

CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
Faculty Senate
Meeting of May 12, 2004 10 - 11:30 a.m.
Toepfer Room, Adelbert Hall
Minutes

Members Attending

John Anderson	Edward Hundert	Gerald Saidel
Timothy Beal	Jaikrishnan Kadambi	David Singer
Cynthia Beall	Patrick Kennedy	Cyrus Taylor
Thomas Bishop	Edith Lerner	Elizabeth Tracy
Bo Carlsson	Jerome Liebman	Angela Woollacott
William Deal	Elizabeth Madigan	E. Ronald Wright
Kathleen Farkas	David Matthiesen	Kristin Zakariasen
Jerry Floersch	Frank Merat	

Others Present

Daniel Anker	Laura Tanski Lockledge	Timothy Robson
Peter Bacevice	J. Adnin Mann	Hossein Sadid
Paula Baughn	Beth McGee	Lynn Singer
Nabil Bissada	Raymond Muzic	
Robert Bonomo	Dean Patterson	
Denise Douglas	Roy Ritzmann	
Timothy Fogarty	Margaret Robinson	

Professor David Singer, Chair of the Faculty Senate, called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Faculty Senate meeting of April 27, 2004, were accepted, as corrected to include the attendance of Caryl Hess and Margaret Robinson.

Provost's Announcements

Provost John Anderson announced a title change for Joanne Eustis, now to be the University Librarian, formerly the director.

On undergraduate enrollment, Dr. Anderson said that the projection now is down from 825 to perhaps 750-775. Factors which offset our new marketing practices and on-line applications may have been our competitors holding to or increasing their discount rate and our increased tuition. The overall two-year class size (freshman and sophomore) is at the Vision target, and the quality of our student body remains the same as in previous years. He said we will have to raise the priority of undergraduate recruiting and involve all schools of the university.

President's Announcements

President Hundert had no additional announcements

Chair's Announcements

David Singer noted his and the Executive Committee's concern about changes in policy on backing-up of computers with the discontinuation of using the Harbor system.

He gave his thanks to members of the Senate's standing committees and their chairs for their dedicated work all year.

Report of the Executive Committee

There was no report as this additional Senate meeting was held with the limited agenda of hearing reports from a few standing committees and to discuss and vote on implementation of the SAGES program for all entering undergraduate students.

Nominating Committee Report

Chair Kathleen Farkas announced the election of E. Ronald Wright, Associate Professor of Nursing, as chair-elect, with thanks to Frank Merat for being a very worthy opponent.

By-Laws Committee

Elizabeth Madigan stood in for Chair Georgia Narsavage and reported that the revised by-laws for the FPB School of Nursing were found to be in compliance with Faculty Handbook changes by the By-Laws Committee and the University Counsel. The vote on the motion to approve the revised by-laws was taken and PASSED by 23 in favor and none opposed.

Professor Edith Lerner noted that the Handbook now includes the ability to change tracks.

Report of the UUF Executive Committee

Chair J. Adin Mann noted, in addition to his written report, that it had been an interesting year, in part because of the work on SAGES, but also because of reports from the ad hoc Committee on Course Evaluations and discussion on changes to the UUF by-laws. A vote on changes to the by-laws was deferred because of changes which would be required for SAGES.

As for SAGES, Professor Mann outlined that there was discussion and a vote to approve implementation by the individually concerned faculty constituencies, by the UUF Executive and Curriculum committees, and at the recent UUF General Faculty Meeting. The UUF Executive Committee will have a role in looking at the institutional impact of SAGES.

UUF Resolution Concerning SAGES

Chair of the UUF Curriculum Committee Timothy Fogarty presented the resolution to adopt SAGES as the new general education requirement for all entering first year undergraduate students. He outlined the course of events starting with the Art & Science Group report in 1999 and leading to the present time when some faculty, initially skeptical, are now very enthused. He stated that many student organizations have expressed their beliefs that this is a good program. The business model shows that SAGES is expensive but affordable. Faculty support is generally very strong.

He discussed the pedagogical benefits that SAGES will promote collegiality across units, that the status quo was not an option, and that SAGES can get even better. This will depend on the administrative backbone in quality control, faculty cooperation, and a strong marketing effort to bring in those better students attracted by the SAGES concept. For all these reasons, he advocates the approval of SAGES.

The floor was opened for discussion. There was no discussion, and the vote to approve the resolution as written in the agenda was approved by a vote of 23 in favor and none opposed.

Faculty Senate Chair David Singer turned the gavel over to Bo Carlsson, a symbol of the change in leadership of the Faculty Senate for the 2004-2005 academic year, thanking Professor Carlsson for all the efforts in working together with him during the past year. The new chair then thanked Professor Singer, on behalf of the entire Senate, for his leadership and diligence during his term, setting a good example for the future.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Lynne E. Ford
Secretary of the Faculty Senate