

Arts & Sciences Senate
September 23, 2002
Tentative Agenda

I. Approval of agenda

Old Business:

- II. Approval of minutes from April 22 meeting (see below with minutes from 3/18/02 not approved at 4/22 mtg)
- III. Report from Past President (A. Tyree)
- IV. Report from the New President (J. Kuchner)
- V. Report from the Curriculum Committee (R. Cerrato)
- VI. Gen Ed Report from SUNY Central (N. Goodman)

New Business

- VII. Dean Staros: Visions of working with the Arts & Sciences Senate and impressions of the University
- VIII. Other New Business
- IX. Adjournment

Note: Minutes to follow.

Arts & Sciences Senate Fall 2002 Schedule:

Please make sure you place the meeting dates on your calendar.
All meetings are held in the Javits Room, Library 2nd Floor at 3:30 p.m.

September 23, 2002
October 21, 2002
November 18, 2002

Arts and Sciences Senate
April 22, 2002
Minutes

I. Agenda Approved

II. Approval of Minutes from March 18, 2002 – postponed to next meeting

III. DEC K (R. Cerrato)

At the last Senate meeting a resolution was passed that the syllabi material will not be released. There was a meeting with the Provost where a compromise was proposed and the Provost agreed to take the compromise to Albany. A meeting was then scheduled for Wednesday, 4/24/02

Norm Goodman raised the point to the SUNY Provost of why are they being asked for the syllabi as PAC GE Provost Advisory Committee on General Education was understood to be disbanded and it was understood to be left up to individual campuses. *To be continued . . .*

IV. SPACC – suggestions from the Floor

Strategic Planning Advisory Coordinate Committee wants to know
“What do we need at Stony Brook University?”

1. 42% of Undergraduates are enrolled in Social Behavioral Sciences programs, why?

2. Hold off enrollments until we can meet the need. We can't accommodate the proposed increase from 21,000 to 25,000
3. Reduce Class Size & think about our infrastructure (Classrooms, dorms, student services)
4. Better understanding among departments between staff and faculty of budgets and resources.
5. Challenge all faculty to be willing to look for resources from non University resources
6. Last Academic Plan was driven by #'s, it did not look at the overall situation. Future plans need to be well rounded.
7. Departments need to look at themselves as individual groups and we need to encourage inter/cross discipline components. I.E. University of Wisconsin
8. Look at existing minors and can they grow (interdisciplinary)?
9. Has anyone asked the students why they stay here?
10. Investing concerns not dumping all revenues into new things, but continually investing in existing programs/departments.

V. Structure and Strength of Stony Brook Senate System – Disregard per Andrea

VI. Status Report R. Liebermann

Impacts of cutting 5%

- Last year we hired 25 faculty, this year only 8-12 faculty were hired
- The graduate program was preserved
- Priority was given to gateway courses that lead to majors & DEC requirements
- Trying to save faculty who have received better offers/raises.

The new Dean is Professor James Staros, Biochemistry. This is a good opportunity to share new ideas.

Question posed:

How do you support faculty so that they don't have to go out and get offers from somewhere else?

- Pre-emptive salary adjustments
- Decrease waiting time to promote faculty

VII. Other Old Business

SUNY Wide Faculty Senate received a proposal from an outside vendor that wanted to offer on-line courses that satisfied Gen ed requirements.

We need faculty to join University Senate committees from SUNY. See Norman Goodman for details!

Their website is: <http://www.sunycgcc.edu/faculty/jones/ufs/>

VIII. New Business

New ideas for the Executive Board of the CAS Senate.

Suppose the cabinet consisted of:

President

Vice President

2nd Vice President who acted as the secretary as well.

After the President's term was up, the VP would move into the President spot and the 2nd VP would move into the VP slot, and so on . .

IX. Adjournment - 4:50pm

