

Tentative Agenda  
University Senate Meeting  
May 6, 2002

- I. Approval of tentative agenda
- II. Approval of minutes from University Senate meeting on April 1, 2002
- III. President's Report (S. Kenny)
- IV. Provost's Report (R. McGrath)
- VI. SUNY Senate Plenary Session Report (A. Wishnia)
- VII. Fall 2002: Consideration of a proposal to establish a Navy ROTC "cross town" program on SB Campus (B. Lindquist)
- VIII. Report from Dean of Physical Education and Athletics (R. Laskowski)
- IX. Information on the new Undergraduate College of Information and Technology Studies planned for F'02. (M. Aronoff)
- X. Old Business
- XI. New Business

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Recorded by David Hanson  
April 1, 2002

Agenda was approved.

Minutes from March were approved after changing  
Item 5c to read, "...Aligning Aspirations with Resources: Scope ..."

Report from Senate President

Ben reported on the upcoming 5 year review of President Kenny by SUNY and asked President Kenny for clarification of the process, which involves a site visit on April 29.

Dick Mann said the deadline for responses had been extended to April 19.

SK said she had been asked for a self study and would be happy to share it.

SK said it would be unlikely to change the date, but she would share a copy of the process document.

Ben will call Marianna in the SUNY Chancellor's Office regarding the schedule and the process.

President's Report by SK.

A written report was submitted.

Salary increments for Management Confidential were limited to those under 75K\$.

LIPA funds matched with State funds for the wireless technology initiative can only be used for facilities.

A search for Dean of Medicine is being conducted.

Much activity is being directed at informing high school students about opportunities at Stony Brook especially in NY City schools through SB Manhattan. Also, new scholarship money is available for high-achieving students.

SB Manhattan has much activity, all are invited to visit 401 Park Avenue South.

Have a new PR person on board.

Moving ahead on fund raising. Are ahead of last year. Are beginning the silent phase of the Capital Campaign. Now working on the planning: includes endowed Chairs, facilities, and various

projects. Development Office needs help from faculty, e.g. identifying candidates for endowed Chairs. Pass ideas and requirements on to Bill Simmons.

Question: Is Gyrodyne property still a possibility even though an offer from SBU has been declined? Yes, discussions can be continued. State also could condemn the property for public use.

Question: Will enrollment increase in the Fall? There will be a slight increase.

Provost's Report by Mark Aronoff

Two students won Goldwater Scholarships, only Columbia and Geneseo in NYS also had 2.

Several upcoming lectures by prominent persona were announced.

The CAS Dean search still is underway.

Presented and discussed a chart on 2001 selectivity of regular admitted students. Data reveals that in four years the students in Group 1 increased from 23% to 39%, and Group 3 admits dropped from 30% to 12%. These are admitted students not enrollees, but the average measures between the admitted group and the enrolled group are similar. Clearly Stony Brook is becoming more attractive to better students.

Question: Increasing the quality of the freshman class makes it more difficult to teach 300-level classes involving both Stony Brook students and transfer students. What can be done about this situation? Better freshmen should have higher persistence, and the number of transfer students may decrease.

Question: How is faculty retention doing? A large salary initiative has been used to address this issue. We have managed this year to retain key faculty.

Resolution 1 on the use of cell phones and communication devices was discussed and passed.

Resolution 2 on repeated courses was discussed and passed following correction of a typo (*courses courses* changed to *courses*).

Dick Mann Report on Capital Building Projects

Completing a 5 year capital plan involving about 180M\$, which will be done in 2004. The remaining projects in this plan involve the Humanities Building, Heavy Engineering, Staller Theater, SAC Two, Stadium, Winter cooling for the Wang Building, and Sunwood.

Hospital is seeking 2.5M\$ in bond money to build facilities that will help it be self-sufficient.

The bridge-to-no-where will come down this summer, the Staller pit also will be redone this summer.

Access to the child care center has been redone.

New signs have gone up around campus at the entrances.

A traffic light and turn lanes will be put up at the intersection of Forest Drive and South Drive.

Conference center / hotel project is on hold to see how it can complement the Wang Center.

Recreation Center is to be financed by bonds and student fees. Expect approval soon.

Planning a third wing of SAC to house operations that currently are in the Union, so the Union then could be remodeled for classrooms.

Are not planning additional student housing. Have 8200 beds on campus, which is a large number, need to assure there is demand before building.

Have been given 50 acres in Calverton for an incubator for agriculture and other industries relevant to eastern Long Island. Other uses may develop.

Have been working with the Construction Fund to put together the next capital plan, which will provide 80% for maintenance and renovation and 20% for new projects. For example, Old Chemistry, could renovate and add a wing. Requested 400 M\$, may get 150 M\$.

We can use Utility Bonds to support energy saving improvements. These bonds are paid by the savings in the energy costs. Are investigating whether heating and cooling infrastructure can be financed in this way, which would allow capital money to be used for other things.

Question: What about the faculty club? Could be included in SAC. Can save money by having one central well-done kitchen.

Question: Is there a draft report of the development plan from the environment consultants? Not yet available.

Question: Where will the conference center be built? By the main entrance off Nichols Road.

Question: What about replacing the trees around the ambulatory surgery center? They will be replaced. More trees were removed than we intended.

Question: What about landscaping and the roadway around the Wang Building? Will be redone when funds are available.

Question: What about the houses across Nichols Road? No plans, they need renovation, suitable for low traffic use only.

Question: Who owns Nichols Road and how do we get the lighting improved? The county, we would need to go to them.

#### Chris Filstrup on the Library Strategic Plan

Stony Brook's ranking with respect to collections and staffing is low. To improve, we need to demonstrate how faculty and students would benefit. We are at the beginning of producing a plan.

A plan is important because more and more information is in digital form, and it is available over networks. Also, the library needs to tell its story more effectively to the campus.

We are trying to do this efficiently. Have an outside consultant coming in. Want to include as many people as possible in the process.

Controversial questions that we need to address: What do we do with print journals that have electronic versions? Stacks are nearly full, what should we do?

Question: How can the stacks be full, when the branch libraries were closed we were told there was lots of room? No, the stacks are nearly full.

No old business, no new business.

Motion to adjourn passed at 5:09