

# Summary 2005 - 2006

## Summary of the Work of the University Senate, 2005 - 2006

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 2005-2006, the University Senate met on the following dates:

14 September 2005  
12 October 2005  
2 November 2005 (open forum)  
9 November 2005  
7 December 2005  
18 January 2006  
8 February 2006 (open forum)  
15 February 2006  
22 March 2006  
29 March 2006  
19 April 2006

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 14th and 21st, 2006 upon those candidates who qualified for such degrees by Friday, May 14th, 2006 or May 19th, 2006 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: Peter Eisenman, Cornel West, Carolyn Dineen King, Paul Hewson (ada Bono), Rosa Lavizzo-Mourey, Martin A. Pomerantz, Lily Yeh, Billy Joel, Thomas K. Gilhool, Paul A. Volcker.

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

Joseph Barette	Professor of law
Robert Bogdan	Professor of sociology/cultural foundations of education
Daan Braveman	Professor of law
John Crowley	Professor of English
Michael Flusche	Associate Professor of history
Marvin Goldberg	Professor of physics
Gerald Grant	Professor of cultural foundations of education

Richard Hallberg	Professor of biology
Patricia Hassett	Professor of law
Bruce Lagay	Professor of social work
Marshall Matlock	Associate Professor of public communications
Allen Miller	Associate Professor of physics
Bobbie Perdue	Associate Professor of nursing
Wilhelmina Reuben-Cooke	Professor of law
Martin Sage	Professor of chemistry
Larry Schafer	Professor of science teaching and leadership
Lawson Smith	Associate Professor of art
Stewart Thau	Associate Professor of philosophy
Murray Tinkelman	Professor of art
Patricia Waddy	Professor of architecture
George Abbott	Librarian

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>Arts and Sciences</b> to Professor	Suzanne Baldwin Arthur Brooks John Burdick Simon Catterall Chris DeCorse Suzanne Mettler Davishish Mitra Scott Samson Gerlinde Sanford
to Associate Professor	Soonhee Kim Donald Mills Thomas Perrault David Popp Peter Vanable
<b>Arts and Sciences/Education</b> to Professor	Helen Doerr
<b>Education</b> to Professor	Dennis Gilbride Kathy Hinchman
<b>Engineering and Computer Science</b>	Can Isik

to Professor	
to Associate Professor	Biai Chen Jae Oh
<b>Information Studies</b>	
to Professor	Kevin Crowston
to Associate Professor	Michelle Kaarst Brown
<b>Law</b>	
to Professor	Thomas French
to Associate Professor	Gregory Germain
<b>Management</b>	
to Professor	Fred Easton
to Associate Professor	Pamela Brandes Padmal Vitharana
<b>Public Communications</b>	
to Professor	Fiona Chew
<b>Visual and Performing Arts</b>	
to Associate Professor	Anne Beffel Deborah Dohne Douglas DuBois Denise Heckman Jude Lewis Roderick Martinez

## II. CURRICULUM MATTERS

The Senate approved the following programs and program changes during 2005-06:

### College of Arts and Sciences

- M.A. Documentary Film and History (with Public Communications)
- M.A., Int'l Relations/M.S., Pub. Relations (with Public Communications)
- Minors: Chinese Studies; Forensic Science; Global Political Economy; LGBT Studies; program revisions: Structural Biology, Biochemistry, Biophysics; Honors Program; M.A., Public Administration
- M.A. in International Relations

### School of Management

- Minor, Strategic Management

### University College

- Minor, Legal Studies

### College of Visual and Performing Arts

- B.S., Recording and Allied Entertainment Industries
- Name change: B.F.A., Fiber Arts/Material Studies; B.F.A., Jewelry and Metalsmithing

### **III. IN MEMORIAM**

The Senate received a statement in memory of Prof. Emeritus John Diehl, who served on the Senate for many years, and who died July 9, 2005, and a motion to include the statement in the record carried.

### **IV. MOTIONS**

The University Senate heard a statement in gratitude to George Abbott, long-time media services librarian and former University Senate member, who retired on September 29th. A motion to include a statement in the record was approved.

#### **Committee on Academic Affairs**

##### **The Department of Retail Management and Consumer Studies**

The Senate endorsed the following changes in the Dept. of Retail Management and Consumer Studies:

- Retail Management program moved into the Marketing Dept. of the School of Management;
- Consumer Studies program dissolved.

**The Senate endorsed changes in the language of the Faculty Manual regarding the timing for tenure review**, whereby all tenured track faculty members would be permitted to choose when to initiate a tenure review, provided the review be completed by the end of the sixth year of tenure track service at SU. The policy would be implemented immediately for all untenured faculty, with the exception of those currently under tenure review.

the Senate endorsed a new policy on appointment and promotion for non-tenure track faculty.

#### **Committee on Instruction**

The Senate approved a new policy on administrative drops, whereby instructors would have the option to drop students who do not attend the first week of class (up to and including the add deadline).

### **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 with motions to endorse new policies on the timing for tenure, and promotion in rank for non-tenure track faculty (See Motions). It reported on restructuring in the College of Visual and Performing Arts, its endorsement of the new policy on academic integrity brought by the Committee on Instruction, the SU Scholars for 2005-6, the appointment of a subcommittee to conduct a 6th year review of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, a new charter for the Honors Program, and restructuring in the Whitman School of Management. In addition the committee formed a subcommittee to consider the possibility of modifying policy regarding the tenure clock. The committee reported that it would begin to investigate "scholarship in action" as a form of faculty work.

The **Committee on Academic Freedom, Tenure and Professional Ethics** reported its 2004-5 work, which included review and a finding of no basis of one tenure denial claim, review of two sexual harassment claims, one of which had merit and committee made recommendations, the other of which was formally investigated, a hearing held, and the allegations of violation of SU's policy on sexual harassment not sustained. Allegations of professional ethics and academic freedom in this same case were returned to the AFT committee for investigation during the fall 2005 semester.

The **Committee on Athletic Policy** reported with a summary of the committee's work, which included meetings with individuals concerned with Athletics Department structure, at-risk student athletes, academics, departmental budget, and equity. On their agenda for future consideration: summary of student welfare as it applies to students in groups related to athletics (marching band, spirit squads, etc.); evaluation of revised student athlete handbook and manual on policies; consideration of policy on excused absences for students who are representing SU outside our walls (they have requested that the Senate Agenda Committee refer this to the appropriate Senate committee); a call for an all-University initiative to look at student post-graduation placement.

The **Committee on Budget and Fiscal Affairs** reported the fall budget revision as well as an update on Responsibility Center Management (RCM) in November. In January, the committee brought its recommendations re: the strategic faculty development fund, add-ons for staff category 3 and for graduate education, as well as an add-on to help address pay and benefit issues pertaining to part-time instructors and for the second installment of 3 year funding for peace officer status in the Dept. of Public Safety. The report included a 5.9% undergraduate tuition increase, 7.0% law tuition increase (6% 2nd and 3rd year students), an 8% increase in graduate tuition; 5.9% increase in health service, 8.8% room and board, and 5.6% co-curricular fee. In March, the committee gave an extensive report on RCM, and in April they made their end-of-the-year report.

The **Committee on Computing Services** report included a discussion of the anti-plagiarism software (TurnItIn) they had been considering for use by faculty at SU.

The **Committee for Diversity** presented a diversity award to Prof. Margaret Himley, Director of Undergraduate Studies, Writing Program. The committee also presented an extensive report on the results of the three-year study they had done of conditions for faculty of color at SU. They said they intended to bring a list of recommendations to the Senate in fall 2006.

The **Committee on Instruction** reported in October with a motion calling for a rewording of *Academic Rules and Regulations*, adding a section 8.1.2.1 a policy on administrative drops (see Motions), as well as in February with a report on the Vice Chancellor's Task Force on Academic Integrity.

The **Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered Concerns (LGBT)** reported with a motion to include "gender identity and gender expression" in the wording of SU's non-discrimination policy.

The **Committee on Library** reported on several discussions the committee had had during the year, including library funding and use, selection and acquisition of books, resource allocation, physical improvements/changes, future plans, and information technology. The committee reported several outstanding issues, including establishment of a policy on who has access to the library and to what extent, library user privacy, and planning for the Public Humanities Center and the Connective Corridor.

The **Committee on Student Life** reported on its work for 2004-5 and 2005-6, including

meetings with Christiane Labonte, representing the Undergraduates for a Better Education, Juanita Perez-Williams from Office of Judicial Affairs, the Dept. of Public Safety Chief Marlene Hall, and a representative of the Vice Chancellor's Task Force on Academic Integrity.

The **Committee on Women's Concerns** reported on its 2004-5 work, which included discussion of whether records at SU were sufficient for someone to compile data on the retention of women faculty over time, continued work with Human Resources on a procedure for staff sexual harassment complaints, the staff grievance procedure, and the possibility of an Office of Women's Affairs to serve as an advocacy office for all women (faculty, staff, students), and directed by a tenured faculty member.

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

In April, the committee presented its final report to the Senate. Its report included discussion of context and benefits of a Div. I-A athletics program, admissions, donors and athletics, risks associated with athletics programs, and budget. (Full report is on file in the Senate Office.)

## **VII. AD HOC COMMITTEE ON SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

In April, the committee presented a preliminary report of its activity, as well as a revised list of members. The committee planned to meet throughout the summer, and report again in fall 2006.

## **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 the recommendations for appointment and promotion of non-tenure track faculty; one endorsing changes in the policy regarding timing for tenure review; and one recommending moving the Dept. of Retailing from VPA to Management, and dissolving the Consumer Studies program, brought by the Academic Affairs committee. She also concurred in a motion endorsing a proposal that university-wide procedures be established for addressing suspected academic integrity policy violations, brought by the Committee on Instruction.

## **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);
3. Creation of a manual to guide members of the Affirmative Action Grievance Committee, and improved procedures.

4. Ad hoc Committee on Sexual Harassment Policies and Procedures at SU
5. Ad hoc Committee on Change of Status for Staff, which would look into the matter of change of status for SU employees who had long experience but not as much energy as they once had, and wished to change the conditions of their jobs.

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