

SUMMARY OF THE WORK OF THE SENATE OF SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

2012-13

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

During academic 2012-13, the University Senate met on the following dates:

12 September 2012
10 October 2012
7 November 2012
5 December 2012
16 January 2013
13 February 2013
20 March 2013
17 April 2013

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 12th and 19th, 2013 upon those candidates who qualified for such degrees by Friday, May 10th, 2013 or May 17th, 2013 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 2013-14 academic year.

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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: Allan Gerry, entrepreneur, philanthropist, SU trustee; Professor Nick Holonvak, educator, engineer, visionary; Judith S. Kaye, attorney, reformer, author, Chief Judge, NYS Judiciary; Nicholas D. Kristof, journalist, author, social activist; Edith Lutnick, lawyer, social activist, SU alumna; Wangari Muta Maathai, social activist, peace ambassador, philanthropist, SU alumna; Donald Newhouse, news media leader and administrator, philanthropist, SU alumnus; S.I. Newhouse, Jr., publisher, media leader, philanthropist, SU alumnus; Charles Payne, sociologist, educator, author, social activist and historian, SU alumnus.

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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:

David H. Bennett, Professor of history
Leslie Bender, Professor of law
Beverley Allen, Professor of languages and literatures
Thomas Kniesner, Professor of economics
Patricia Cox Miller, Professor of religion
Rosemary O'Leary, Professor of public administration and international affairs
Joseph Schechter, Professor of physics
James Roger Sharp, Professor of history
Larry Schroeder, Professor of public administration and international affairs
Jeffrey Stonecash, Professor of political science
Roosevelt Wright, Jr., Professor of television, radio, and film

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:

Arts and Sciences

to Professor

William Bradley
Zachary Braiterman
Susan Branson
Kathryn Everly
Gail Hammer
Audie Klotz
Leonid Kovalev
William Ritchie
Peter Vanable
David Van Slyke
Amy Wyngaard

to Associate Professor

Sharon Dotger
Kishi Ducre
George Kallander
Yingyi Ma
Mathew Maye
Tina Nabatchi
Patricia Roylance
Perry Singleton
Dana Spiotta

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Education

to Professor Barbara Applebaum

to Associate Professor
Melissa Luke
Jeffrey A. Mangram

Engineering and Computer Science

to Professor Jay kyoon Lee

to Associate Professor Jian Tang

Law

to Professor Terry Turnipseed

Management

to Associate Professor
Susan M. Albring
Natarajan Balasubramanian
Kristin Byron
Johann J. Comprix
Dinesh K. Gauri
Alexander McKelvie
Kira Reed

Public Communications

to Professor Joel Kaplan
Carol Liebler

Sport and Human Dynamics

to Associate Professor
Gina Pauline
Jeffrey Pauline

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Promotions, cont'd

Visual and Performing Arts

to Associate Professor

Stephen Cross
Anne Demo
Olukola Owolabi

II. CURRICULUM MATTERS

The Senate approved the following programs and program changes during 2010-11:

College of Arts and Sciences

C.A.S., Medico-legal Death Investigation; B.A., Spanish Education (dual with Educ.);
M.S., Biomedical Forensic Sciences; C.A.S., Arts Leadership and Administration;
Minors in Classical Civ., Jewish Education (dual with Educ.)
decrease in credit hours: South Asian Studies C.A.S.
various program revisions (Greek, Latin, History of Architecture, International
Relations (B.A., M.A.), Music History and Culture, Political Science (B.A., Ph.D),
Writing and Rhetoric, Physics (PhD), Earth Sciences, Neuroscience,

School of Education

C.A.S., Instructional Design, Development, and Evaluation
decrease in credits, M.S., Instructional Design, Development, and Evaluation

College of Engineering and Computer Science

M.S., Energy Systems Engineering; C.A.S., Cybersecurity
Minor in Energy Systems
revisions in B.S., Electrical Engineering

School of Management

New concentration, Entrepreneurship, Real Estate, & Supply Chain Mgt.

School of Public Communications

Revisions in: Television, Radio and Film (B.S.)

College of Sport and Human Dynamics

revisions in the Child Life Specialist track, Child & Family Studies; Sport Mgt.

College of Visual and Performing Arts

M.A., Audio Arts; Minor, Private Music Study; Jazz Studies,

III. MOTIONS

In Memoriam

Prof. Cathryn Newton presented a tribute in memory of John James Prucha, Professor Emeritus of Geology, and Senate members rose for a moment of standing silence, and a motion made and seconded to include her sentiments in the official record. (11/7/12)

Committee on Appointment and Promotions

The Senate approved a motion reaffirming the principles concerning the handling of promotion cases by the Committee on Appointment and Promotions, specifically those found in the *Faculty Manual*, sections 2.23-2.26. (1/16/13)

The Senate also approved a motion approving the College of Law's interpretation of the faculty time in rank requirement, as outlined in their revised promotion and tenure procedures document, 2011 revision. (3/20/13)

Committee on LGBT Concerns

A motion asking for assurance that appropriate officials or referees of oversight bodies receive SU's anti-harassment/anti-homophobia policy and ensure that any violations be included in their evaluations. (Senate approved: 4/17/13)

Prof. Robert Van Gulick

A motion that the Senate strongly recommended that the cost of the \$7.5 million Big East exit fee be paid fully by the Athletic Department (recognizing that it might be necessary to amortize that payment over the first several years of ACC membership), and that neither the academic units nor any other non-athletic unit of the University should directly or indirectly subsidize the conference transition costs of the Athletic Department. (4/17/13)

The Senate approved a motion endorsing the Report of the Committee on Budget and Fiscal Affairs, Part II. (4/17/13)

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RESOLUTION

The Senate approved a resolution conveying its appreciation to Judge Alpert and the Chancellor Search Committee for its conduct of open forums as part of the chancellor search process. (3/20/13)

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 the following names of students who had been selected as SU Scholars for 2013

Ryan Badman (Arts and Sciences)
 Jaime Bernstein (Arts and Sciences)
 Ian Carlino (Arts and Sciences/Public Communications)
 David Carpenter (Arts and Sciences)
 Eric Davis (Arts and Sciences)
 Christopher DePalma (Architecture)
 Karin Dolinsek (Arts and Sciences/Public Communications)
 Keith Holmes (Engineering and Computer Science)
 Anna Kahkoska (Arts and Sciences)
 Jaimee Robertson (Engineering and Computer Science)
 Dana Senderoff (Arts and Sciences)
 Kishauna Soljour (Arts and Sciences/Public Communications)

The **Committee on Administrative Operations** reported on its work for the year, which included three meetings held in spring 2012, and visits during the current academic year from various administrators to discuss matters of concern to the University Senate and the community at large. These included: Benjamin Domingo (Health Svces.); Allan Breese (Business and Facilities Maintenance Svces.); Al Sauer (Parking & Transit Svces.); Peter Sala (Athletic Dept.); Tom Rose (Human Resources); Eric Beattie (Campus Planning, Design, and Construction); David Pajak (Risk Management, Emergency Management). They reported the following topics for spring 2013: Dept. of Public Safety, Parking & Transit Services, Physical Plant, and the Carrier Dome.

The **Committee on Appointment and Promotions** reported on issues that arose in spring 2012, when the College of Law submitted 8 promotion cases (a month late), for which they had not followed their published procedures. The Senate committee sent them back to be redone, and Law then requested they be submitted directly to the Board of Trustees at its May meeting, where they were approved. This sequence of events raised issues that the Committee on Appointment and Promotions brought to the Senate for consideration, viz.:

- whether a college was required to follow the procedures described in the *Faculty Manual* when changing its procedures for considering cases, or could it change them without notifying the Senate committee;
- whether all college procedures had to conform to those in the *Faculty Manual*;
- whether approval of promotions had to follow the steps specified in the *Faculty Manual* for college decisions to be approved;
- whether the faculty alone had the legal authority to award promotion.

The **Committee on Athletic Policy** reported on a new video on social responsibility on campus and in the community, produced for student athletes, women's athletics, the Office of Compliance, admissions, Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act Annual Report, the department budget, the FOC and implementation of the advising task force recommendations, including one that called for athletics support services to report to the Associate Provost as well as to the Athletic Director, academic support and progress monitoring, and the Athletic Director's view of the state of SU athletics.

The **Committee on Budget and Fiscal Affairs** reported in February with the 2012 budget with actual revenues and expenditures; summarized reports received from various administrative units through January 2013; and recommendation based on discussions in the committee. The Committee reported again in April 2013, with a summary of its findings from the several Responsibility Centers and Support Units it interviewed; recommendations re: Financial Aid, Athletics, Library, and Administrative costs, undergraduate financial aid, student fees, the Big East exit fee, the library budget, reassessment of the RCM model, and a refinement of the recommendations reported in February. The Budget committee's recommendations included: a 3.6% tuition increase; salary budget increase of 2% for faculty (with 1% targeted increase to address disparities), 2% pro forma salary budget increase for administrative and support staff.

The **Committee on Computing Services** reported on their 2011-12 work, including a discussion of the increasing use of e.mail; deliberations on ITS operational policies; discussions of accessible instructional materials for individuals with disabilities. The committee reported recommendations to capture the voice of the faculty in deliberations regarding technology initiatives at SU, and a recommendation that ITS, through its Distributed Support Staff, seek opportunities to demonstrate e.mail management tools to the faculty and staff, and possibly provide training.

The **Committee for Diversity** reported progress on creation of their web presence and, to this end, meetings with Associate Vice President for Marketing and Communications Nicola Brown.

The **Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered Concerns** reported on committee follow-up on health coverage, registrar and trans inclusion, and health services, the status of gender-neutral housing, an LGBT portal [which was currently up and running at <http://lgbt.syr.edu/faculty-staff/index.html>], addressing homophobia in athletics. The committee also brought a motion (see. p. 5) re: SU's policy on harrassment and homophobia.

The **Committee on Instruction** reported a summary of its work, including a proposal to allow students taking unpaid summer internships for credit to pay a reduced tuition fee; their investigation of English proficiency of international students; the Vice Chancellor's Task Force on Advancing New Pedagogies; and the use of electronic translation devices on exams.

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The **Committee on Women's Concerns** reported on 2011-12 activity, including work on a statement on sexual abuse, jointly with the Committee on Athletic Policy, subsequently endorsed by the University Senate, and initiation of a community dialogue about addressing and preventing sexual abuse. The committee reported an update on the SU staff complaint process, and follow-up on residual concerns and issues re: the transition of the daycare center into the College of Sport and Human Dynamics. The committee concluded its report with a request that a committee focused on non-faculty sexual harassment and misconduct be created, as well as development of an 'ombuds program' on campus.

V. AD HOC COMMITTEE

The **Ad Hoc Committee to Investigate Administrative Policies and Practices** made an interim report in January, outlining their task as well as the process by which they intended to address it, and that they would be making their final report in fall 2013.

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