

FACULTY SENATE MEETING
Monday, 7 May 2007 - 3:30 p.m.
272 Bascom Hall

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Provost Patrick Farrell at 3:35 p.m. with 140 voting members present.

1. Memorial resolutions were presented for:

Professor Emeritus Edwin Black	1985
Professor Emeritus Hugh T. Richards	1986
Professor Emeritus Arthur H. Robinson	1987
Professor Emeritus David Woodward	1988

2. Announcements.

Associate Professor Phillip Barak, Professor Irwin Goldman and Associate Professor Gregory Harrington presented a tribute to those who lost their lives in the 16 April 2007 tragedy at Virginia Tech.

Professor Robert Mathieu presented updates on the University Committee's initiatives on global warming, domestic partner benefits and the Wisconsin Idea.

3. Question Period.

There were no questions.

AUTOMATIC CONSENT BUSINESS

4. The minutes of 9 April 2007 were approved as distributed.

REPORTS

5. The provost called attention to the Report of Elections to UW-Madison Faculty Committees. 1989

There were no questions.

6. Professor Judith Burstyn submitted for informational purposes the Committee on Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Annual Report for 2005-2006. 1990

There were no questions.

7. Professor Mathieu submitted for informational purposes the University Committee Annual Report for 2005-2006. 1991

There were no questions.

8. Professor Julia Koza and Ms. Linda Keller submitted for informational purposes the Committee on Women in the University Annual Report for 2006-2007. 1992

There were no questions.

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NEW BUSINESS

9. Professor Larry Kahan moved to adopt the Resolution Regarding UW-Madison Criminal Background Check Policy and Procedures. (An updated version of the UW-Madison Criminal Background Check Policy and Procedures document, dated 4 May 2007, was distributed at the door.) 1993

The motion was seconded.

There were several questions and much discussion.

Professor Mary Anderson, District 58 (Geology and Geophysics), moved to amend the final paragraph of the resolution to read, "THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that under protest, the Faculty Senate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison reluctantly accepts the policy and procedures in the current (4 May 2007) draft UW-Madison Criminal Background Check Policy and Procedures as the policy for implementation of the statutory requirements. We strongly believe that the policy as applied to all new hires is not in the best interest of the university."

The motion to amend was seconded.

There was no discussion.

The motion to amend passed by voice vote without objection.

The senate voted on the amended resolution. The amended resolution passed by a hand count of 90 yes, 31 no.

10. Professor Anne Lundin moved to adopt the Library Committee Resolution Regarding Publishing Rights and Agreements. 1994

No second required.

The motion passed by voice vote without objection.

11. Professor Yafei Li moved to adopt the Resolution Regarding the Importance of Graduate Funding. 1995

The motion was seconded.

There were several questions and comments.

The motion passed by voice vote.

12. Professor Irwin Goldman presented for discussion the Recommendation to Merge the Department of Forest Ecology and Management and the Department of Wildlife Ecology. 1996

There were no questions or comments.

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13. Professor Goldman presented for discussion the Recommendation to Dissolve the Department of Food Microbiology and Toxicology. 1997

There were no questions or comments.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

David Musolf
Secretary of the Faculty