

REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

Minutes

April 3, 2000

Prior to the start of the regular meeting of the University Faculty Senate, President David Roselle presided over the semi-annual general faculty meeting. Memorial tributes were made to Professor James Moore, retired from the Department of Chemistry; and to Professor Reed Geiger, emeritus professor of History. Following the tributes, President Roselle remarked upon the progress of the University's Capital Campaign. As of February, donations and gifts have totaled \$194 million of the campaign's goal of \$225 million. Among the recent notable gifts are \$25 million from MBNA and \$300,000 from the Star Foundation to support student participation in our study abroad programs. President Roselle also made special note that 234 employees are members of the Delaware Diamonds, and gave examples of the outstanding opportunities made possible by those donations. Concerning admissions, President Roselle noted that our matriculation rate has increased by one-third over the last two years. This year, we received 3,500 more applications than ever received and, consequently, our acceptance rate will decline. Recognizing our obligation to Delaware, however, the parallel program will accommodate approximately 90% of in-state applications. President Roselle also said that we may soon have the funds to meet the calculated financial need of all Delawareans. Giving a update on facilities, President Roselle remarked upon our successful historic preservation projects, with special attention to Bayard Sharpe Hall. New projects will commence this summer: Deferred maintenance on Wolf Hall; a new facade for DuPont Hall; and office facilities for Career Services and other units, with an attached parking deck, by Perkins Student Center.

Following the general faculty meeting, the regular meeting of the Faculty Senate commenced.

I. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the March 6 and March 13 meetings of the Senate were approved as distributed.

III. REMARKS BY PROVOST SCHIAVELLI

Provost Schiavelli made no remarks.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Carl Jacobson provided the Senate with information concerning Internet Portals and the University's campus strategy. UD is collaborating with 30 other educational institutions to build a shared portal framework that would allow customization of personal portals for each individual in the UD community. UD is heading a software clearinghouse, as part of this collaboration, with other partners building the framework. UD does not intend to take part in free portal services (which come with advertising aimed at students), which would compromise both the look and the purpose of our website.

President Mark Huddleston announced three items of information. First, the statistics program is transferring from the Department of Mathematical Sciences, College of Arts and Science to the Department of Food and Resource Economics, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Second, documentation supporting the curricular change for Elementary Education majors that was approved by the Faculty Senate on March 6, 2000 was provided and approved by the appropriate committees. Third, a new checklist for academic program approval has been designed and is attached to the April 3, 2000 agenda.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Announcements for Challenge. The following announcements for challenge were adopted by consent.

1. Recommendation from the Graduate Committee on Education with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education and the Executive Committee, for revision of an existing major to add two credits and

teacher competency exam to Literature and Pedagogy, Department of English, College of Arts and Science.

2. Recommendation from the Graduate Committee on Education with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education and the Executive Committee for revision to an existing concentration to the M.Ed. in Educational Leadership, College of Human Resources, Education, and Public Policy.

3. Recommendation from the Executive Committee for a proclamation commending Dr. Carol Hoffecker for her work on the General Education Proposal.

4. Recommendation from the Executive Committee to change the name of the College of Human Resources, Education, and Public Policy to the College of Human Services, Education, and Public Policy

WHEREAS the phrase Human Resources has come to denote an area of personnel administration, and

WHEREAS the University's own Employee Services office was recently renamed Human Resources, and

WHEREAS the phrase Human Services better describes key activities of the College of Human Resources, Education, and Public Policy, be it therefore

RESOLVED that the name of the College of Human Resources, Education, and Public Policy be changed to the College of Human Services, Education, and Public Policy.

B. Resolutions. The following resolution, recommended by the Undergraduate Committee on Education with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education and the Executive Committee, for the creation of a new form of recognition for Certificate of Business Fundamentals, College of Business and Economics was approved by consent.

WHEREAS the College of Business and Economics has been involved in the University's partnership in the State's Information Technology Initiative; and

WHEREAS one of the main thrusts of the IT initiative is to provide non-business majors with more access to business education; and

WHEREAS non-business majors would benefit from the opportunity to earn a Certificate of Business Fundamentals, which would appear on their transcript; be it

RESOLVED that a Certificate of Business Fundamentals be hereby established.

VI. AGENDA

A. Old Business. There was no old business.

B. New Business.

1. A recommendation to implement a mechanism for discouraging faculty/staff from keeping a large number of overdue books was presented from the Library Committee with the concurrence of the Executive Committee. There was some discussion as to whether the proposed policy was too lenient and a "zero tolerance" policy for overdue books would be more appropriate. An amendment to the resolution was proposed, in which it would be resolved that borrowing privileges be suspended for any faculty or staff member who has any books past their due date (as opposed to at least 10 books as in the original resolution). The amendment failed. The motion, the text of which follows, was approved by the Senate.

WHEREAS a library is a shared resource; and

WHEREAS there is no policy discouraging University of Delaware faculty and staff from keeping books long past their due date; and

WHEREAS books held past their due date by faculty and staff prevent others from having access to valuable research material; be it therefore

RESOLVED that a policy of suspending the borrowing privileges of any faculty or staff member who has at least ten books past their due date be adopted; and be it further

RESOLVED that this policy be implemented by the Morris Library by June 2000, and that this policy be reviewed by the Senate Library Committee three years after its implementation.

2. A recommendation to extend the graduate student loan period for library books was presented from the Library Committee with the concurrence of the Executive Committee. The motion, the text of which follows, was approved by the Senate.

WHEREAS the extended use of books is of great value to University of Delaware doctoral students; and

WHEREAS University of Delaware students can borrow books for 60 days under the current library policy; and

WHEREAS numerous University of Delaware doctoral students have expressed the need for a longer period; and

WHEREAS research libraries in the region comparable to the Morris Library typically have loan periods longer than 60 days; be it therefore

RESOLVED that the loan period for University of Delaware doctoral students be extended to 120 days; and be it further

RESOLVED that this policy be implemented by the Morris Library by the Fall of 2001 and that this policy be reviewed three years after its implementation.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

President Huddleston asked if there were items of new business, reminding the Senate that such proposed items could not be acted upon until the next meeting. Hearing no other proposed new business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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