

MINUTES OF THE FULL FACULTY AND
FACULTY SENATE MEETING
March 25, 2014

Prof. Alistair Lees (Department of Chemistry) called the Full Faculty meeting to order at 11:45 a.m. in UU Mandela Room. He welcomed President Harvey G. Stenger and turned the meeting over to him.

President Stenger began his report to the Full Faculty meeting attendees. See attached PowerPoint presentation for details.

Questions and answers:

Question from Prof. Naslund (Geological Sciences and Environmental Studies) Our old goal was 1,500 undergraduates and 500 graduate students in five years. How does the new five-year goal of 2,200 students break down in terms of undergraduate and graduate students?

President Stenger noted that our numbers are growing faster at the undergraduate level. If we stay in the same trajectory for the next two years, we will go back to the original plan of 1,600 undergraduate students. We are hoping to be able to change that trajectory.

Question from Prof. Michael (Biological Sciences) Of the three potential locations for the Pharmacy School, can you share the criteria of the choice and how the choice will be made?

President Stenger responded that cost, prominence within the city, visibility, cleanliness, friendliness for the city, and closeness to United Health Services are the main things we will need to think about.

Question from Prof. Guzman (Mathematical Sciences) Regarding the questionable budget support for the Pharmacy School from Albany, how will that change the timetable? Will we be able to start the school with less than the planned \$20 million?

President Stenger noted that our original plan was that the Pharmacy School could be housed in Science II with renovations. This is an option, but not a very good one. We are going to do this right and the way we want to. Governor Cuomo is aware that this is a multi-year commitment of \$60M. There is risk that we proceed without this entire commitment.

Assemblywoman Lupardo is committed to get the budget amount changed from \$2 million to \$10 million. 1 374.71 454.87 Tm 0 0on.5(on)14()6(f)m[1 15934[b1 0 0 1 475.18)-8(oe)14()-4(scho)3

example microbiology, are pretty full now. Will we make sure there will be more sections available to meet these demands?

Provost Nieman noted that we will remedy this as with any other situation. We do not believe the impact will be large on biology and chemistry. We are reminded that we are looking at a class of 60 PharmD students and most students will be coming in with a bachelor in science; perhaps only 10 to 15 students would need this. This is a revenue positive program which will generate resources for a variety of priorities.

After no more questions, a motion to approve the proposal was made by Prof. Michael (Biological Sciences) and seconded by Prof. McGuire (Anthropology). After no more discussion, this proposal was approved by a vote of 37 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

b. Faculty-Staff Handbook -- Change to VII. C. 5. Final Examinations

Question from Prof. Xingye (Mathematical Sciences) regarding the scheduling of exams.

Provost Nieman noted that most universities have their final exams scheduled ahead of time. We hope to do this which will clarify things for students and faculty.

Question from Prof. Santos (Systems Science and Industrial Engineering) Will the Registrar schedule the final exam?

Provost Nieman noted that this will be done automatically before the beginning of the semester.

Prof. Michael (Biological Sciences) urges that there be a mechanism to indicate up front if a professor is not planning to schedule an exam so we are not asking the Registrar to schedule times and rooms that sed.

Provost Nieman agreed that this is reasonable, and an opt-out method would be made.

Prof. Pages (German and Russian Studies) stated that there is a concern about the wording. This is a problem for foreign language pedagogy. He suggests eliminating the last sentence of first paragraph.

Prof. Reiter (School of Management) noted that this sentence was added to cover any other kind of test to be given and that any type of final test can only be given during exam week. This sentence was added to make this policy global.

Prof. Starks (Classical and Near Eastern Studies) stated that there are some different types of testing in languages.

Prof. Reiter (School of Management) again noted that any final tests should be done during the final exam week, no matter what kind of test it is. Any final tests, no matter what type, should be done during exam week.

Prof. Brown
sentence of first paragraph. Revised language is as follows:

If there is no comprehensive final examination but rather a series of examinations or quizzes, the last examination, test or quiz must take place on the assigned day during final examination week.

A motion was made to approve the proposed change in the wording of I changed to . After no discussion, this revised wording was approved by a vote of 33 in favor, 0 against, 3 abstentions.

A motion was then made to accept the entire bill. After no discussion, the bill was approved by a vote of 33 in favor, 1 against, and 2 abstentions.

c. Syllabus statements on credit hours and course expectations

This item was tabled for the next Faculty Senate meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:58 pm.

Present: Nael Abu-Ghazaleh, Josephine Allen, Jeffrey Baker, Mark Blumler, Howard Brown, Sharon Bryant, Subimal Chatterjee, Manas Chatterji, Zu-yan Chen, Scott Craver, Magdalena Czubak, Jill Dixon, Fernando Guzman, Colleen Hailey, Mathew Johnson, Surinder Kahai, Celia Klin, Les Lander, Anne Larrivee, Michael Lawson, Alistair Lees, Patrick Madden, Aja Martinez, Randall McGuire, Robert Mess, Sandra Michael, Pamela Mischen, H. Richard Naslund, Donald Nieman, Neil Christian Pages, Robert Palmer, Xingye Qiao, Sara Reiter, Daryl Santos, Thomas Sinclair, Pamela Smart, Diane Sommerville, John Starks, Harvey Stenger, Gary Truce, Deanne Westerman, Jill Yaples

Excused: Gisela Brinker-Gabler, George Catalano, Jungyun Cho, Pamela Sandoval, Leigh Ann Wheeler

Absent: Allan Arkush, David Bartine, John Baust, Jonathan Biggers, Christopher Bishop, Donald Boros, Yulong Chen, Joseph Church, David Clark, Derrick Conyers, Marilyn Desmond, Deborah Elliston, Salvador Fajardo, Samantha Fox, Alfonso Flores-Lagunes, Douglas Glick, Charles Goodman, Jennifer Gordon, Vincent Grenier, David Klotzkin, Christopher Knapp, Ji-Song Ku, Ricardo Laremont, Stephen Levy, Seungbae Park, Solomon Polachek, Eugene Stevens, Dale Tomich, Michael West, David Wilson, Thomas Wilson