

MINUTES OF THE FACULTY SENATE MEETING
May 8, 2012

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1. Minutes A motion was made to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2012 meeting as submitted. On voice vote, the motion was approved.
2. Approval of degree candidates Prof. Strehle asked for a motion to approve the lists of degree candidates contingent on completion of requirements for respective degrees. Motion was made by Prof. Lee, seconded by Prof. McGuire. On voice vote, the motion was unanimously approved.
3. Obituary Notices Prof. Strehle notified the body that Prof. Joseph Butler, Professor Emeritus of Geography and Prof. Elias Schwartz, Professor Emeritus of English passed away. We recognize their contributions to the university, and as is established practice, a note of condolence has been sent to their families on behalf of the Senate.
4. Old Business
 - a. * H Q (G 3 * ' Clarification had been requested at the Faculty Senate meeting of November 29, 2011 of how Gen Ed "G" global interdependencies courses will be implemented. It was felt that there had to be a clear policy that you had to have at least one non-western region to qualify for a G. UCC has written that G courses must focus on at least one non-western region. This will be a committee policy on how they approve courses. Prof. Strehle thanked Prof. Lander, chair of the UCC, and the entire UCC for their work.
5. Reports
 - a) Prof. Peter Knuepfer (University Faculty Senator, Geological Sciences and Environmental Studies)

implemented for another year, but the campus presidents have been asked for input. It is felt
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- Chancellor has nine areas she wants to move forward with implementation, some of which 0 13.500424

- o Opportunity for innovative instruction technology grants to develop collaborative programs.
- o How language courses operate in SUNY – Language faculty are telling the Chancellor that languages are important but many feel that what is taught is not relevant. Languages are disappearing from campuses. SUNY is trying to see how they can consolidate between campus offerings and do most of it online.
- SUNY is pressing for a full review of general education programs at the community colleges.
- The Chancellor wants to work with K-12 to get students better prepared coming out of high school.

b) Prof. Richard Lee (Chair, Faculty Senate Executive Committee), whose term as chair of Faculty Senate Executive Committee is ending, addressed the body. Prof. Lee began by saying how much he appreciated all of the committee service so many faculty have been willing to contribute, especially those who have chaired standing committees. He also extended his appreciation, respect, and admiration to the members of the Campus Governance Leaders group -- Sara Reiter and Susan Strehle, who have served as Chairs of the Faculty Senate during his tenure; Pete Knuepfer and Randy McGuire, SUNY Faculty Senators; and Howard Brown, Chair of the Budget Review Committee. Everyone who has given of their time, intellect, experience, expertise, humanity, and creativity to make this university the great place that it is for faculty and students alike deserve heartfelt thanks from all of us.

Prof. Lee encouraged more faculty to get involved with Faculty Senate and its committees as it is an important and truly necessary part of academic life. He noted that continuity in governance is assured by the overlapping two year terms of the chairs of the FSEC and the Faculty Senate.

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Susan Strehle both possess enormous experience and, just as importantly, plain good sense and backbone.

Prof. Lee told us that he had been fortunate to work with an outstanding group of administrators.

The real choice seems to be the following. Do we limit ourselves to re-proposing the model of the 20th century university with various technological upgrades and increased emphasis on work-force development or do we consider how 21st century realities call for a new 21st century model? Prof. Lee believes the real winners will be those campuses that consider what this last might mean in terms of institutional structure. We can only hope that we will realize that there is more

and a three-week course would be three credits, but there is no evidence that the three-week winter session courses do not work for four credits. But EPPC did feel this issue should be

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Chair ±Susan Strehle, English

Vice Chair ±Alistair Lees, Chemistry

Secretary ±Christine Reiber, Anthropology

Prof. Lee made motion to accept the slate, with Prof. Knuepfer seconding. After no other nominations and no discussion, Faculty Senate secretary Ms. Rushton cast an affirmative vote for the body.