

CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY

Faculty Senate

Meeting February 24, 2004 - 3:30 p.m.

Toepfer Room, Adelbert Hall

Minutes

Members Attending

Taroon Amin
Timothy Beal
Cynthia Beall
Randall Cebul
Sayan Chatterjee
Sara Debanne
Fady Faddoul
Steven Feldman
Jerry Floersch
Lynne Ford
Stanton Gerson
Susan Hinze
Edward Hundert

Jaikrishnan Kadambi
Patrick Kennedy
George Kikano
Elisabeth Köll
Alan Levine
Jerome Liebman
David Matthiesen
Frank Merat
Shirley Moore
Carol Musil
Georgia Narsavage
Spencer Neth
Wyatt Newman

John Orlock
R. Sue Pearlmutter
George Perry
Gerld Saidel
Richard Settersten
Laura Siminoff
David Singer
Lynn Singer
Cyrus Taylor
Elizabeth Tracy
E. Ronald Wright

Others Present

Daniel Anker
Peter Bacevice
Nabil Bissada
Joanne DiCarlo
Joanne Eustis
Lev Gonick
Caryl Hess
Katryn Karipides

Hue-Lee Kaung
Anthony Kinslow
Lenore Kola
Emory Lee
Jeanne Madison
Raymond Muzic
Dean Patterson
Karen Potter

Patricia Princehouse
Margaret Robinson
Hossein Sadid
Virginia Saha
Susan Shurin
Laura Tanski Lockledge
Rhonda Williams

Professor David Singer, Chair of the Faculty Senate, called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Faculty Senate meeting of January 26, 2004 were approved, with the addition of Susan Hinze as an attendee.

President's Announcements

President Hundert noted the meeting over the past weekend of the Board of Trustees which included an orientation for new trustees, and the annual meeting of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee and the Academic Affairs and Student Life Committee discussing SAGES.

He commented on the announcement of the University's bond rating as being downgraded but slightly "with a positive outlook" as we take on double our debt to invest in building new residences and other academic facilities.

The search firm of Isaacson Miller will assist the University in the search for a new dean of the Weatherhead School of Management, and the President asked that any suggested names be submitted to Susan Shurin.

Interim Provost's Announcements

Dr. Lynn Singer had no additional announcements other than to remind all to think through the SAGES proposals and to encourage attendance at the faculty forums for discussion.

Chair's Announcements

Professor David Singer noted that an item of new business was being proposed on the teaching of science in public schools, and that it would require a vote of 2/3 of those present to add it to the agenda.

Report of the Executive Committee

Professor Kathleen Farkas gave the report for the Executive Committee which met on February 11. A request to tape record Faculty Senate meetings to aid in accurate reporting was denied. The Graduate Studies Committee has endorsed approval for a joint J.D./M.A. in political science, approved membership on the committee for the professional school representative on the Faculty Senate, and has been preparing an Academic Integrity Policy for the School of Graduate Studies which they will bring to the March meeting. The By-Laws Committee is endorsing suggested changes for the University Committee on the Status of Women Faculty in their name, role/purpose, and in the bylaws governing membership on that committee. The Information Services Committee presented an Acceptable Use of Computing and Information Technology Resources policy [to come to the Senate in March]. Also discussed was the agenda for the dinner meeting with the Academic Affairs and Student Life Committee on February 19th, and the agenda for the February Senate meeting was approved.

Report from the By-laws Committee

David Singer relinquished the chair to Spencer Neth while he addressed a proposed amendment to the Faculty Handbook with regard to clarification of the role of the Faculty Senate chair in faculty grievance procedures. D. Singer said he believes the intent has always been thus.

RESOLVED that Chapter 3, Policies and Procedures for the Members of the Faculty, Part One, V, A, of the Faculty Handbook be amended by the inclusion as a new last sentence: "The chair of the Faculty Senate shall represent the University Faculty in assuring that due process is followed."

There being no discussion, the vote was called and all present voted for the amendment, none opposed. **The motion passed.**

The committee chair, Georgia Narsavage, presented the second item from the By-Laws Committee, a proposal from the Committee on the Status of Women Faculty.

RESOLVED that changes to the bylaws of the Faculty Senate describing the name of the committee, membership and charge to the Committee on the Status of Women Faculty be approved per statement attached to the agenda.

There was no discussion, though the rationale was offered that this committee had originated as a President's Commission and was now a regular Faculty Senate

committee, and that membership restructuring was just now being completed as was done with all other committees previously. **The motion passed unanimously.** There was some discussion on how it was determined which committees were given certain issues to review and move forward.

Report from the Graduate Studies Committee

Professor Emery Lee of the Political Science Department stood in for the committee's chair, John Clochesy. The committee studied the original proposal from the College of Arts and Sciences and recommended several minor changes. With those now included, the committee finds no objection to the proposal.

RESOLVED that approval be given to offer a new dual degree program, J.D./M.A. in Political Science (proposal plus addendum attached to the agenda).

Professor Lee explained that the Law School has several dual degree programs and that there is much synergy between these two programs. There is some reduction in required credits over two separate degrees, and the integrity of the M.A. is safeguarded by examination. [The committee intends to further study the whole question of dual degree programs.] The motion was called and was **approved unanimously.**

Report from Information Resources Committee

Discussion of the Acceptable Use Policy was postponed to the next meeting when a representative for the issue could be present. All were urged to read this policy which is applicable to the whole university.

New Business

Professor Cynthia Beall distributed the proposed resolution on the teaching of science in public schools (K-12). The motion was made and seconded to add this item to the agenda, 31 in favor and 1 opposed, motion passed.

C. Beall explained that the text of the resolution is approved by the Ohio Faculty Council, and its intent is to support the teaching of science in all public schools and not to confuse science and religious issues. Case has been a leader in trying to insure that scientific research methods are followed. There followed considerable discussion on publicity for this resolution and an explanation of what exactly is in the new lesson plan 9. In the end, 29 voted in support of the resolution, none were opposed.

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Lynne E. Ford
Secretary of the Faculty Senate