

SUMMARY OF THE WORK OF THE SENATE OF SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY
2009-10

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 2009-10, the University Senate met on the following dates:

16 September 2009
14 October 2009
11 November 2009
2 December 2009
20 January 2010
17 February 2010
3 March 2010
24 March 2010
21 April 2010

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 16th and 23rd, 2010 upon those candidates who qualified for such degrees by Friday, May 14th, 2010 or May 21st, 2010 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 2010-11 academic year.

The University Senate recommended to the Board of Trustees that a list of 15 persons approved by the Senate be honored with an honorary degree.

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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:

John Baldwin, Professor, chemistry
Michael Barkun, Professor, political science
Laurence Nafie, Professor, chemistry
Larry Wolf, Professor, biology
Donald Mills, Associate Professor, classics
William Pooler, Associate Professor, sociology
David Wilemon, Professor, management
Nancy Weatherly Sharp, Professor, public communications
George Comstock, Professor, public communications
Mary Ellen Letterman, Professor, art and design
Sanford Sternlicht, Professor, English
Peter Mortenson, Associate Professor, English

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

Joseph Levine, Professor, history (posthumous)
Elaine Coppola, 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:

Architecture

to Professor Ted Brown

Arts and Sciences

to Professor Rebecca Howard
Mary Lovely

(more)

Promotions, cont'd

Arts and Sciences

to Associate Professor

Matthew Cleary
Remee de Nevers
Michael Goode
Roger Hallas
Yan-yeung Luk
Amy Lutz
Scott Lyons
Kris McDaniel
Laviu Movileanu
Shannon Novak
Kathy Vanderwerff
Jamie Winders

Education

to Professor

James Bellini
Kelly Chandler-Olcott

to Associate Professor

Julie Causton-Theoharis
Jing Lei
George Theoharis
Elisa Dekaney (dual with VPA)

Engineering and Computer Science

to Professor

Young B. Moon

Law

to Professor

Keith Bybee

to Associate Professor

Kevin Maillard

Visual and Performing Arts

to Professor

Sarah McCoubrey

to Associate Professor

Bradford Vivian

II. CURRICULUM MATTERS

The Senate approved the following programs and program changes during 2009-10:

College of Arts and Sciences

- B.S., Biotechnology
- Integrated Learning/Ethics
- Integrated Learning/Forensic Science
- M.S./J.D., Forensic Science
- Integrated Learning/Neuroscience
- CAS, Econometrics
- CAS, European Union and Contemporary Europe
- CAS, E-government Management and Leadership
- CAS, Post-conflict Reconstruction
- CAS, School District Business Leadership (dual with Education)
- Asian/Asian American Studies minor

School of Education

- Disability Studies minor

School of Information Studies/College of Engineering and Computer Science

- Program revisions, B.S., Systems and Information Science

School of Public Communications

- Program revisions, B.S. Advertising, Broadcast & Digital Journalism; M.S., Broadcast and Digital Advertising, B.S., Graphic Design, Magazine, Newspaper and Online Journalism, Photography, Public Relations, Television, Radio, Film

College of Human Ecology

- M.S., Child & Family Health in the Global Economy
- Public Health minor

School of Information Studies

- CAS, Cultural Heritage Preservation

College of Visual and Performing Arts

- Music Performance minor
- Visual Culture, interdisciplinary minor

III. MOTIONS

Committee on Academic Affairs

The Senate approved a change in the wording of the tenure policy, Section 2.32 of the Faculty Manual (appended). [10/11/9]

The Senate voted to approve a name change in the School of Public Communications, from the Visual and Interactive Communications department to **Multimedia Photography and Design**, effective immediately. [2/17/10]

A resolution calling for the concurrence of the Senate that the proposed changes in the Dean's White Paper of March 26, 2010 should not be undertaken until they have been duly considered and approved by the Faculty of the College of Arts and Sciences was tabled.

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 2008-9 activity, as well as bringing a motion to approve a revision of section 2.32 of the tenure policy, and a motion to approve a name change in Public Communication, from Visual and Interactive Communications to Multimedia Photography and Design.

The committee reported the following names of students who had been selected as SU Scholars for 2010:

Mari Allison (Engineering and Computer Science)
Kate Callahan (Human Ecology)
Devin Dadigan (Management)
Sarah DiGiulio (Arts and Sciences/Public Communications)
Jennifer Gramer (Arts and Sciences)
Scott Kuzdeba (Engineering and Computer Science)
Arielle Lever (Visual and Performing Arts)
Ekaterina Mozhaeva (Arts and Sciences)
Laura Ondrich (Architecture)
Amy Rabideau (Arts and Sciences)
Sarah Scribner (Education)
George Williams (Arts and Sciences/Public Communications)

The **Committee on Administrative Operations** reported on its work for the year, which included visits from various administrators to discuss matters of concern to the University Senate and the community at large, including: Neil Strodel from Human Resources (the changes in SU's medical coverage, the Fair Wage initiative, Staff to Staff information, etc.); Anthony Callisto from Public Safety (crime statistics, complaints from residents in the neighborhood of SU, the Orange Alert system, consideration of "panic buttons" in classrooms, etc.); Kathleen Van Vechten from Health Services (search for new director, health care services provided, accreditation, space challenges, etc.); Allan Breese from Facilities Maintenance (Physical Plant, custodial services, preventive maintenance, building and carpentry, Physical Plant employee satisfaction survey, etc.); Rob Edson, Pete Sala and Henry Wildhack from the Carrier Dome (dome scheduling, concert scheduling challenges, collaboration with Athletic Department, etc.); Louis Marcoccia, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (proposed changes in benefits, University's contracts with bargaining units); Douglas Freeman and Anne Fox from Purchasing and Real Estate (eProcurement Purchasing program); Allan Breese from Business and Facilities Maintenance and Al Sauer from Parking and Transit Services (parking services, shuttle bus system, Connective Corridor buses, proposed van pool service requested by many employees, Zipcar program, etc.).

The **Committee on Athletic Policy** reported on the various administrators who had addressed the committee and items discussed, including: a Student-Athlete Task Force to examine communication and cooperation between academic advisors and the Athletic Dept.; compliance, use of student athletes in promotions in the community; budget; the Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act annual report; student-athlete support services; development; admissions; a report from the FOC, etc.

The **Committee on Budget and Fiscal Affairs** reported in March on the recommendations for fiscal year 2011, including: a 4% tuition increase (undergraduate and graduate), 4% increase in board costs, 3.5% increase in room costs; a recommended discount rate of no higher than 39%, pro forma salary budget increase of 2%, and no increase in operating budgets for administrative and support units. The report included the planning process and background, and details of the recommendations for the fiscal 2011 budget, and an outline of challenges for the 2012 fiscal year.

The **Committee on Computing Services** reported that they had issued a standing invitation to the Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Office, and the sitting chair of the Technology Leadership Committee to attend their meetings, and that both offices had attended regularly. The committee also reported that they had undertaken a comprehensive review of past technology surveys, and that they had decided that the next survey they distributed would specifically consider access to available instructional technologies, as well as training to use and incorporate instructional technologies.

The **Committee on Instruction** reported on its 2008-9 work, including the Associate Provost's report of grade appeals, a statement on academic integrity endorsed by the committee, a meeting with ADA director Steve Simon and one with Arts and Sciences Academic Advising director Kandace Salomone. The committee also reported having discussed the question of a university-side policy on showing movies as part of classroom instruction, and the question of including in course syllabuses a statement on academic integrity and one on accommodation for students with disabilities. The committee reported that in future it would be considering trends in course evaluation, resources for instructional support, training for faculty re: online and distance course formats, and centralized vs. decentralized facilitation of instruction.

The Committee on the Library reported its work during the 2008-9 and the 2009-10 academic years. Included in the report was mention of a plan for offsite storage of library materials, as well as the library's plan to develop an institutional repository/database system, to give visibility to outstanding research, projects and partnerships at SU, known as the Syracuse University Research Facility and Collaborative Environment (SURFACE). The report also included review of funding, the economic crisis in the library, the learning commons, a new beta web site, and the refocusing of the work of subject specialist librarians to be in closer touch with faculty needs. The committee reported again in April on the effect of having lost 25 staff members due to cost cutting, the substantial physical problems in Bird, Carnegie, and Belfer, the storage problems and the considerable feedback received by the library as result of initial plans to store books downstate, a reaffirmation of the library's talented and committed staff and administration, and hope that improvements would be possible. The report concluded with an outline of the proposed installation of an online browsable bookshelf function, to be available in November 2010, and mention of criticism received about a perception of the library as a social destination rather than a place of study.

The **Committee on Women's Concerns** reported on 2008-9 activity, including a summary of the results of its various surveys of the University community re: a potential women's center at SU.

V. THE CHANCELLOR'S RESPONSE TO SENATE ACTION

During 2009-10, the Chancellor concurred in: a motion from the Committee on Academic Affairs endorsing revised wording of the tenure policy in the faculty manual, section 2.32 (appended), and a motion to approve a department name change in the School of Public Communications from Visual and Interactive Communications to **Multimedia Photography and Design**.

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VI. CHANCELLOR'S TASK FORCE ON BENEFITS

At the March 3rd meeting, five University Senate committees (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Affairs, Committee for Diversity, Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Concerns, Committee on Services to the Faculty and Staff, and the Committee on Women's Concerns) provided input regarding the report of the task force.

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