

REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

Minutes

April 9, 2001

Members Excused: Karl Aquino, Nii Attoh-Okine, Carol Denson, Charles Luebbert, Ron Martin, Charles Pavitt, T. Fraser Russell, Fred Stiner,

Members Absent: Joseph Glutting, Sherry Kitto, Paul Mettler, Steve Tague, John Weiss

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 Richard J. Crouse, a professor of mathematics at UD for 33 years; and Professor Elizabeth Bohning, a professor of foreign languages and literatures at UD for 43 years. Following the tributes, President Roselle made three short announcements: 1) Halfway through our Capital Campaign, we have reached 115% of our five year goal; 2) student recruitment is going well, with over 1,600 students and families visiting campus at the last Delaware Discovery Day; and 3) construction projects around campus are continuing on schedule, with the Academy Street Project already finished. President Roselle then informed the Senate of the report from the Middle States Accreditation team. The bottom line is that the report was overwhelmingly positive, with no mandatory recommendations for the University to address. Special note was made of the following: the condition of our physical plant; excellent governance structure; strong financial position; outstanding facilities; technology and architectural integrity well-supported; educational objectives appropriate and thoughtful; faculty and staff believe UD is a place that can get things done; impressive array of high quality student academic and support services; contributions of distance learning and continuing education programs; effective high-technology library services; and our integration of IT in every aspect of university life. It was also noted in the report that we, like many universities, need further diversification of our faculty. Next, President Roselle informed the Senators that, because of a shortfall in state revenue, there will be a 3% reduction (\$3 million) in state appropriations for UD next fiscal year. While this still amounts to a 2% increase over current appropriations, some priorities and goals will need to be reordered. Of highest priority (in order) will be faculty, staff, and students. New initiatives not yet undertaken will probably have delayed starts.

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

1. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

The agenda was adopted, with the following change: The concentration of General Animal Science was added to item

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2. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

The minutes of the February 12, 2001 and March 5, 2001 meetings of the Senate were approved.

3. **REMARKS BY PROVOST SCHIAVELLI**

Provost Schiavelli made no remarks.

4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

President Judith Van Name announced that Brian Hanson is the Senator from Geography, not David Legates, who had been identified as an absent senator in past minutes. She also reminded senators that committee reports are due to the Faculty Senate office no later than April 23.

Kristin Wing, University Bookstore liaison, spoke to the Senate about the importance of informing the bookstore of text book orders in a timely manner, as well as the book ordering process. Senators were also informed of bookstore services, such as custom publishing in which the bookstore undertakes the responsibility of obtaining copyright permissions.

Leila Lyons, Director of IT-User Services and Justin Schakelman, graduate student, described WebCT as a course management set of on-line tools for learning, communication and collaboration. In eight months, 10% of the faculty have adopted WebCT and it is used in over 200 courses. Tools are designed to foster student collaboration, cooperative

learning, interactive case studies, and student-faculty interaction. IT is able to arrange demonstrations for individual departments, as well as provide basic and customized training. Further information can be found at www.udel.edu/webct.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Announcements for Challenge. With the exception of item V. A. e. (Change of name of major: B.S. Agricultural Economics to Resource Economics; Revision of the Resource Economics concentration under that major, with change of the concentration name to Environmental Economics) which was moved to the regular agenda for discussion, all items listed on the agenda as Announcements for Challenge were adopted by consent.

1. Revisions to the following majors: B.S. Animal Science and concentrations in Agricultural Biotechnology, Applied Animal Science, Preveterinary Medicine, and General Animal Science; B.S. Agricultural Education with the creation of two concentrations and change of name from Agricultural Education to Agricultural and Technology Education; B.S. Agricultural Economics (with pending Senate approval called Resource Economics) without concentrations; B.S. Entomology; B.S. Wildlife Conservation; B.S. General Agriculture; and Masters of Fine Arts degree with a major in Art and the addition of concentrations to the M.S. degree with a major in Art.

2. Revisions to the following minors: Animal Science; Statistics, and Entomology.

3. Establishment of new minors: Resource Economics; Operations Research.

4. Establishment of a new major: M.A. degree in Agricultural and Technology Education.

5. Change of name: B.S., Agricultural Biotechnology Concentration to Animal Technology, Animal Science.

6. Revision to the degree requirements for the M.S. and Ph.D. in Biological Sciences.

7. Changes to the concentration admission requirements for the Curriculum and Instruction concentration in the Master's of Education degree.

B. Resolutions. There were no resolutions.

VI. AGENDA

A. Old Business. There was no old business.

B. New Business. As previously noted in the minutes, the proposal to change the name of Agricultural Economics to Resource Economics, along with a revision of the Resource Economics concentration under that major, and a change of the concentration name to Environmental Economics was moved from the consent agenda to the regular agenda. Senator Burton Abrams raised a concern on the part of the Department of Economics, concerning a possible overlap of content between majors in Resource Economics and Economics. It was noted that Agricultural Economics concentrates on natural resources, so its proposed name is more descriptive of the program and that, in fact, 14 schools in the northeast have already made a similar name change. The proposal was approved.

a. The following resolution, recommended by the Committee on Graduate Studies with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education and the Executive Committee to establish a new major Health Services Administration (M.S.) in the College of Health and Nursing Sciences, was approved by the Faculty Senate:

WHEREAS the role of administration continues to be one of the Advanced Practice Roles of Nurses, and

WHEREAS Health Services Administration involves a broader focus than Nursing Administration, and

WHEREAS the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) Degree specialization in Nursing Administration has recently expanded to a MSN in Health Services Administration, and

WHEREAS the past 20 years have seen multiple changes in administrative structures within health care agencies resulting in nurses being responsible for non-nursing departments and, in some cases, non-nurses being responsible for nursing, and

WHEREAS there is a pool of nurses without a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing (having a BSN is a requirement for admission towards a MSN) as well as non-nurses with a Bachelor's Degree in an area of health care who are interested in Health Services Administration, and

WHEREAS the Departments of Nursing, Nutrition and Dietetics, Medical Technology, Health and Exercise Sciences, and Urban Affairs and Public Policy have collaborated to propose the establishment of a new Master of Science Degree program in Health Services Administration, to be coordinated through the Department of Nursing, be it therefore

RESOLVED that a Master of Science in Health Service Administration be approved for provisional status for four years by the Faculty Senate.

b. The following resolution, recommended by the Committee on Graduate Studies with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education and the Executive Committee to establish a new major Hospitality Information Management (M.S.) in the College of Human Services, Education and Public Policy, was approved by the Faculty Senate:

WHEREAS the faculty in the Department of Hotel, Restaurant, and Institutional Management in the College of Human Services, Education, and Public Policy perceive a need to prepare students for careers as corporate information managers and consultants, and

WHEREAS the faculty of the Department wish to provide students with a solid foundation for doctoral work, and

WHEREAS there is an increasing market demand for hospitality information management professionals, be it therefore

RESOLVED that a Master of Science in Hospitality Information Management be approved for provisional status for four years by the Faculty Senate.

VII. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS

President Van Name asked if there were items of new business, reminding the Senate that such proposed items could not be acted upon until the next meeting. Senator Abrams, in light of our Middle States Accreditation Report, proposed a resolution commending President Roselle for his outstanding administration of the university. That item will be discussed at our next meeting. Hearing no other proposed new business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

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University Faculty Senate