

College of Arts & Sciences Faculty Senate

Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2009

I. Roll call

Attending: Sloane-White, Meyer, Weber, Noble-Harvey, Case, Beiler (substitute for Brueckner), Busch, Levia, Bernstein, Cakoni, Burton, Hanley, Owocki, Cohen, Rise, Szabo, Coleman, Goldstein (substitute for Rosenberg), Brockmann, Pelesko, Cleveland, Seraphin, Watson, Ardis, Austin, Doren, Browning, Bonham, Miller

Excused: Davis, Chen, Turkel

Absence: Chapman, Ridge, Hoffman, Johnson, Silver, Jensen, Ussery

II. Call to order

President John Brockmann called to order the regular meeting of the CAS Faculty Senate at 4:00 on February 23, 2009 in 104 Gore Hall.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes from the November were approved as read with a vote of 23 approving, 1 abstention.

IV. Dean Remarks

Deputy Dean George Watson made remarks on behalf of Dean Apple and gave an overview of the college's work on the strategic plan, including work on the Capital Campaign. The Capital Campaign is an aggressive development effort for envisioning the Path to Prominence. With the current economic climate, the deans have been asked to go through a budget reduction exercise to trim the current year's block budget by 4, 6, and 8% in preparation of a possible state budget cut. The service areas of the university have already cut 5% this year and will be cutting 5% again in the coming year. It is inevitable that there will be budget cuts, the question being how much. John Bernstein commented that he had not heard of the Capitol Campaign previously and wondered if this was in response to the budget cuts. Watson indicated it had been in place with the arrival of the new administration and in the beginning stages for a while. Brockmann asked about the attempts to increase budgets with enrollment and tuition. Watson indicated that Admissions is admitting a larger incoming class and that the College must increase instructional capacity with no increase in budget. Miranda Wilson asked that if the money follows the students in RBB, how soon will the college actually see the funds? Watson indicated the college will see tuition revenue as it is booked. He also announced that there was a meeting by upper administration with members of the board of trustees asking them to consider a tuition increase of 9%. The Commitment to Delawareans will be maintained; the balance between need-based and

merit-based aid will likely be adjusted. He pointed out that institutions across the country are in similar financial situations and increases in tuition and incoming classes are anticipated there as well. Jane Nobile-Harvey asked if all the searches will continue or will they be cut? Watson indicated planning for faculty hires will take place with the chairs in annual budget planning meetings. Watson also stressed that budget reductions will NOT be across the board.

V. Announcements

- a) John Pelesko was introduced as the new President-Elect
- b) Joann Browning was introduced as the new Faculty Fellow in the Dean's Office
- c) Corrie Bonham was introduced as the new undergraduate student representative
- d) Kathleen Miller was introduced as the new graduate student representative

VI. Ed Affairs Business

In November all proposals were approved except for the GIS Proposal which a senator asked to have clarified. A vote was taken on the GIS Proposal – 23 approved, 3 abstained.

Tony Seraphin discussed the breadth requirements and the UD Senate Graduate Committee's resolution on the breadth requirements. He voiced his concern that the requirements were suppose to go public and have not. He and President Brockmann asked that senators request their representative on the Graduate Committee to table the proposal until public discussion has been held.

John Bernstein asked if this is shrinkage of the requirements. It was explained by Brockmann that the college's requirements have passed, but would be a change in the requirements across the university.

VII. Old Business

None

VIII. New business

None

IX. Adjournment

President Brockmann adjourned the meeting at **4:45**

Minutes submitted by: Mary E. Cleveland

Minutes approved by: John Brockmann