

MINUTES OF THE FULL FACULTY AND
FACULTY SENATE MEETING
November 2, 2010

Prof. Sara Reiter (School of Management and Chair of the Faculty Senate) called the Full Faculty meeting to order at 11:50 a.m. in UU Mandela Room. She welcomed Interim President C. Peter Magrath and turned the meeting over to him.

Interim President Magrath addressed the Faculty Senate, saying he was glad to be here at the Faculty Senate

At this time, Interim President Magrath addressed the foreign language issue. He said language is a part of SUNY and we will continue to teach languages at BU. Prof. Strehle agreed and noted that humanities are a crucial part of a liberal arts education. Interim President Magrath noted that humanities are fundamental here and will continue to be fundamental.

Prof. Rosmarie Morewedge (Dept. of German and Russian) was delighted to hear Interim President Magrath talk about the quality of this institution and for his support for humanities, especially languages and global education. Prof. Morewedge asks where we stand in terms of the plan for a law school. Interim President Magrath replied that the law school proposal is at the SUNY level, being considered by Central Administration. He said we do not expect an answer for six to nine months. Law schools are relatively inexpensive to run once they are running, but we first need a facility and to hire a dean and faculty, etc. which costs a significant amount of money. If we get approval, our next step is to decide what is realistically possible and how it fits with our other priorities.

- b) Prof. Peter Knuepfer (Geological Sciences and University Faculty Senator) reported on the recent University Faculty Senate meeting. Prof. Knuepfer is a University Faculty Senator representing Binghamton and also serves on the University Faculty Senate executive committee as representative from the University centers. There were discussions at both levels about the suspension of programs at SUNY Albany in languages, theatre, and classics. After much discussion, the University Faculty Senate passed resolution #156-02-1 "Resolution on the Suspension of Programs at the University of Albany" due to the importance of languages in SUNY.

Prof. Knuepfer noted that there was a discussion with Monica Rimai, SUNY Senior Vice Chancellor and Chief Operating Officer regarding the budget. The day before this discussion, SUNY passed an additional \$23M cut (\$1.5M additional to this campus). This totals \$600M in cuts to SUNY over the past three years. Prof. Knuepfer thanked both former President DeFleur and current Interim President Magrath and Vice President VanVoorst for keeping us on track.

Prof. Knuepfer went on to discuss where the transfer initiative

