

MINUTES OF THE FACULTY SENATE MEETING  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2002  
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(*approved 2/11/03*)

PRESENT: Arend, D. Betz, P. Betz, S. Bloch, Bonanno, Douglas Brown, Clarke, Cleary, Collins, Connor-Linton, Cumby, Danielson, Davis, Fink, Friedman, Gale, Haramati, Hirsh, S.Hussey, Iglarsh, Larsen, Little, G.Massaró, McFadden.S.J., Morris, G. Owens, Pfeiffer, Rameh, Salles-Reese, Shad, Sitterson, Stent, K. Taylor, Verbalis, Vroman, Leslie Walker, T. Walsh, Weiss, Witek,S.J.

ABSENT: Andrews (sabb), Areen, Attinger, Bates, Byrne, Cohn, Diamond, Dimolitsas, Dover, Ernst, Gallucci, Glazer, Goldfrank, Haft, Hauser, Kromer, Lachat, Lieber, Lightfoot, Linafelt, Mann, Mastorovich, McAuliffe, McCabe, McGrail, MoranCruz, Mujal-Leon (sabb), J. Murphy, Oakley, A. O'Donnell, J. O'Donnell, Pedrick, Richardson (sabb), Rom, Ronkainen, S. Ross, Sanz, Suyderhoud, Temple, Viksnins, J. Walsh, S.J., Walters, Weidenbruch,

The meeting was called to order at 4:20 p.m. by Professor Wayne Davis. The minutes of the November 4, 2002 meeting were approved.

The Senate Steering Committee appointed Dr. Peter Byrne to the Affirmative Action Committee. A motion to confirm the appointment was approved unanimously.

Dr. Arend noted that the Alumni Association asked for a faculty appointment to their committee. The Senate Steering Committee recommended that Dr. Marcia Morris be appointed to the committee. It was moved that the Senate recommend to Dr. DeGioia that Dr. Morris be appointed to the committee. The motion was approved unanimously.

The officers of the Senate meet with the Board of Governors of the University four times a year. Two items that will be discussed at tomorrow's meeting are the appointments for clinical faculty, and the benefits increases. Dr. Davis asked if anyone wanted to suggest any other issues that ought to be discussed.

One suggestion was a discussion of paid family care leave policy.

Another suggestion was that increases in benefits costs, and parking costs, should not exceed salary increases. The recent increases have "cast a shadow" over recruitment attempts.

Another suggestion was to ask the Board of Governors to bring pressure on the faculty benefits office to consult with the faculty in a more timely fashion about any possible future changes in benefits. Dr. Davis didn't feel it was necessary to bring the Board of Directors into this issue, as the Benefits Office already seems eager to do that.

Another suggestion: GU should buy more buildings near the campus for faculty housing. Dr. Arend said that with the opening of the SouthWest Quad, we will house more students on campus, leaving available townhouses currently occupied by students. Dr. Arend said that Provost O'Donnell is thinking about making some of those townhouses available to junior faculty at reduced rent.

Dr. Davis noted that Dr. Arend is chairing the Governance Committee which will be working on revising the faculty handbook. We are trying to separate out what is contractual from what is not. Everyone should re-read the faculty handbook and think about how it can be improved. Someone raised the issue of faculty-chair relationship. We should look at the exact role of the chairs: Are they "financial officers" or not?

Dr. Haramati stated that Dr. Richard Gaintner, EVP of the Medical Campus, has stepped down because of a serious illness. Dr. DeGioia is considering chairing the Medical Center Executive Committee himself until a permanent EVP is named, sometime in the next few months.

Dr. Haramati stated that there are University based faculty at the Medical School who are currently on the "At Track" or "Clinician Educator Track". Those tracks will go away. A new committee has been formed to determine what track will replace those tracks; one possibility is a non-tenured educator track.

Dr. Haramati announced that this year, for the first time, there will be a faculty representative on COMCA (Committee on Medical Center Affairs), the subcommittee of the Board of Governors that meets with the Administration of the Medical Center.

Dr. Davis stated that Dr. George Viksnins is leaving GU at the end of the semester. He was an original member of the Faculty Senate. We will have a party for him in the spring.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

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