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**Minutes of the University Senate**  
**Thursday, November 3, 2005**

W. Bateman called the meeting to order in 223 McFarland Student Union Building at 4:05 p.m.

Present: Marilyn Baguinon (Secretary), Len Barish, Deborah Barlieb, William Bateman (President), Eric Beaven, Vera Brancato for Kathy Hartman, Kristin Bremer, Roberta Crisson, Raymond Dalfonso for Loline Saras, Miles DeCoster, Patricia Derr, William Donner, Kevin Erdie, Lisa Frye, Ina Grapenthin, Joe Gushen, James Hall, Roger Hibbs, Ted Hickman, Marilyn Hudzina, James Hvidding, William Jefferson, Deryl Johnson (Vice President), Tracy Keyes, David Laubach, Lori Don Levan, Robert Martin, John McAndrew, Matt McKernan, George Paterno, Morris Perinchief, Ilene Prokup, Dennis Rains, Linda Rinker, Gail Rothermel, Robert Ryan, Paul Sable, Maria Sanelli, Randy Schaeffer, Judith Smith, Laura Springman, Pietro Toggia, Madan Varma, David Wagaman, Karen Wanamaker for Bruce Gottschall and Karen Williams.

Absent: Mike Demetor, Lauri Mondschein, and Karen Rauch.

Also in Attendance: Janice Chernenkoff, Debra Lynch, and Kevin McCloskey.

I. Announcements

W. Bateman stated that Dr. Jorie Borden, Department of Elementary Education and a Senator as recently as last year, passed away earlier this week. He announced that there would be a memorial service at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, November 4, at Christopher House.

W. Bateman reminded the Senate that the President's Scholarship Ball would be held on Saturday, November 5, at the TEK Park in Breinigsville. Tickets are still available at \$125 a person. Contact Barbara Walczak at the KU Foundation Office if interested.

W. Bateman updated the Senate on the SECA Campaign count and amount, 214 donors have contributed \$22,500.00.

II. Approval of the Agenda

E. Beaven moved, R. Schaeffer seconded, to approve the agenda. W. Bateman asked for a motion to amend the agenda by adding a second item under IV-A: Committee on Committees. Item 2 was a previously discussed motion on how to fill in vacancies on governance committees using temporary faculty members. M. Decoster moved, J. Smith seconded, to approve the amendment to the agenda. The motion passed. W. Bateman then asked for a motion to amend the agenda by adding a third item under IV-A: Committee on Committees. Item 3 was a request to approve governance committee appointments after the so-called second call for volunteers. E. Beaven moved, D. Johnson seconded, to approve the amendment. The motion passed. Finally, the motion to approve the amended agenda passed.

III. Approval of the Minutes

M. Varma moved, M. Perinchief seconded, to approve the minutes. The motion passed.

#### IV. Committee and Task Force Reports

##### A. Committee on Committees

D. Johnson thanked those governance committees who have been sending the Senate Office their meeting minutes and names of their chairs.

1. D. Johnson moved Motion 1 on the Agenda to replace the representative from Mathematics and Computer Science Department by a representative from Computer Science Department on the Academic Technology Committee. The motion passed.
2. D. Johnson moved Motion 2 on the Agenda which states that following the fall call for volunteers to governance committees and following a call for volunteers among non-college affiliated faculty, full-time temporary faculty may volunteer to fill vacancies on governance committees for the remainder of the academic year. The motion passed.
3. D. Johnson moved approval of the committee appointments (after the second call) as distributed at the meeting in addition of Jill Givler on the Space Allocation and Renovation Committee that was announced verbally. The motion passed.

D. Johnson announced that the Space Allocation and Renovation Committee would soon be reactivated. There are vacancies on the SARC for an at-large faculty member and a faculty member from the College of Business. If interested, contact the Senate Office.

##### B. General Education Restructuring Team

D. Lynch, Chair of the General Education Restructuring Team, gave background information on how the General Education restructuring process came about. She stated that over two years ago this Team was charged by President Cevallos to examine KU's General Education Program and to see how it might be improved. Specifically the Team was charged to set the number of required credits at 48 and to try to make General Education more uniform among the four undergraduate colleges.

D. Lynch stated that students who come to KU lack the skills needed to read, write, and think critically. The Team has worked hard to gather information to help them formulate the proposed model. She said that the Team has searched the literature, consulted with experts, explored what other schools have done, examined exemplary models of general education, and met with various academic departments at KU. D. Lynch then presented the following three proposed components of general education. They have also worked on a policy for transfer students to satisfy the proposed General Education model. The details of these proposals are found on the General Education Restructuring Team web site.

**Component 1:** The Core is designed to bring all students, regardless of their backgrounds, up to the same level of ability. It gives students opportunities for reading, writing, speaking, and critical thinking. It focuses on the foundations of the humanities, the social sciences, and the sciences. The 18-credit Core Courses should be taken during the first two years of college. These courses include College

Composition, Foundations of Speech, Foundations of Academic Inquiry, Foundations of Modern World, Foundations of Scientific Inquiry, and an Advanced Writing Course.

**Component 2:** The Breadth, very similar to the current distribution requirements, allows students to explore a variety of disciplines. The Breadth courses are 21 credits from three categories. A minimum of two courses, with different prefixes, from each category must be included as part of the 21 credits. These courses should have no or limited prerequisites and introduce a significant aspect of a discipline from the following areas: Humanities & Fine Arts, Science, Mathematics, & Technology, Social Sciences, and Electives.

**Component 3:** The Depth component allows students the opportunity to delve deeper into a topic of interest, across disciplines, and beyond the introductory level. There will be 9 Depth credits, and three courses should be from at least two different disciplines. Examples of Depth areas are Latino Studies, The Environment, American Indians, Religion, American Culture, Death, and The Middle East.

Questions were raised particularly on how small classes of 25, for example, in Foundations of Academic Inquiry, would be taught considering the irregularity of tenure-track faculty hiring. Concerns were also voiced that for some of the core courses, it is not clear as to which department should be teaching which courses. A student Senator questioned whether the Foundation of Academic Inquiry was needed. A question was also asked why foreign languages are not one of the required courses. General Education Restructuring Team member, R. Schaeffer responded that while foreign language has usually not been a required course in the General Education program for the B.S.

D. Lynch asked that those with questions and comments please contact her or any other member of the Team or see the General Education Restructuring Team web site.

C. Budget Review Committee

W. Bateman, chair of the committee, reported that at their last meeting, the Budget Review Committee (BRC) worked on setting goals for decentralization. This is a difficult process since many people do not understand how the current university budget works. The committee plans to consult with the Dean of Business and Public Affairs at West Chester University regarding goal setting. The committee plans to have a site visit to institutions, such as West Chester University, that have succeeded in decentralizing. The BRC will continue to solicit input from the Kutztown University Community. The minutes of BRC meetings are available for inspection on the Budget Review Committee web site.

D. Johnson added that the BRC reports to the Strategic Planning and Resource Committee so that everything they do will be tied into the university's long-range strategic initiatives.

V. Old Business

W. Bateman reminded Senators of the motion introduced at the last Senate meeting to update the Senate Constitution to reflect the fact that Mathematics and Computer Science

split into two departments, Instructional Technology and Library Science combined into one department, and other departments have changed names. The motion passed.

VI. New Business

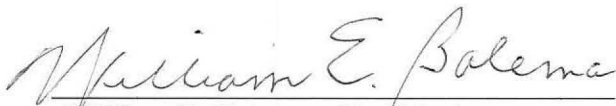
W. Bateman appointed an Ad-Hoc Election Committee to run the Senate Election for the office of Vice President (2 year term) and Secretary (1 year term) at the December meeting. The committee members are Chair R. Schaeffer, K. Bremer, and P. Sable.

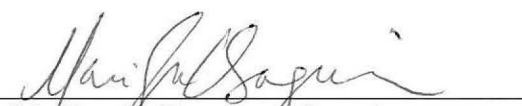
W. Bateman explained that due to term limits, Vice President D. Johnson and Secretary M. Baguion could not run again. Faculty whose term expiration is August 2008 can run either for Vice President or secretary. Anyone whose term expires in August 2007 can run only for Secretary. Anyone whose term expires in August 2006 cannot run for either of these positions. Those interested in running for either of these positions should contact the Election Committee by November 15 in order to have their campaign statements distributed along with the Senate agenda. At the next Senate Meeting on December 1, the election will be conducted.

VII. Adjournment

T. Hickman moved, M. Baguion seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

Signed:

  
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William E. Bateman, President

  
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Marilyn C. Baguion, Secretary