

FACULTY SENATE MEETING
Monday, 6 February 2006 - 3:30 p.m.
272 Bascom Hall

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chancellor John Wiley at 3:33 p.m. with 155 voting members present.

1. Memorial resolutions were presented for:

Professor Emeritus Edward G. Bruns	1877
Professor Stephen G. Bunker	1878
Professor Emeritus Herman A.J. Kuhn	1879
Assistant Professor Emerita Lola Pierstorff	1880
Professor Emeritus Harry Paul Zimmerman	1884
Professor Emeritus Donald George Schink	1881
Professor Emeritus Richard B. Schuster	1882
Associate Professor Emeritus Julian M. Sund	1883

2. Announcements/Informational Items. Professor Patti Brennan, chair of the University Committee, informed the senate that the Board of Regents intends to propose UWS legislation regarding procedures to dismiss faculty in special cases. The legislation is under development by a regent-appointed committee and will be reviewed by the full board at its February meeting. It is expected that a committee of the whole discussion of the draft will be scheduled for the March Faculty Senate meeting.

There were two related questions.

3. Question Period.

Professor Michael Olneck, Educational Policy Studies (District 29) submitted the following questions in advance of the meeting:

In light of the controversy over an organization of UCLA alumni undertaking a public campaign to “expose” radical professors, which for a short time involved offers of pay for students to provide notes and tapes to the organization as “documentation” of professors’ radical proclivities and alleged “abuse” of their position in the classroom, would you speak to your own and your national counterparts’ concerns over public efforts to curtail faculty’s freedom of speech in the classroom? Are so-called “Academic Bills of Rights” a matter of concern in this regard?

Chancellor Wiley responded that his colleagues around the country are appalled by the situation, and observed that everyone at a university should be able to speak freely and voice their opinions. He does not believe that the so-called academic bill of rights has much momentum, and advised against taking a public position at this time.

Professor Richard Knowles expressed concern over rumors that the General Library System and the Division of Information Technology may be merged, and about the removal of journals from the Memorial Library stacks. He asked if and when faculty will be consulted about these situations. The chancellor acknowledged that the current organizational structure of campus computing is in the process of being reviewed, and that while some other institutions may have combined those particular resources, he is unaware of any preconception or proposal for such a merger. He spoke to the institution's commitment of budget resources for the libraries, and the dire circumstance of sky-rocketing costs of journals. He will have someone report back to the senate on the disposition of the removed journals.

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AUTOMATIC CONSENT BUSINESS

4. Professor Eric Schatzberg, History of Science (District 82), proposed the following addition to item #2 of the minutes of 7 November 2005:

“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.”

This was accepted by unanimous consent.

The minutes were approved as amended.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT

5. On behalf of the University Committee, Professor Patti Brennan moved confirmation of the appointment of Professor Thomas Schaub (English) to serve on the Committee on Faculty Rights and Responsibilities for semester 2, 2005-06.

The motion passed by voice vote.

REPORTS

6. Chancellor Wiley asked for unanimous consent to reorder the agenda so that the Recreational Sports Board Annual Report could be presented as the first item under “Reports”.

There were no objections.

7. Professor Michael Sussman submitted for informational purposes the Recreational Sports Board Annual Report for 2004-05. 1890

There were no questions.

8. Professor Ed Bersu submitted for informational purposes the Committee on Access and Accommodation in Instruction 2003-2004, 2005-2005 Annual Report and Workplan. 1885

There was one question.

9. Dean Gary Sandefur submitted for informational purposes the Campus Planning Committee Annual Report for 2004-2005. Dean Sandefur highlighted some of the past year’s activities. 1886

There were several questions, as well as a compliment on the “stunning campus master plan.”

10. Professor Antonia Schleicher, chair of the Committee on Committees, presented the slate of candidates as presented in the Committee on Committees Annual Report on Nominations for Faculty-Elected Committees. 1887

There were no nominations from the floor.

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11. Director Ann E. Stunden, Division of Information Technology, submitted for informational purposes the Information Technology Committee Annual Report for 2004-2005. 1888

There was one question.

12. Associate Professor Luis Madureira submitted for informational purposes the Lectures Committee 2004-2005 Annual Report. He asked that faculty who work with student groups encourage those groups to apply for Lectures Committee support. 1889

There were no questions.

NEW BUSINESS

13. On behalf of the University Committee, Professor Brennan moved adoption of Faculty Senate Districts and Apportionment for 2006-07 and 2007-08. 1891

The motion passed without negative vote.

The meeting adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

David Musolf
Secretary of the Faculty