's decision to apply the Safransky standard in the dismissal of tenured faculty. Senators also questioned President Reilly about the failure to consult UW faculty on this issue in apparent violation of shared governance. President Reilly declined to respond to any of these questions, stating that he had been advised by counsel not to discuss this matter in public until the current litigation is concluded.

3. Announcements/Informational Items. Interim Provost Gina Sapiro reported on personnel changes, and the on-going searches for administrators. She commented on the Campus Master Plan, and the ombuds program.

As a follow-up to a question at the October meeting of the senate, Professor Susan Cook, chair of the University Press Committee, reported on the University Press.

4. Interim Provost Sapiro asked for a motion to postpone for 15 minutes consideration of the Special Order, the report from the Committee on Honorary Degrees. Professor Larry Kahan (District 97, Biomolecular Chemistry) made the motion, which was seconded, and carried by voice vote.

5. Question Period.

There were no questions.

AUTOMATIC CONSENT BUSINESS

6. The minutes of 26 September 2005 were approved as distributed.

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REPORTS

7. The provost called attention to the informational report on the membership of the PROFS, Inc. Steering Committee for 2005-06.
8. The provost called attention to the informational report on the membership of the Faculty Consultative Committee on Financial Emergency for 2005-06.
9. Professor Richard Burgess submitted for informational purposes the Annual Report from PROFS, Inc., and encouraged senators to become members of PROFS. 1876

There were no questions.

SPECIAL ORDER

10. Professor John Uicker (District 39, Mechanical Engineering) moved to convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85 (1)(c)(f) to consider the recommendations of the Committee on Honorary Degrees. The motion was seconded and passed without dissent.

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

David Musolf
Secretary of the Faculty