

Tentative Agenda  
University Senate  
March 3, 2003

1. Approval of Minutes from Feb 3, 2003 meeting
2. Approval of proposed Agenda
3. Report from University President
4. Report from Provost
5. \*\* Resolution: Reduction in proposed tuition increase (N. Goodman)
6. \*\* Resolution: Change in class schedule beginning Fall 2003(L. Martin)
7. \*\* Resolution: Balancing student population and resources (R. Kerber)
8. \*\* Resolution: Change in transfer policy re college courses taught in high school; transfer of credits to Gen. Ed. requirement (Univ. Senate Undergrad Council)
9. Old business
10. New business

\*\* Due to the large number of resolutions introduced at this session, discussion will be limited to 15 minutes for each. After 15 minutes a call for vote (table, approve, etc.) will be made.

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Minutes of the University Senate February 3, 2003  
Recorded by Frank W. Fowler

The President of the Senate, W. B. Lindquist, called the meeting to order at 3:39 PM. The agenda was modified by postponing item IX until the March Senate meeting, adding P. Cruso to give an announcement on Albany day and deleting item VIII. G. Tortora was not present because of illness. The revised agenda was approved. Two corrections to the Senate 12-02-02 meeting minutes were made and they were approved.

The President of the Senate made a short report introducing the following items.

1. A reminder to senators to report Senate business to their constituency. A recent action taken to address this issue has been to place University Senate information in the Weekly Campus Announcements. Suggestions were made to provide a link to the Senate web page in these Campus Announcements and to set up a University Senate listserv where issues of concern to the Senate could be discussed.
2. Progress on the Green Belt (introduced by S. Engelbright at an earlier meeting this year) was presented. Two parts of the Engelbright proposal were acquisition of the Gyrodyne property and preservation of open space. This plan was illustrated using an aerial photograph of the area in question. The University President was concerned that if the University Senate proceeded with the Gyrodyne part of this proposal at this time it might interfere with her negotiations on the matter and she requested we temporarily defer any action. The next step is to wait for the State Budget to see what funds might be available to pursue this project further.

A written report was submitted by the University President. She was not present for an oral report.

A written report was submitted by the Provost followed by an oral presentation where he highlighted the following items of the written report.

1. The long awaited appointment of the BNL director was announced. The importance of the relationship between BNL and SUSB to futures of both institutions was noted.
2. The Provost continues to be pleased by the international recognitions of the faculty and staff.
3. A committee has been appointed to address the State mandated general education assessment. The chair of this committee, Manny London, made a short presentation where he commented that the committee is carefully reviewing the earlier 1999 report on this issue and trying to decide whether our assessment should be narrow or broadband. He mentioned that we are behind since 22 schools have already had their plans approved. Any assessment plan will be brought to the University Senate for approval.
4. Other items in the written report mentioned orally were student surveys, the upcoming Wolfram talk in the Provost's lecture series, the contribution of SUSB to the Intel finalists, and the formation of a committee to explore the poor diversity among SUSB faculty.

In addition to the above items in the Provost's written report the following items were presented in his oral report.

1. Spring enrollments are up 4% compared to last year.
2. Unfunded mandates concerned with homeland security have added an unexpected burden to the University. We need a compliance officer to deal with these issues and we will need to make a report in March reporting where selected agents are located and how they are monitored.
3. We appear to be facing a 12% budget reduction over two years. The approximate breakdown of this reduction is 5% mandated by the UUP contract, an immediate budget reduction of 2.5% (5% for the complete year), a 1% UUP merit increase and a 1% reduction that was covered by the University President last year but is being passed on this year. Normal attrition will not be able to deal with a 12% budget reduction. If the budget reduction occurs the current hiring freeze will continue. We will not be able to fund new initiatives, we will cut TAs by 10% and reduce certain programs. The Governor's budget is a starting point. The proposed tuition increase is about equal to the budget reduction.

This presentation was followed by questions and comments about the budget and its consequences. Pat Cruso made a short presentation encouraging everyone to get involved with the February 25 visit to Albany. For more information visit their web site: <http://naples.cc.sunysb.edu/Admin/albany.nsf>

N. Goodman introduced the motion on the tuition increase previously distributed with the agenda. This motion was seconded and a discussion followed.

H. Silverman moved the Goodman proposal be split into two motions; one concerned with the tuition increase and the other with TAP. This motion was seconded and a short discussion followed. This proposal failed because it did not receive a majority of those voting.

A motion was made by M. Bishop, and seconded, to table the Goodman proposal. This motion passed by 2/3 of those voting.

R. Mann made a presentation on capital construction.

1. There will be new residence halls west of the newest residence halls. This new residence hall will be different and lie just to the west of the one just completed. The plan for this proposed residence hall is for 6 rooms to share a bathroom and kitchen. This proposed residence hall will be completed in fall of 2004 at a projected cost of \$41M.

2. A new co-generation plant is being proposed that would provide \$50M savings in utility costs over the next 20 years. The construction will be funded privately.
3. There is \$1.6B in the Governor's budget for capital spending. This is better than previously projected.
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M. Bowman proposed the University Senate adopt the following resolution against a war with Iraq:

Be it resolved that the Stony Brook University Senate go on record as strenuously opposing the Bush administration's march toward a war with Iraq, and be it further resolved that members of the University Senate urge the Administration of Stony Brook University, the Graduate Student Organization, the Student Polity Association, and other representative branches of the Stony Brook University Community to adopt this resolution and take a stand towards stopping the Bush administration's march towards a war with Iraq.

The above motion was seconded and a discussion followed. It was moved (J. Kuchner) and seconded to table the above motion. This motion passed.

At about 5:10 pm a motion was made and seconded to adjourn.