



University Senate

Tentative Agenda
University Senate Meeting
November 5, 2001

- I. Approval of Tentative Agenda
- II. Approval of the Minutes from University Senate meeting of October 1, 2001
- III. President's Report (S. Kenny)
- IV. Provost's Report (R. McGrath)
- V. Proposal for Change in Class Schedule: B. Walcott
- VI. Peoplesoft Presentation: R. Reeder
- VII. The SUNY Senate Plenary Session Report: D. Kinney
- VIII. Old Business
- IX. New Business

University Senate Meeting
Recorded by David Hanson
October 1, 2001

Agenda was approved.
Minutes from 9/10 were approved.
President's Report submitted as a written document.

Provost's Report - A written report accompanied the presentation.

David Hicks, Associate Provost, has volunteered to help others conduct events associated with the WTC catastrophe. Many events are listed on the SB web site. Events/symposia have been planned by Music, Theater Arts, and faculty groups.

A letter was distributed encouraging faculty to be flexible in accommodating student needs resulting from 9/11. David Ferguson, CELT, volunteered to help faculty in this regard.

Enrollment has increased along with increases in selectivity and SAT scores. Details were provided in the written report.

Enrollment Planning. A broadly based group will be convened to assure that we can provide quality services to the number of students that we have. Some have questioned whether we have more students than we deserve to have.

We are working on having approved quality articulation agreements with community colleges.

PeopleSoft is a big deal. We should have a whole Senate meeting to hear what is going on this year: admissions, student financials, financial aide, registration, advising.

Stony Brook – Manhattan (28th and Park) is up and running. Courses are being offered this semester along with alumni events. Mark Aronoff hosted a meeting and found the facility fantastic. Use is coordinated by David Hicks in the Provost's Office. Faculty are encouraged to make use of the facility by organizing classes, especially those that might attract students to Stony Brook, and events that benefit from being in NYC.

Search for Chair of Asian Studies is about to be closed out with a hire.

Search for Business Dean is open.

In response to a question: Most non-tenure track positions are in Writing. Not clear why the percentage of women in these positions is higher than in tenure-track positions.

SUNY Senate Report.

A written report on the Sept. 20-22 Planning Meeting accompanied the presentation by Arnold Wishnia.

Responses from Chancellor Robert King to the resolutions passed at the April meeting were reported. He did not respond favorably to the democratic nomination of trustees or faculty serving as paid expert witnesses.

There is concern about the impact of the loss of diversified sources on funding and directions of research. Corporations are playing a growing role in setting priorities.

Norm Goodman's announcements: Student Life Committee will sponsor a conference on initiatives bringing faculty and student support services together to increase retention, and the Information Committee will establish a web site where SUNY Senate information can be posted.

In response to a question: SUNY Connect is a mechanism for pooling library resources and making journals available electronically at all campuses.

Issues of Security and Safety post 9/11. Report from Chief of Campus Police.

Brought all staff in following 9/11. Seemed to have an effect in quieting things down.

Hospital loading zone has been closed to the public. Doors have been locked.

A few cases of harassment have been reported, but nothing serious. Suspicious packages were reported and resolved. Trying to secure buildings. Emergency planning is taking place.

Crime is down, campus has been quiet. Want to establish card access to all the buildings.

Lawrence Martin pointed out that the story of students arrested for demonstrating was false.

The Campus Police work with the FBI and Terrorist Task Force.

Bill McAdoo emphasized that we should have zero tolerance for intolerance and make sure by proclamations from the top that innocent people are not harassed or mistreated on campus or off campus. We should recognize that people were experiencing many unpleasant situations that went unreported to formal authorities.

GSO Report on Student Activities Relative to 9/11 by the President of GSO

Held a forum last Monday. A series is being developed called *Divided We Fall*. Intent is to send out positive messages. Will try to attract participants by inviting big name speakers and using widespread publicity. Need to work together to provide support to minorities who feel threatened. A number of possibilities were described. One example is *Peace Partners*. Norm Goodman emphasized that universities need to be leaders in a national debate on future courses of action so campus-based activism can take place in an informed way. To contact the GSO about these issues, email, or pwalrad@ic.sunysb.edu.

No old business, no new business

Motion to adjourn passed at 4:40.