

University Senate Minutes  
September 10, 2007

I. Approval of tentative Agenda – approved

II. Approval of minutes from May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007 – approved

III. President's Report (S. Kenny)

- This is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary for Stony Brook. There are events that are being planned, the first of which will be the convocation on September 19<sup>th</sup> at the Staller Center. Former Stony Brook Presidents, John Toll and John Marburger will be present.
- A new Provost has been appointed. Dr. Eric Kaler will be on campus beginning on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. President Kenny thanked Dr. Brent Lindquist for doing a fine job as Interim Provost
- The capital campaign goal for this year will be \$300 Mil with a 2-3 year period in which to finish the campaign
- During Q and A to President Kenny, Norman Goodman observed that there is an increasing demand on infrastructure. Dr. Goodman added that there should be a group addressing the issue and faculty should be involved.
- President Kenny gave a Facilities update. New School of Journalism newsroom has been completed. Two new residents hall projects are underway and a new 30,000 gross square foot Biomedical Engineering building is now under construction next to the Life Sciences building (see President's written report)

VI. Interim Provost's Report (B. Lindquist)

- Richard Leakey has been elected to the highly prestigious Fellowship of the Royal Society
- Four Stony Brook Professors were approved for appointments to distinguished ranks. Distinguished Professors: Gregory Belenky (Electrical Engineering), and Miriam Rafailovich (Materials Science). Distinguished Teaching Professor: Thomas Hemmick (Physics). Distinguished Service Professor: Vincent J. Iacono (Periodontics)
- Total of 22,450 students were registered on opening day this fall, 603 more than last year. There will be an updated snapshot through first couple of weeks of fall semester.
- SUNY Critical Incident Management Initiative: requires the development of a process of documenting, reporting, treating and following-up with any disruptive abnormal or threatening behaviors that cause concern to faculty and staff
- Announcement for call for nominations for Distinguished awards (see Provost's written report for deadlines)

- Survey on space is being spearheaded by Barbara Chernow (VP for Administration's Office)
- Initiatives that are in the planning stages: Bill Arens is pushing for permanent study abroad sites. Plan to target Asia for recruiting efforts with a permanent office (possibly Shanghai)
- SPD was given an award by the Osher Foundation. SPD has a life-long learning program. They have 650 life-long learners through this program and if they can increase the number to 1,000 by year three there will be a 2 Mil endowment

#### V. Senate President's Report (B. Lane)

- A Senator was a member of the search committee for the new Provost and the EC had a role in the last stages.
- The Undergraduate Council endorsed the Critical Incident Management Initiative Statement and they will continue to monitor it. Have asked the Campus Environment Committee to look into security
- Two rejuvenated committees are starting to meet. The Research Committee and the University Affairs Committee. The Charge for the University Affairs Committee needs to be revised
- There are still open positions on Standing Committees. If you are interested in a position, please visit the new Senate website at: <http://stonybrook.edu/univsenate/>

#### VI. Old Business: No old business

#### VII. New Business: No new business

Adjourned at 4:35

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