

REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

Minutes

September 13, 1999

SENATORS EXCUSED:

Costel Denson, Stephen Dexter, Janet Johnson, Clifford Keil, Charles Mason, Larry Nees, Ronald Wenger

SENATORS ABSENT:

Mark Amsler, Moshien Badiey, Thomas Buchanan, Alexander Cheng, Rudy D=Souza, Rene Marquez, Charles Pavitt, John Weiss,

I. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the May 3, 1999 meeting of the Senate were approved as distributed.

III. REMARKS BY PROVOST SCHIAVELLI

There were no remarks by Provost Schiavelli

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Huddleston presented information about the functions and goals of the Faculty Senate, so that all Senators can better understand their roles and responsibilities. As an addendum to describing the Senate roles and functions, powers of the faculty, privileges of the faculty, standing committees, and Senate meeting structure, President Huddleston noted that most of the Senate business is ordinary, but important. He also noted that information pertaining to the functions and goals of the Senate are on the Faculty Senate's website (<http://www.udel.edu/facsen/>). Last, President Huddleston introduced the staff and officers of the Faculty Senate, and invited Senators to visit the new Faculty Senate offices at 164 South College Avenue.

President Roselle informed the Senate about a number of matters. While the University accepted 1,500 fewer students than last year, the yield increased to 40 percent, resulting in more freshmen students than we had anticipated. President Roselle attributed this high yield to three main factors: 1) We retain and hire good faculty and staff; 2) the condition of our physical plant; and 3) our excellent interactions with students (we are one of fifteen "best practice" schools chosen by IBM). President Roselle also noted that our relations with the state government remain good, with UD primarily requesting support for scholarships and for partnerships (particularly with public schools) programs. Reporting on the progress of the Capital Campaign, President Roselle noted that alumni are our largest category of donors. We are far ahead of our one year goal, with many large gifts to be announced shortly.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR CHALLENGE

There were no announcements for challenge.

V. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business on the agenda. President Huddleston asked if there were other items of new business, reminding the Senate that such proposed items could not be acted upon until the next meeting. While there were no new items of business, a question about the status of the General Education report was raised. President Huddleston replied that the report will be sent to the Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee. If that committee approves it, it will then be sent to the Coordinating Committee which will hold open hearings, before it appears before the full Senate. Upon a motion, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen F. Stein, Secretary  
University Faculty Senate

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