

Tentative Agenda
University Senate Meeting
March 4, 2002

- I. Approval of tentative agenda
- II. Approval of minutes from University Senate meeting on February 4, 2002
- III. Report from Senate President (B. Walcott)
- IV. Provost's Report (R. McGrath)
- V. Dean of Arts & Sciences-Impact of cuts (R. Liebermann)
- VI. Dean of Engineering and Applied Sciences: Impact of cuts (Y. Shamash)
- VII. Undergraduate Council Resolution on Electronic Devices (see below)
- VIII. Middle States Planning Process (M. Aronoff and P. Djuric)
- IX. People Soft Update (R. Reeder or P. Baigent)
- X. Old Business
- XI. New Business

Undergraduate Council Resolution:

Students are expected to:

CURRENT STATEMENT:

secure in a closed container (and not, for example, wear on a belt or around the neck) and turn off (and not for example, simply set to vibration mode) electronic communication devices, including cellular phones, beepers, speakers, and headphones during an examination.

PROPOSED:

secure and turn off electronic communication devices, including cellular phones, beepers, speakers, and headphones during class time unless otherwise directed by the course instructor. Any use of a cell phone or other unauthorized electronic device during an examination may lead to an accusation of academic dishonesty.

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Recorded by David Hanson
February 4, 2002

Agenda was approved.

Minutes from 12/3 were approved with a change made on p. 2 to read "parking lots replacing trees."

Provost's Report by Robert McGrath. A written report also was provided.

Searches for a Chair of the Department of Asian Studies and a Dean of CAS continue.

Beginning search for a Dean of Marine Sciences, both external and internal.

Faculty salaries: Funds are available for Phase 2 of the salary adjustment initiative.

Budget: Campus is facing a cut for next year. Effort supporting graduate education will be continued, some expenditures are mandated, and we will do our best.

Strategic planning exercise: Important need to have lots of good people engaged. The advising and coordinating committee has been constituted and will meet tomorrow.

The written report contains a listing of activities at Stony Brook Manhattan.

The Emerson String Quartet will be artists in residence in the Fall and will participate in teaching.

Mark Aronoff reported the formation of the Committee on the Undergraduate Experience (the Q Committee). The purpose of this committee is to try to improve the fit between the institution and the student body. Will try to identify areas where a difference can be made quickly, and then will look at the university overall. Possibilities: one-credit seminars at all levels, an honor society for freshmen that will have real functions to address the needs of high achieving students, a residential college with real content. A steering committee of 12 for the Middle States review is being constituted. Middle States has a new plan for the self study – a selected topics study. The tentative theme is student success at Stony Brook, examining the ways undergraduate and graduate study are connected together. The first site visit will be in April or May. The visiting committee will take place in April 2004.

President's Report by Shirley Kenny. A written report also was provided.

SUNY has asked us to prepare for a 5% decrease by asking us to accept a flat budget and cover mandated salary increases. We can handle this situation, will have to postpone some things, expect an increase the following year through increased tuition funds.

An emergency task force was comprised after 9/11 to address various security issues.

Subcommittees have met and will report to the whole task force. There are many difficult issues to address.

Spring enrollment is higher than in previous Springs.

The SUNY 5 year facilities plan now is the 6 year plan. Humanities construction will begin this summer, around July 15. Ambulatory surgery will open around March 1. The Bridge to Nowhere will be removed, it has become unsafe. The recreation center, paid for by student fees of \$75/semester, passed the Board of Trustees and needs to go to the legislature. Probably will be constructed between the Student Union and the Athletic Center.

A formal opening of Stony Brook Manhattan will held in February.

Question: Is Stony Brook still seeking to purchase Gyrodyne land? An offer for part of the property was turned down. The current Gyrodyne plan is to create a golf course, luxury housing, and a research center. This plan likely will not be approved by Brookhaven and Smithtown.

Question: What is the status of the hotel/conference-center project? Discussions put on hold after 9/11, but this project is very important to Stony Brook and will be pursued.

Question: Are there plans for new residence halls? None at present, we need to examine the needs.

Question: Why are GRI funds handled by the Construction Fund? These funds originate from bonds.

Question: Since Buffalo includes Rosewell Park in their research enterprise and reporting of funds, shouldn't Stony Brook include BNL? Bob McGrath responded that these are two different issues even though he would like to include Brookhaven, and there are other concerns about the data reported.

Stony Brook Day in Albany, Tuesday February 26, Pat Cruso reporting.

This time of year I am busy recruiting participants. You can register at the web site: www.StonyBrook.edu/Albany. Participants meet with legislators, describe Stony Brook's successes, and describe aspirations for the University. The day begins very early, board luxury buses, eat free breakfast, arrive in Albany around 10:30, participants go with a team leader to appointments that have been scheduled. Teams consist of 8 to 10. Hour break for lunch, appointments finish at 3 for a reception, depart at 4, arrive back between 8 and 9. Two movies are included. Can involve students and extra credit class assignments. Participants are invited to a preparatory buffet/party and also a thank you buffet/party.

Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities, reported by Ben Walcott.

This new award recently has been announced. The Executive Committee is working to put together a nomination committee of Distinguished Professors. The intent is recipients will rotate onto this committee, which will always have two Distinguished Professors.

Report on Campus Webpage by J. Levich

Suggestions should be sent to Jacob.Levich@StonyBrook.edu.

Perhaps the directory should be more prominent.

The university name on the web site and the one we should use is Stony Brook University.

SUNY Senate Report by Bill Godfrey

A resolution emerged for a rationale fiscal policy for the funding of public higher education in NY State.

Discussion centered on connecting what happens on individual campus to what happens on a statewide basis.

The Chancellor reported that he works behind the scenes to increase funding for SUNY and finds this effort to be more effective than public posturing.

Norm Goodman reported that while a rationale fiscal policy seems logical, much lobbying is needed to bring it about.

No old business, no new business

Motion to adjourn passed at 4:52