

MINUTES OF THE FACULTY SENATE MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2003  
205 OLD NORTH  
(Approved 7/9/2003)

PRESENT: Arend, Bates, D. Betz, P. Betz, Clarke, Cleary, Connor-Linton, Cumby, Danielson, Davis, Dover, Fink, Friedman, Gale, Glazer, Goldfrank, Haramati, Hauser, Hussey, Iglarsh, Lachat, Larsen, Lieber, Lightfoot, Linafelt, Massaro, Mastorovich, McCabe, Moran Cruz, Morris, Murphy, Rameh, Salles-Reese, Sitterson, Suyderhoud, Verbalis, T. Walsh, Walters, Witek, S.J.

ABSENT: Andrews (sabb), Areen, Bloch, Bonanno, Byrne, Collins, Douglas Brown (sabb), Cohn, Collea, Diamond, Dimolitsas, Ernst, Gallucci, Haft, Hirsh, Kromer, Little, Mann, McAuliffe, McFadden, S.J., Mujal-Leon (sabb), Oakley, A. O'Donnell, J. O'Donnell, Owens, Pedrick, Pfeiffer, Richardson (sabb), Rom, Ronkainen, S. Ross, Sanz, Shad, Sistrunk, Stent, Taylor, Temple, Vroman, Walker, J. Walsh, S.J., Weidenbruch, Weiss

GUESTS: Michael Cole, Gabriel Hansen, Chris Joyner (newly-elected senator), Marko Moscovitch (newly-elected senator)

The meeting was called to order at 4:25 p.m. by Professor Wayne Davis.

Corrections to the April 14, 2003 minutes of the Faculty Senate were offered. One vote was not unanimous, but had one abstention. And, the names of two former senators should not have been listed as absent. The minutes were approved with these corrections.

Professor Davis welcomed the newly-elected and re-elected senators from the Spring 2003 Faculty Senate elections. He noted that one new senator, Father Scott Pilarz, S.J., will not be joining the Senate as he is leaving to become president of Scranton University. This means that Professor James Shedel, who received the next highest vote total, will be asked take his place. The new senators will begin serving on July 1, 2003.

It was noted that after the last Senate meeting, Professor Little briefed the Medical Center Caucus on the actions of the Family Care and Maternity Leave Task

Force and asked for Medical Center participants on the taskforce. Professor Haramati reported that the Medical Center Caucus will provide the name of a Medical Center representative for the taskforce.

Professor Arend presented the nominations approved by the Main Campus Caucus for appointments to University and Main Campus committees for the next academic year. He noted that the Law Center and Medical Center will be providing names at a subsequent time. The Senate voted unanimously to approve the nominations put forward by the Main Campus Caucus.

Professor Haramati noted that some Medical Center committees start in July and the full Senate will not meet again to approve nominees until September. He suggested that the Senate Steering Committee be granted the authority to approve the Medical Center nominees, who will be named on Tuesday. Another senator suggested that the Medical Center nominees might serve temporarily during the summer. A motion was put forward to provisionally approve the Medical Center Caucus nominees until September, followed by formal approval in September. Considerable discussion ensued. Some options discussed were the possibility of an email vote, or a summer meeting of the Senate. A friendly amendment was added to provisionally approve only those Medical Center Caucus nominees who will serve on Medical Center committees, while Medical Center nominees to University committees will be discussed by the Senate in September.

The motion, as amended, is: "The Senate provisionally approves the Medical Center Caucus's forthcoming nominees for Medical Center committees, and will vote in September on approval of the Medical Center Caucus's nominees to University committees." The motion passed with 40 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention.

Professor Davis next presented the 2003 Senate Service Awards to Father John Witek, S.J., and Professor Gloria Massaro. Professor Davis stated that Father Witek is a long-serving Senate member who runs the Main Campus elections with efficiency, rigor and dedication. In addition to his election duties, Father Witek has served on numerous committees, including the Governance Committee, where he served as chair. Professor Davis noted that Professor Massaro is a well-known senator who participates in nearly every Senate meeting and is a strong advocate for the principles of faculty governance. She has served on numerous committees, including the Rank and Tenure Committee, which she chaired for a time.

Professor Moran Cruz, chair of this year's Nominating Committee, ran the election of Senate Officers for 2003-05. She thanked the members of her committee [Professors S. Bloch, J. Connor-Linton, K. Gale, and J. Suyerhoud] for their hard work, and she provided the Senate with copies of a Report on the Nominating Process. She noted that this report reflects some questions on rules and procedures that were raised by her committee; they will be passed on to the Governance Committee.

Professor Wayne Davis ran unopposed for President and was elected unanimously by a voice vote.

Professor Rhonda Friedman ran unopposed for Secretary-Treasurer and was

elected unanimously by a voice vote.

Professor John Murphy ran unopposed for Vice President, Law Center and was elected unanimously by a voice vote.

Professor Anthony Arend ran unopposed for Vice President, Main Campus and was elected unanimously by a voice vote.

Professor Mark Danielson and Professor Aviad Haramati ran for Vice President, Medical Center. Each of the nominees made a brief statement, then the floor was opened for discussion of the nominees. Many senators spoke in support of each candidate.

One senator noted that the Senate was voting for the position of Senate Vice President, Medical Center, and the Medical Center Caucus could select their own chair, even though traditionally the Caucus chair is the Vice President. It was noted in response to a senator's question that if the positions of Medical Center Caucus chair and Vice President, Medical Center were held by different people, both could be on the Senate Steering Committee.

Another senator noted that it was strange to have the candidates present for the discussion. He also asked whether the Medical Center Caucus could meet to discuss the nomination situation among themselves before the Senate vote. Professor Davis said that the Senate Constitution requires that the elections must go forward at the current meeting. He said the candidates could leave if they so choose. Professor Haramati and Professor Danielson both acknowledged that they were willing to leave the room if requested, but no such request was forthcoming.

A motion was put forward to end debate and commence with the vote.

It was asked if the nomination could be discussed in the Caucus before a vote. It was explained that the constitution requires that the vote be held at the current meeting.

The portion of the Senate Constitution pertaining to election of new officers was read, and one senator suggested that the language might allow for a vote after new members were installed, as opposed to elected. Professor Davis disagreed. It was asked that this concern over language be added to Nominating Committee's report, and Professor Moran Cruz agreed.

The motion to close debate passed unanimously.

Professor Arend noted that parliamentary procedure allowed that the Senate meeting may be recessed and resume on another day after the Medical Center Caucus meets to discuss nominations. A motion was then put forward that the Senate meeting be recessed until the Medical Center Caucus could agree on a new third nominee. There was no second.

The vote commenced by written ballot. Professors Connor-Linton and Bates counted the ballots. There were 25 votes for Professor Haramati, 12 votes for Professor Danielson and 1 abstention.

Professor Haramati presented an update on the draft of the proposed Medical Educator Track. The previous draft was approved by the Executive Committee, but was subsequently altered by attorneys in some areas. In reviewing the newest draft, the Medical Center Caucus proposed that it be amended to clearly state that this track is intended for a limited (but not specific) number of faculty. It was feared that without this clarification, the track had the potential to be misused as a substitute for the tenure

track. It was moved that the track be approved, with the revision offered by the Medical Center Caucus, as follows: The last sentence of the Background section should read: "Whereas the Tenure and Research tracks are for faculty whose primary contributions are to scholarship and research, respectively, the *Medical Educator* track is designed for only a limited number of faculty in each department whose primary contributions are to teaching or other areas related to medical education."

Some concerns were voiced over the opportunity for "track-hopping" in the proposed plan, specifically over the wording added by the University Counsel in the last two sentences of the last paragraph in the "Appointment to Another Track" section of the draft. A friendly amendment was added to the original motion that the final sentence of the paragraph in question be removed and the word "ordinarily" be removed from the second-to-last sentence of the paragraph.

Another friendly amendment was added such that in the first line of the section "Initiating an Appointment on the Medical Educator track" the word "should" be changed to "will."

The Medical Educator Track draft was unanimously endorsed by the Senate, subject to the Medical Center Caucus's revision and the two friendly amendments.

One senator asked about the status of discussions about "mock tenure" within the Committee on Academic Freedom. Professor Bates answered that the Committee had decided not to discuss the issue until the status of Medical Center tracks was settled.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.

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