

Summary 2001 - 2002

Summary of the Work of the University Senate, 2001-2002

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 2001-2002, the University Senate met on the following dates:

12 September 2001
10 October 2001
7 November 2001 (open forum)
14 November 2001
5 December 2001
16 January 2002
13 February 2002
20 February 2002 (open forum)
20 March 2002
17 April 2002

On the following page 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, 2002 upon those candidates who qualified for such degrees by Friday, May 10th, 2002 or May 17th, 2002 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 2002-3 academic year

The University Senate voted to recommend that several names be added to the list of those to be honored at the various Commencements.

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

Jean Bowering	Professor of Nutrition and Hospitality Management
John Collins	Professor of Law and Public Policy
Mark Fleischman	Assistant Professor of Anthropology
Alan Goldberg	Associate Professor of Education
Silas Halperin	Professor of Psychology
Charles Kutscher	Professor of Psychology
Thomas Pastorello	Associate Professor of Social Work
Richard Pearson	Professor of Counselling and Human Services
Phillip Rice	Professor of Chemical Engineering and Materials Science

Daniel Smothergill	Professor of Psychology
David Tatham	Professor of Fine Arts
Theodore Wallin	Associate Professor of Marketing

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

Arts and Sciences to Professor	William Duncombe Elisabeth Lasch-Quinn Dennis McCort Donald Mitchell Karin Ruhlandt-Senge
to Associate Professor	Tanya Eckert Arthur Flowers Tamar Gendler Gregg Lambert Karin Roseblatt George Saunders Maureen Schwarz
Education to Professor	Marilyn Tallerico
Information Studies to Associate Professor	Zixiang Tan
Law to Professor	Paula Johnson Deborah Kenn
Human Services and Health Professions to Associate Professor	Carrie Smith
Visual and Performing Arts to Professor	John Thompson

II. CURRICULUM MATTERS

The Senate approved the following programs and program changes during 2001-2002:

College of Arts and Sciences

- Change in credit hours in the PhD in Chemistry
- Change in credit hours in the PhD in Composition and Cultural Rhetoric
- Change in credit hours in the PhD in Geology
- C.A.S. in Information Technology, Policy, and Management
- C.A.S. in South Asian Studies

School of Education

- Changes in the M.S. in Special Education
- Graduate Certificate programs in: Educational Technology; Professional Practice in Education; Lifelong Learning and Continuing Education

College of Engineering and Computer Science

- C.A.S. in Systems Assurance

School of Management

- Change in title to Master of Professional Accounting

College of Human Services and Health Professions

- C.A.S. in Human Services Management

University College

- Certificates in: Applied Computer Technologies; Legal Studies

College of Visual and Performing Arts

- B.F.A. in Stage Management

III. MOTIONS

Committee on Academic Affairs

The Senate approved a motion, which was a proposal to change the name of the Quantitative Methods Department in the School of Management to Department of Management Information and Decision Sciences.

The Senate also approved a motion calling for the **deadline for receipt of nominations for SU Scholars**, with supporting materials, to be changed from January 31st to the second Wednesday of any spring semester.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Committee on Academic Affairs

The Committee on Academic Affairs reported on its 2000-2001 work, which included motion endorsing the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee on Part-time Instruction at SU and urging their implementation. It also brought a motion to approve the name change from Quantitative Methods, in the School of Management, to Department of Management Information and Decision Sciences. Finally, the committee reported the following roster of SU Scholars for 2001-2002:

Aaron Bittel (Visual and Performing Arts/Education)
Sarah Cady (Arts and Sciences)
Alyssa E. Church (Visual and Performing Arts)
Laura Gottlieb (Public Communications/Arts and Sciences)

Liam D. Hawry (Visual and Performing Arts)
Rachael A. Kirchoff (Engineering and Computer Science)
Leon Lapp (Public Communications/Arts and Sciences)
Hollie Laudal (Arts and Sciences)
Irina Livshits (Arts and Sciences)
Jonathan Smallridge (Arts and Sciences/Education)
Michelle Marie Weller (Engineering and Computer Science)
Kana Yamazaki (Public Communications)

Committee on Academic Freedom, Tenure and Professional Ethics

The Committee on Academic Freedom, Tenure and Professional Ethics reported that it had seven cases during 2001-2, four cases involving tenure denial, and three involving allegations of professional ethics and/or academic freedom violations. They reported that two cases were still in process.

Committee on Administrative Operations

The Committee on Administrative Operations reported with a summary of its 2000-2001 work, including a review of the response from senior University administrators (Risk Management, Environmental Health, Design and Construction, Business and Facilities Maintenance, and Human Resources) re: the action items for Library air quality presented to the committee at its December 1999 meeting. The committee also reported meetings with Director of Risk Management Environmental Health and Safety David Pajak; Managing Director of the Carrier Dome Patrick Campbell; Associate Vice President for Human Resources Neil Strodel and Bonnie Dunay, PeopleServices project manager; Director of Design and Construction Virginia Denton and members of her staff; regarding the air quality in the library; June Quackenbush, Manager of SyraCWIS and CMS Communications, regarding internet access; the Office of Human Resources re: the PeopleSoft systems; Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Michael Flusche regarding the Academic Space Plan; Associate Comptroller Robert Hartley re the Summer Option Pay Program; June Winckelman, Director of Informations Systems, re class lists; Ben Ware, Vice President for Research and Computing; William Ferguson, from the Department of Public Safety; bookstore director Betsy English, and others.

Committee on Athletic Policy

The Committee on Athletic Policy reported with a summary of its activity during 2000-1, which included a proposed response to the Agenda Committee re: the committee's role, and an interpretation of the eligibility rule approved by the Faculty Oversight Committee (FOC), a proposal to dissolve the Senate Committee on Athletic Policy, which was not approved, and a report on the graduation rates of student athletes, as requested by the University Senate.

Committee on Budget and Fiscal Affairs

The Committee on Budget and Fiscal Affairs reported the fall budget revision which included report of a net tuition revenue increase and increased budget for health insurance, post-retirement benefits accrual, increased building sprinkler systems, and various adjustments in Academic Affairs related to enrollment fluctuations. In January, it reported the pro forma budget for 2002-2003, which recommended: a 6% tuition increase for 2002-3; salary budget increases of 3.5% per year; reduction of the rate of growth in the University's share of health care costs by changing the ratio of cost sharing from 83:17 to 80:20; increase in funds for library operations; creation of a minimum wage for part-time and adjunct faculty; additional support for graduate students on assistantships and fellowships; funding for newly-created Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Resource Center; additional funding for student mental health counseling budget and for new co-curricular programming and support to student organizations, funding the expense budget add-on via an increase in mandatory student fees.

The Budget committee also reported in April with a summary of committee concerns and directions, a report on the merit award levels (student aid), on the progress made in faculty salary budget increments, the academic space plan, contingency planning for economic slowdown, fundraising,

endowment and investment performance and outlook, and a report on administrative expenses.

Committee for Diversity

The Committee for Diversity reported that during 2001-2 it focused on participation in diversity training workshops for staff; a workshop on Diversity in the Workplace presented by Dr. Uma Sharma and Dr. James Duah-Agyeman; encouragement of the inclusion of diversity issues in the curriculum; planning a diversity assessment; and recognition of diversity initiatives on campus. The report included announcement that two individuals had received the committee's first Diversity Recognition Award, Ms. Cynthia Fulford, Assistant Director for Career Services, and Ms. Thea Montanez, an undergraduate and president and founder of "Fashion's Conscience", an organization that strives to increase diversity on campus and to provide support for students pursuing degrees in fashion.

Committee on Honorary Degrees

The Committee on Honorary Degrees reported its nominations for the 2002 Commencements.

Committee on Instruction

The Committee on Instruction reported with a motion for Senate endorsement of Policies for Class and Classroom Scheduling, which had been drafted by the Registrar's office. The Senate discussed the proposal at length, sending it back once for reworking, and then at the April meeting voted to postpone the vote till fall 2002. The committee reported that a letter from Vice Chancellor Freund had suggested that her office might be able to work out the problem collegially with the deans and the departments.

Committee on the Library

The Committee on the Library reported that it had focused the majority of its work on future staffing needs; changing use patterns caused by digital environments and media; journal acquisition and collection development; and had monitored progress towards meeting the objectives of the five-year Strategic Plan presented in 2000-1, which stated the Library's intention to shape the University's future information services and environment, and continued to monitor and advise concerning the proposed expansion of E.S. Bird Library.

Committee on Services to the Faculty and Staff

The Committee on Services to the Faculty and Staff reported briefly on the actions and plans of the University regarding its health care and prescription drug plans, and notified the Senate of the formation of an all-University ad hoc committee, comprised of 2 staff, 7 faculty, and 4 administrators, to consider both short-term and long-term planning and funding for health care benefits.

VI. PENDING BUSINESS

1. Recommendations of the Committee on Part-time Instruction not yet dealt with;
2. Proposal for a new faculty rank, Professor of Practice;
3. Report of data gathered by the Undergraduates for a Better Education (UBE), to be presented by the Committee on Instruction;
4. Report on the Committee to review the Chancellor;
5. Graduation status of athletes who came after 1994, report to be made by the Committee on Athletic Policy;
6. The ad hoc committee on the Daily Orange, report of recommendations;
7. Phased retirement, report by the Committee on Services to the Faculty and Staff.

VIII. THE CHANCELLOR'S RESPONSE TO SENATE ACTION

In addition to the annual update on his efforts to change the U.S. Department of Defense policy re:

gays in the military, the Chancellor concurred in a motion to change the name of the Quantitative Methods department in the School of Management to Department of Management Information and Decision Sciences.