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MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE December 4, 1997

The meeting was called to order by R. Crisson at 4:04 p.m. in the Room 223 of the Student Union Building.

Present: Steven Andelin, Len Barish, William Bateman, Eric Beaven, Julie Bellante, Gary Brey, Biruta Cap, Joanne Cohen, Roberta Crisson, Margaret Devlin, Erica Fegely, James Hall, Beth Herbine, Gerard Innocenti, Dennis Johnson, Andrea Kirshman, Sally Knappenberger, Kanchan Kumar, Joseph Lippincott, Carol Mapes, Lisa Norris, Mildred Reilley, Charles Roth, Randy Schaeffer, John Schellenberg, Judith Shea, Neil Shea, Bradley Smith, Jean Mae Smith, Theresa Stahler, Heather Thomas, William Towne, Samuel Westmoreland, John White, Barth Yeboah, Girma Zelleke.

Absent: Okan Akcay, Emmanuel Akillas, Alan Apple, Deborah Barlieb, Vera Brancato, Dan Cates, Charles Clark, Richard Crooker, John Erdmann, Jill Givler, Linda Goldberg, Russell Gross, Kimberly Keenan, Michael Puglia, JoAnn Spencer.

Also in Attendance: Sandra Hammann

- I. Announcements
 - A. Plans for Millennium

Sandra Hammann spoke to the Senate members about the plans underway for the millennium celebration. She reported that the theme will be *Past Reflections*, *Future Directions: Celebrating the Millenium* and that celebration activities will be included in the 1998-1999 and 1999-2000 academic years. She indicated that the groups on campus will be asked to incorporate the theme into their activities during this time.

II. Approval of Agenda

L. Barish moved, D. Johnson seconded, to approve the Agenda. The motion passed.

III. Approval of Minutes of November 6, 1997

B. Smith moved, R. Schaeffer seconded, to approve the Minutes of November 6, 1997. The motion passed.

- IV. Committee and Task Force Reports
 - A. Academic Standards and Policy Committee

B. Cap reported that the Academic Standards and Policy Committee is currently discussing mid-term reports and progress reports.

B. Committee on Committees

M. Devlin reported that the Committee on Committees is still trying to fill positions on committees, in particular, the International Affairs Committee. She indicated that a representative is needed from the College of Business in addition to a professional staff member.

<u>Events Scheduling Committee</u> - M. Devlin indicated that the Committee on Committees has received a request from the Events Scheduling Committee to add the Student Union Building Director to the committee.

M. Devlin moved, J. Schellenberg seconded, to change the structure of the Events Scheduling Committee so that one of the two undesignated professional staff members on the committee be specified as the Student Union Building Director. The motion passed.

M. Devlin further reported that the University Technology Committee has met and is working on developing its mission and bylaws.

M. Devlin also reported that the following committees have been reviewed with no recommendations as to changes: Calendar, Library, Traffic, Commission on the Status of Women, Space Allocation and Renovation, and Financial Aid. She indicated that the committee has met with the Chairperson of the Commission on the Status of Minorities relative to certain issues that the committee is struggling with and has asked the Commission to review and revise its mission if needed and then determine the appropriate committee structure. She further indicated that the committees to be reviewed during the Spring Semester include: University Safety Council, Campus Wellness Task Force, Orientation Advisory Board, Cultural Affairs Advisory Committee, and the Commission on Human Diversity.

It was so noted that the Senate wishes to commend the work of the Committee on Committees in reviewing the committees.

C. Middle States

M. Devlin reported that there is one meeting to be held yet with members of the University community relative to the Self-Study Final Report. She indicated that an addendum will be done to the Final Report and that an action plan has been developed and will be forwarded to the Strategic Planning and Resources Committee. She also indicated that a Conclusion will be included in the Final Report as recommended by Dr. Gira, chairperson of the Middle States Visiting Team.

D. Strategic Planning and Resources Committee

C. Roth reported that the Strategic Planning and Resources Committee has met and that an Outcomes Assessment Sub-committee has been developed made up of members from the Strategic Planning and Resources Committee. He further reported that information pertaining to the work being done by the Strategic Planning and Resources Committee will possibly be included in the *Headliner*. He further reported that on January 13 the committee will be discussing the Edutech recommendations.

V. Old Business

A. Presidential Response to Senate Recommendations on Academic Computing

R. Crisson read President McFarland's response relative to the Senate recommendations concerning academic computing.

VI. New Business

A. Approval of Candidates for December 1997 Graduation

E. Beaven moved, E. Fegely seconded, to approve the list of candidates for December 1997 graduation. G. Innocenti moved, R. Schaeffer seconded, to amend the motion by adding "contingent upon successful completion of all graduation requirements. The motion to amend passed.

The motion to approve the list of candidates for December 1997 graduation, contingent upon successful completion of all graduation requirements passed.

B. Election of Vice-President Elect and Secretary-Elect

M. Devlin was elected Vice President-Elect of the University Senate and J. White was elected Secretary-Elect of the University Senate. It was noted that the Secretary's position will officially begin in April due to Lisa Norris' upcoming leave of absence.

C. Academic Honesty Policy

G. Innocenti moved, J. Hall seconded, to endorse the APSCUF version of the Academic Honesty Policy. W. Towne spoke to the history of the APSCUF version and the version previously passed by the Senate.

The motion to approve APSCUF's version of the Academic Honesty Policy passed with J. Bellante, E. Fegely, and B. Smith abstaining.

VII. Adjournment

W. Bateman moved, E. Beaven seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Roberta L. Crisson, President

Lisa A. Norris, Secretary

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