

SUMMARY OF THE WORK OF THE SENATE OF SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY  
2008-9

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 academic 2008-9, the University Senate met on the following dates:

10 September 2008  
8 October 2008  
5 November 2008  
3 December 2008  
14 January 2009  
11 February 2009  
4 March 2009  
18 March 2009  
25 March 2009  
15 April 2009

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 10th and 17th, 2009 upon those candidates who qualified for such degrees by Friday, May 8th, 2009 or May 15th, 2009 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 2009-10 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: Joseph R. Biden Jr., alumnus, attorney, U.S. senator, Vice President of the United States; Molly Corbett Broad, alumna, educational administrator, president, American Council of Education; Robert Coles, child psychiatrist, social ethicist, social activist; Richard Gere, actor, humanitarian, philanthropist, social activist; Chief Irvin Powless Jr., clan leader, Beaver Clan of the Haudenosaune.

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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:

Marvin Druger, Professor, biology  
Gus Engbretson, Professor, biomedical and chemical engineering  
Robert Gates, Associate Professor, English  
Christopher Gray, Professor, architecture  
Leon Hanouille, Assistant Professor, accounting  
H. Ernest Hemphill, Associate Professor, biology  
Badr Ismail, Professor, accounting  
Meredith Lillich, Professor, fine arts  
Carol Lipson, Professor, writing  
Mary Lou Marien, Professor, fine arts  
Fred Marquardt, Assistant Professor, history  
Augustus Pallotta, Professor, Italian  
Fred Phelps, Professor, electrical engineering  
Louise Phelps, Professor, writing  
William Stinchcombe, Professor, history  
Gershon Vincow, Professor, chemistry  
Frances Zollers, Professor, law and public policy

The Senate recommended that the following be honored with the designation *Emeritus*, as indicated:

Gurnek Singh, librarian  
David Rubin, Dean

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:

Architecture

to Professor

Anne Munly  
Francisco Sanin

Arts and Sciences

to Professor

Margaret Himley  
William C. Horrace

(more)

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Promotions, cont'd

Arts and Sciences

to Professor

Hyune-Ju Kim  
Carol Lipson  
Scott Pitnick  
Beth Prieve  
Grant Reeher  
S.N. Sangmpam  
Joshua Smyth  
Michael Sponsler

to Associate Professor

Lois Agnew  
Adam Banks  
Robert Doyle  
Anthony Garza  
Samantha Herrick  
Timothy Korter  
Leonard Lopoo  
Laura Lee McIntyre  
Alison Mountz  
Lixin Shen  
Brian Taylor  
Gregory A. Thomas  
John Albert Uy  
Roy Welch

Education

to Associate Professor

Rachel Brown

Information Studies

to Professor

Ping Zhang

to Associate Professor

Carsten Osterlund

(more)

Promotions, cont'd

Law

to Professor	Janis McDonald
to Associate Professor	Rakesh Anand Sanjay Chhablani Jenny Roberts Michael Schwartz

Management

to Professor	Chung Chen
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Human Ecology

to Associate Professor	Ellen deLara
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Visual and Performing Arts

to Professor	Robert Dacey Kendall Phillips
to Associate Professor	Malcolm Ingram

II. CURRICULUM MATTERS

The Senate approved the following programs and program changes during 2008-9:

College of Arts and Sciences

Au.D. in Audiology

program revisions:

-B.A., B.S., Biology; B.A., B.S., M.A., M.S., Ph.D. and Minor in Earth Science;  
B.A., Ph.D., Philosophy; B.A., Liberal Studies; B.A., M.A., Linguistic Studies;  
B.A., Women's and Gender Studies

School of Education

-M.S., Instructional Technology

revisions:

Education, cont'd

- B.A./M.S., Teacher Prep. [w/ A&S]; M.S., Clinical Mental Health Counseling;  
C.A.S., Educational Leadership; B.S., Phys. Ed.; C.A.S., Sch. Counseling (Cert.)
- Revisions: M.A., minor, French and Francophone Studies;  
B.A., Political Science

College of Engineering and Computer Science

- Revisions: Ph.D., Mech. & Aerospace Engrg.

College of Human Ecology

- B.S., Public Health; C.A.S., Addiction Studies; Minor, Addiction Studies

School of Information Studies

- Minor in Global Enterprise Technology

School of Management

- B.S., Real Estate; M.S., Supply Chain Management; C.A.S., Sustainable Enterprise;  
Minor in Real Estate

School of Public Communications

- B.A., Graphic Design

College of Visual and Performing Arts

- B.F.A., Fiber and Textile Arts
- revisions: reduction of credits, Recording & Allied Entertainment Industries;  
B.F.A., Theatre Design and Technology (new name)

III. MOTIONS

Committee on Academic Affairs

The Senate voted to approve a name change in the School of Public Communications, from the Newspaper Dept. to Newspaper and Online Journalism Department (12/3/8)

The Senate voted to approve a name change in the College of Arts and Sciences, from Fine Arts Dept. to Department of Art and Music Histories (1/14/9)

The Senate voted to approve new language for the tenure policy in the Faculty Manual, Sections 2.31 through 2.33 [with 2.32 not yet finalized] (3/18/9)

Motions, cont'd

The Senate voted to approve a name change from Broadcast Journalism in the School of Public Communications to Broadcast and Digital Journalism (4/15/9)

#### Committee on Appointment and Promotions

The Senate approved new language for the Faculty Manual, Section 2.63, changing the policy on awarding emeritus status to retiring faculty and certain academic administrators.

#### IV. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

*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 2007-8 activity, as well as bringing a motion to approve a revision of the tenure policy, and motions to approve name changes in Public Communications and Arts and Sciences. The committee reported the following names of students who had been selected as SU Scholars for 2009:

Kristin M. Busa (Engineering and Computer Science)  
 Samantha Harmon (Visual and Performing Arts)  
 Colin E. Fanning (Visual and Performing Arts)  
 Kimberly Nicole Harris (Arts and Sciences)  
 Gavin S. Hartnett (Arts and Sciences)  
 Caitlin r. Keating-Bitonti (Arts and Sciences)  
 Kaitlin Pennington (Public Communications)  
 Maria N. Sinopoli (Management)  
 Michael L. Slepian (Arts and Sciences)  
 Jason Tarr (Public Communications)  
 Claire Zillman (Public Communications)  
 Stephanie Zuniga (Information Studies)

The **Committee on Administrative Operations** reported on its work for the year, which included visits from various administrators to discuss the University's health and wellness portfolio, the student affairs reorganization; parking and transit services, the zip car program, a new carpooling program, One Seat bus ride program; Physical Plant's hybrid vehicle usage; the various campus construction and renovation projects; the proposed new University bookstore to be located by the University Avenue garage; SU's dining services and meal plans; trademark licensing; FIXit housing maintenance; reports of incidents by Public Safety, training of public safety officers, the Orange Watch program, installation of security cameras in the residence halls, Orange Alert system; University records management plans.

In addition to the report on faculty promotions and retiring faculty, the **Committee on Appointment and Promotions** made a motion to approve new language for the Faculty Manual, Section 2.63, as follows:

The title Emeritus or Emerita represents a signal honor that may be conferred upon retirement. Recommendations and supporting evidence of distinction and service to the University proceed through a process of faculty nomination, endorsement by the designated bodies that normally vote on promotions, and approved by the Senate and by the Board of Trustees. This title may accompany any rank. Emeritus faculty members are continuing members of the University community and have a distinguished record of outstanding contribution to the University over a substantial number of years. Privileges exercised by emeritus faculty include listing in University publications, access to University libraries, participation in academic processions, information of University events, a University staff identification card and discount privileges at the bookstore, participation in academic, professional, or social activities of the faculty and staff.

In special cases, the title Emeritus may be conferred upon a person retiring from an academic administrative position at Syracuse University. The designation may be added to the title of Chancellor, Vice Chancellor, or academic dean at the time of retirement when there has been a distinguished record of University contributions and an expectation of continued service to the University.

The title of Emeritus may be conferred posthumously, upon faculty recommendation, in those cases in which death precedes the possibility of retirement or within one academic year after retirement.

The **Committee on Budget and Fiscal Affairs** reported the 2007-8 budget reconciliation, an update on committee activities as well as on RCM Committee activity, and planned discussions and activities for the year. The committee reported in January with a recommendation not to extend healthcare and other benefits to unmarried opposite sex couples living together, and requesting that the Office of Human Resources evaluate the budgetary implications of approving a payment to offset taxation of same sex domestic partners. The report also included: plans to modify the financial aid package, tailoring the relative (merit vs. need-based) financial assistance provided to undergraduates so that it would be more college-specific, rather than using a single formula for the whole University; report of current enrollment estimates; report of plans to reduce fringe benefits; report of plans to cut administrative costs; plan to give salary increases only to those employees earning lower amounts. In March, the committee reported with recommendations of 4.5% increase in tuition (grad. and undergrad.), room and board, and an increase in the discount rate (financial aid to undergraduates) to 37.8%; and salary increases for those earning less than \$50,000.

The **Committee on Athletic Policy** reported on its 2007-8 work, which included: a bylaw change, a reiteration of the guiding principles of the committee, and a report on the recent changes in the Athletic Department's organizational structure, teams, and practice and game schedules; Athletic Dept. budget and forecast; admissions report; Faculty Oversight Committee report; student-athletes's perspectives of institutional priorities; academic progress monitoring and support; Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act annual report; Athletic Director's report; Chancellor's report, and Associate Provost for Academic Programs's report.

The **Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered Concerns** reported with an update on revisions to the domestic partnership benefits policies, and a brief outline of the ongoing initiatives, as follows:

- LGBT speakers and honorees subcommittee, compiling a resource list of persons available to speak or receive honorary degrees;
- Faculty LGBT Sensitivity subcommittee, working on proposals to broaden awareness;
- Student Housing subcommittee, working on issue of opposite sex living arrangements in residence halls;
- a subcommittee studying health issues of LGBT students, specifically HPV education for gay men;
- a subcommittee formed to make recommendations on accessibility of the LGBT Center to wheelchair users and people with other physical concerns;
- Domestic Partnership subcommittee, ongoing concerns re: SU's domestic partnership policies.

The **Committee on Women's Concerns** reported on 2007-8 activity, including a survey of students, faculty, and staff about the need for a women's center, and creation of an Office of Women's Affairs. The committee also reported what it felt were the next steps, including review of the survey findings, a final report to be made available on the Senate web site, and the student portion of the survey to be conducted in spring 2009.

## V. AD HOC COMMITTEES

During 2008-9, the Ad Hoc Committee to Review Sexual Harassment and Abuse of Power reported on its progress, including a brief history of the problems that led to creation of the committee. They circulated drafts of their proposal to appropriate Senate committees, and received feedback. The committee reported its progress to the Senate at the end of the year, saying that they would be bringing a final report, with recommendations, to the full Senate in fall 2009.

The ad hoc committee to review the chancellor was seated in fall 2008, and has met all during academic 2008-9. They hope to finish their work by fall 2009 and make a report to the Board of Trustees.

## V. THE CHANCELLOR'S RESPONSE TO SENATE ACTION

During 2008-9, the Chancellor concurred in: a motion from the Committee on Appointment and Promotions changing the wording in the faculty manual, regarding emeritus status; a motion re: new wording on tenure (Section 2.31, 2.33 of Faculty Manual); motions for name changes in the College of Arts and Sciences (Dept. of Art and Music Histories), the School of Public Communications (Dept. of Newspaper and Online Journalism, and Dept. of Broadcast and Digital Journalism).

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