

# Summary 2004 - 2005

## Summary of the Work of the University Senate, 2004 - 2005

In accordance with the **Bylaws of the Senate of Syracuse University**, Article IV, Section 6, that the Agenda Committee submit to the Senate a summary of its work during the preceding academic year, this report is submitted to the Senate.

During the academic year 2004-2005, the University Senate met on the following dates:

15 September 2004  
13 October 2004  
3 November 2004 (open forum)  
10 November 2004  
8 December 2004  
19 January 2005  
9 February 2005 (open forum)  
16 February 2005  
23 March 2005  
20 April 2005

On the following pages is a summary of the action taken by the Senate and a brief abstract of the work of its committees. Full committee reports are on file in the Senate Recorder's Office.

### I. ANNUAL MATTERS

The University Senate recommended to the Board of Trustees the conferring of appropriate degrees on May 15th and 22nd, 2005 upon those candidates who qualified for such degrees by Friday, May 13th, 2005 or May 20th, 2005 at 12:00 noon, and upon those students who would complete requirements for degrees at the end of the various summer terms and the fall semester of the 2005-6 academic year. The University Senate recommended to the Board of Trustees that the list of persons approved by the Senate be honored with an honorary degree. The nominees included: Dave Bing; Robert P. Moses; Meryl Streep. Additional nominations added at the January and February Senate meetings included: Dr. P. Ole Fanger; Maurice Sendak; Jane Goodall.

The University Senate recommended to the Board of Trustees of Syracuse University that the following retiring faculty members be honored with the title *Emeritus*, to be added to the rank at which they retired:

#### Retiring Faculty Members

Karl Barth	Professor of mathematics
Steve Bossert	Professor of teaching and leadership
Goodwin Cooke	Professor of Practice in international relations
Cissie Fairchilds	Professor of history
Nahmin Horwitz	Professor of physics
G. Burton Harbison	Professor of music
Lawrence Lardy	Professor of mathematics

Julia Loughlin	Professor of sociology
Samuel McNaughton	Professor of biology
Donald Meinig	Professor of geography
James Newman	Professor of geography
Milton Sernett	Professor of African American studies

The Senate **Committee on Appointment and Promotions** and the promotions committees of the schools and colleges of Syracuse University recommended to the University Senate for transmittal to the Board of Trustees that the members of the faculty listed below be promoted as indicated:

### Recommended Promotions

<b>Architecture</b> to Associate Professor	Elizabeth Kamell
<b>Arts and Sciences</b> to Professor	Marina Artuso Uday Banerjee Jerry Evensky Madonna Harrington Meyer
to Associate Professor	Andrew Cohen Michael Gaddis Winston Grady-Willis M. Gail Hamner Claudia Klaver Jackie Orr Jane Read Jeremy Shiffman Honying Wang
<b>Arts and Sciences/Education</b> to Professor	Joanna Masingila
<b>Education</b> to Associate Professor	Barbara Applebaum
<b>Engineering and Computer Science</b> to Professor	Gustav Engbretson Prasanta Gosh Jianshun Zhang
to Associate Professor	Andria Costello
<b>Human Services and Health Professions</b> to Associate Professor	Kim Jaffee Ambika Krishnakumar
<b>Information Studies</b> to Professor	Bruce Kingma
to Associate Professor	Martha Garcia-Murillo David Lankes

	Ian MacInnes Jian Quin
<b>Law</b> to Professor	Lisa Dolak
<b>Management</b> to Professor	Amiya Kumar Basu Elletta Callahan
to Associate Professor	Kasing Man
<b>Visual and Performing Arts</b> to Associate Professor	Doug Easterly Miso Suchy Errol Willett

## II. CURRICULUM MATTERS

The Senate approved the following programs and program changes during 2004-2005:

### College of Arts and Sciences

- C.A.S. in Civil Society Organizations
- C.A.S. in Leadership of International and Non-governmental Organizations
- C.A.S. in Security Studies
- M.A. in International Relations

### College of Engineering and Computer Science

- program revision, M.S., Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering
- program revision, Electrical Engineering

### School of Education

- M.S. in Art Education, professional certification

### College of Human Services and Health Professions

- B.S. in Health and Wellness
- Minor in Social Welfare

### School of Public Communications

- M.A. in Television, Radio, Film

### University College

- Certificate in Organizational Leadership, distance learning format

### College of Visual and Performing Arts

- M.Mus. in Piano

## III. MOTIONS

## Committee on Academic Affairs

The Senate approved a motion, which recommended the establishment of a **Department of Biomedical and Chemical Engineering** representing the merger and renaming of two departments; i.e., the Dept. of Bioengineering and Neuroscience and the Dept. of Chemical Engineering and Materials Science.

The Senate approved a motion recommending the changing of the name of the Mechanical, Aerospace and Manufacturing Engineering department to **Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering**.

**The Senate approved a motion recommending structural and name changes in the College of Visual and Performing Arts**, which would merge: Studio Arts, Art Education and Illustration to become the Department of Art; Museum Studies, Communication Design and Advertising Design, and Design to become the Department of Design. **The motion further recommended a name change from Art Media Studies to Department of TransMedia**, and the separation of the new department of TransMedia from the School of Art and Design to become an independent unit.

## Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered Concerns

The Senate voted to approve a motion recommending that the Chancellor issue a public statement on the contradiction between the University's nondiscrimination policy, which includes sexual orientation, and the military's policy of discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation; that the University join the Forum for Academic and Institutional Rights (DAIR) as an *amicus* party in support of First Amendment Rights and academic freedom; that the University develop and implement a mechanism for students who do not wish to be contacted by military recruiters to opt out of receiving such solicitations; that the University work to find ways to ensure that ROTC students are able to take classes and participate in activities pertaining to LGBT subjects without detriment to themselves; and that LGBT student requests for domestic partnership benefits continue to be held confidential, and that such students be informed of their right to refuse to provide permission for access to these records.

## IV. IN MEMORIAM

The Senate received statements *in memoriam* of the following members of the University community, who had died during 2004-5:

- School of Management professor emeritus Eric Lawson
- College of Law professor emeritus Samuel Fetters
- University Librarian Peter Graham
- Newhouse professor Ted Grace
- School of Education professor Peter Mosenthal
- Geology professor Geoffrey Seltzer
- Sociology professor emeritus Manfred Stanley

The Senate voted to include the statement in the record.

## V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following committees reported on their work. Full reports are on file in the Senate Recorder's office.

The **Committee on Academic Affairs** reported on its work from 2003-5, including a review of the merger and renaming of the Bioengineering & Neuroscience and Chemical Engineering and Materials Science departments to form a Department of Biomedical and Chemical Engineering, as well as recommending a department name change from Mechanical, Aerospace and Manufacturing Engineering to Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering. The committee reviewed and recommended endorsement of the restructuring in the College of Visual and Performing Arts (see Motions, p. 5). **The committee reported that the following students had been selected as SU Scholars:**

- Jaime Benson (Arts and Sciences)
- Tyera Eulbert (Public Communications/Arts and Sciences)
- Katherine Hogan (Architecture)
- Lara Jeremko (Management)
- Lisa Lowe (Information Studies)
- Linda Ober (Public Communications/Arts and Sciences)
- Cory Pattak (Visual and Performing Arts)
- Richard Pepe (Engineering and Computer Science)
- Linsey Phillips (Engineering and Computer Science)
- Paul Swartz (Management/Arts and Sciences)
- Meagan Weatherby (Arts and Sciences)
- Kenneth White (Visual and Performing Arts)

**The Committee on Administrative Operations** reported its discussions of a proposal to implement the Orange Hotline, a confidential complaint hotline for business and financial matters.

**The Committee on Athletic Policy** reported with a summary of the committee's 2004-5 work, and appendices which included graduation rates, team cumulative GPA, participation for men and women, a run-down of their deliberations re: SU joining the Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics (COIA), and the NCAA Div. I academic performance program overview.

**The Committee on Budget and Fiscal Affairs** reported the fall budget revision which included the five-year budget forecast, a list of additional agenda items for 2004-5, and a brief report of their discussions of the proposed new budget model, Responsibility Center Management (RCM). In January, the committee presented the pro forma budget for 2005-6, which recommended a 5.8% undergraduate and law tuition increase, an 8% increase in graduate tuition, and a 3% base salary increase for faculty and staff. Other aspects of the report included: cancellation of the subsidy for athletics, replaced by transition of the Athletic department to a version of RCM, with assignment to the athletic dept. of certain revenues currently credited to other auxiliaries, e.g., concessions, novelties, sponsorships, licensing, etc.; and removal of the add-ons for staff and operating expenses for fundraising (an expanded fundraising staffing plan to be funded by a special distribution for fiscal 2006)

In April, the committee reported on its spring work, which included: consideration of: the Health Care Advisory Committee (HCAC) proposal for review of extending coverage to retirees beyond age 69; meeting with the Chancellor to discuss the new RCM model; weekly updates on RCM; review of the 2001 recommendations on part-time teaching; update on fall 2005 enrollment; introduction to technology plans; proposed adoption of RCM; a report on administrative expenses.

The **Committee on Computing Services** reported on SU's wireless device policy; CMS planning for enterprise information technology (IT) projects, library printing, PAL video tape and foreign language DVD playback, continuing e.mail support for recent graduates, orangemail limitations, and the possibility of plagiarism software for the SU campus.

The **Committee for Diversity** presented a diversity award to the Young Actors' Theater Group at the April meeting.

The **Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered Concerns (LGBT)** reported with a motion regarding the Solomon Amendment, military recruitment and ROTC, and SU's nondiscrimination policy. [See Motions, p. 5]

The **Committee on the Library** reported on several activities during the year: projected budget shortfall; development; first floor improvements; space for collections; information technology; library leadership.

The **Committee on Services to the Faculty and Staff** reported briefly on its 2002-3 work, as well as on the new approach for retiree health benefits in detail.

The **Committee on Women's Concerns** reported on its 2002-4 work, which included discussion of updates to and publication, and distribution to all employees of "On the Staff" the employee handbook; the status of the staff grievance procedure; its monitoring of certain issues related to the closing of the School of Nursing and of the salary of individuals in the Grade 3 category, most of whom are women; and the collection of data on the retention of women faculty.

## **VI. RESOLUTION**

On March 23rd, the Agenda Committee proposed that the Senate endorse the following resolution:

Whereas, the outpouring of criticism of Prof. Ward Churchill and the University of Colorado because of his written remarks re the victims of the attacks of September 11, 2001 has led public officials to call for his resignation or dismissal, and threats of violence directed against Prof. Churchill and his family ultimately caused the cancellation of the invitation for him to speak at Hamilton College, and

Whereas, democratic government can flourish only in an environment in which all systems of belief are subject to challenge and people can speak openly without fear of repression, regardless of how unpopular or distasteful their views, and

Whereas, the critical test of academic freedom is its capacity to shield even the most painful and offending statements, and a college or university campus is, of all places in our society, the most appropriate forum for discussion of the widest range of viewpoints, and

Whereas, the American Association of University Professors has issued a statement affirming Prof. Churchill's right to academic freedom, and emphasizing that the appropriate method for assessing any questions regarding Prof. Churchill's fitness to continue at the University of Colorado is review by a faculty committee affording him the due process protections required by the official policies of the University of Colorado and the Colorado Board of Regents,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Syracuse University Senate affirms the right to academic freedom and academic due process, as expressed in the Syracuse University Faculty Manual and University policies and procedures. The SU Senate also supports Prof. Ward Churchill's right to academic freedom and his entitlement to the protections of academic due process.

The motion carried, with no dissenting votes. The motion carried with no dissenting votes.

## **VII. AD HOC COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS**

In November, Prof. Mike Wasylenko made a preliminary report on the committee's work, and in March he made an interim report, which had mainly to do with financial matters. Prof. Wasylenko said that the committee's final report would be made sometime in the 2005-6 academic year.

## **VIII. THE CHANCELLOR'S RESPONSE TO SENATE ACTION**

In addition to the annual update on efforts to change the U.S. Department of Defense policy on gays in the ROTC program, the Chancellor concurred in a motion to endorse a name change in the College of Engineering and Computer Science, establishing a Department of Biomedical and Chemical Engineering; a name change creating a Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, and a restructuring in the College of Visual and Performing Arts. The Chancellor concurred in a motion by the Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered Concerns, regarding the Solomon Amendment, military recruitment, ROTC, and SU's nondiscrimination policy. [See Motions, p. 5] The Chancellor also concurred in an Agenda Committee resolution affirming the right to academic freedom and academic due process, as expressed in the Faculty Manual and University policies and procedures, and also supporting Prof. Ward Churchill's right to academic freedom and his entitlement to the protections of academic due process. [see Resolution, above]

## **IX. PENDING BUSINESS**

1. The faculty members of the Chancellor Search Committee have been asked to outline their views of how the search process might be improved [Prof. Elletta Callahan has volunteered to coordinate the report], and report to the Agenda Committee;
2. The remaining recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee on PTIs (e.g., a group health plan for PTIs; rank and promotion for PTIs);
3. Creation of a manual to guide members of the Affirmative Action Grievance Committee, and improved procedures.
4. Proposals from the Academic Affairs committee re: new faculty rank, revision of the tenure process;
5. Ad hoc Committee on Athletics, final report to be made in fall 2005.

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