

Summary 2006 - 2007

Summary of the Work of the University Senate, 2006 - 2007

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 2006-2007, the University Senate met on the following dates:

13 September 2006
11 October 2006
8 November 2006
6 December 2006
17 January 2007
21 March 2007
18 April 2007

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 13th and 20th, 2007 upon those candidates who qualified for such degrees by Friday, May 11th, 2007 or May 18th, 2007 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 2007-8 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: Charles P. Rose; Tony Walton; Karim Aga Khan IV; Frank McCourt; Jacques D'Amboise; Edith Marie Flanigen; Robert Wedgeworth; Austin "Rocky" Kalish; Irma Ginsberg Kalish.

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

Susan Borker	Professor of sociology
Raymond Colton	Professor of communication sciences
Philip Doughty	Associate Professor of education
Edward Dudewicz	Professor mathematics
Harold Hackney	Professor of counseling and human services
Susan Hynds	Professor of reading and language arts
Hope Irvine	Professor of teaching and leadership in art
John LaGraff	Professor of mechanical and aerospace engineering
John Lindberg	Professor of mathematics
Bruce Manwaring	Associate Professor of art
Dennis McCort	Professor of German

Mohamed Onsi	Professor of accounting
Richard Pilgrim	Associate Professor of religion
Peter Simpkins	Professor of mechanical and aerospace engineering
Rafael Sorkin	Associate Professor of music
Gary Trento	Professor of art
Charles Watson	Professor of English

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

Architecture to Associate Professor	Lori Brown Martin Hogue Jonathan Massey
Arts and Sciences to Professor	Gregg Lambert Andrew London Al Roberts Tod Rutherford George Saunders Martin Silwinski Mark Trodden James Watts
to Associate Professor	Steve Blusk Ana de Bettencourt Collin Brooke Christopher Kennedy Graham Leuschke Jani Onninen Hans Peter Schmitz Cecilia Van Hollen David Van Slyke
Engineering and Computer Science to Professor	Dawit Negussey
to Associate Professor	Wenliang (Kevin) Du
Information Studies to Associate Professor	Scott Nicholson
Management to Professor	Randall Elder
to Associate Professor	Yildiray Yildirim
Public Communications to Professor	Patricia Longstaff
Visual and Performing Arts	James Clark

to Professor	Bradley Ethington
to Associate Professor	Susan D'Amato Eric Johnson Lisa Porter Nicholas Scherzinger Samuel Van Aken

II. CURRICULUM MATTERS

The Senate approved the following programs and program changes during 2006-7:

College of Arts and Sciences

- M.A, Dual degree in International Relations/Economics
- B.A., Writing and Rhetoric
- Minors: Medieval and Renaissance Studies, Muslim Cultures, Religion and Media
- Program revisions in: Ph.D., english; B.S., Biochemistry; B.A., Mathematics; Ph. D., Religion

School of Education

- M.A., Inclusive Special Education: Severe/Multiple Disabilities
- Alt. Cert. programs in: Math. Ed. 7-12; Sci./Bio Ed. 7-12; Sci/Chem. Ed 7-12; Sci./Earth Sci. Ed. 7-12; Sci./Physics Ed. 7-12
- Prog. revision: B.S., Inclusive Elem. and Spec. Ed.

College of Engineering and Computer Science

- C.A.S., Microwave Engineering
- Prog. revisions: B.S., Civil Engrg.; B.S. Env'l Engrg.; B.S., Comp. Engrg.; M.S., Comp. Engrg.

School of Education/College of Human Services and Health Professions

- B.S. Inclusive Early Childhood Special Education

College of Human Services and Health Professions

- Prog. revision: M.A., Marriage and Family Therapy

School of Management

- Minor in International Business
- Prog. revision: M.S., Accounting; M.B.A.

School of Public Communications

- Prog. revision: B.S., Television-Radio-Film

College of Visual and Performing Arts

- Title change: M.F.A. in Jewelry and Metalsmithing

Minors: Animation; Computer Gaming; Physical Computing

Utica College

- B. A., Foreign Languages
- B.S., Management

III. MOTIONS

Committee for Diversity

The University made a motion that charged the Vice Chancellor to work with the Committee for Diversity to implement such recommendations from their report as appropriate.

Ad Hoc Committee on Sexual Harassment Policy Review

The Senate voted to recognize the work of the ad hoc committee and thank them for their efforts, and to encourage the Agenda Committee to move forward, assigning such tasks to Senate committees as appropriate.

The Senate also heard motions commending retiring employees Prof. John LaGraff, Professor of Engineering, and Mr. John Hogan, Budget Director, for their long and distinguished service to the University.

IV. 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 on its progress re: options for changing the tenure clock, soliciting feedback from all units of the University before they developed a proposal for Senate approval.

The **Committee on Academic Freedom, Tenure and Professional Ethics** reported its 2005-6 work, which included review of two cases of denial of tenure, two cases related to charges of sexual harassment, and one case of unethical behavior, gender bias, and related academic freedom issues. In addition to these formal investigations, the committee consulted with the Vice Chancellor on a case of de-tenuring. The committee reported on three pending complaints: one related to unethical behavior; one being studied by a subcommittee to determine whether the issues involved were within the committee's purview and whether if proven they would rise to the level of a violation of academic freedom; the third is incipient.

The **Committee on Budget and Fiscal Affairs** reported on the relationship between the Senate committee and the RCM committee, reviewed the implementation of the RCM system, discussed changes in the RCM model, and outlined the work of the committee for the year. In January, the committee brought its recommendations for fiscal 2007-8, including a 7.7% increase in graduate tuition (excluding Law); 5% increase in room and board; 35.5% financial aid expenditure; 3% salary increase for faculty and staff; and 1.5% increase in operating expenses. In April, the committee made its end-of-the-year report, which included endorsement of the recommendations of the RCM committee, the Provost's decisions on subvention adjustments, which included a consideration of transition issues related to the shift to a new

budget system, merit based on strategic goals, and need based on long-standing and new circumstances in individual centers. The committee referred Senate members to the RCM web site [<http://sumweb.syr.edu/ir/rcm/rcm.htm>] , and also recommended that responsibility centers consider two- and three-year strategic budget planning.

The **Committee on Computing Services** report included a summary and discussion of the ITS user survey results compiled during 2006-7.

The **Committee for Diversity** report included a motion that the Senate charge the Vice Chancellor to work with the committee to implement such recommendations from their report as would be appropriate. Their recommendations were concerned with: institutional statements on diversity; promotion and tenure; hiring; mentoring; recognition; research; appointments; teaching; retention; service; and daycare.

The **Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered Concerns (LGBT)** reported that during the year they had worked on such matters as restroom designation and signage and SU policy on benefits for domestic partners. They said that they would be meeting during the summer and intended to bring a proposal for changes to the policy in the fall 2007 semester.

The **Committee on Research** reported that it had worked on two matters during 2006-7, i.e., Office of Sponsored programs and Contract Accounting practices re: grant management, from submission through final report, and faculty effort reporting when funded by federal grants.

The **Committee on Student Life** reported that it had begun work on investigating concerns about campus safety, recreational facilities, availability of the Carrier Dome for student-run events, and possibility of student involvement in fund raising for the Development office.

The **Committee on Women's Concerns** reported on its 2005-6 work, which included discussion of SU's new staff complaint process, the work of the ad hoc committee working on a new policy on change in work status for long-term staff members, safe places on campus for employees to register work concerns, the draft of the University's sexual harassment complaint procedures for staff, an exit survey for SU employees, and a review of the parts of the 1998 Middle States Assessment document related to the Committee on Women's Concerns.

V. AD HOC COMMITTEE TO REVIEW POLICY ON SEXUAL HARASSMENT

In April, the committee presented its final report to the Senate, with recommendations and a motion that the Senate recognized the work of the committee and thanked them for their efforts, and encouraged the Agenda Committee to move forward, assigning such tasks to Senate committees as appropriate.

VI. BYLAWS

The University Senate voted to amend the bylaws, Article I, Sections 1 and 3, and Article V, Section 3, resulting in a reapportionment of membership.

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 create a committee charged to search for a new Vice Chancellor/Provost; recommendations of the Committee on Budget and Fiscal Affairs and its expressed concern about the need to reduce the longterm rate of increase in tuition; a motion to charge the Vice Chancellor to work with the Committee for Diversity to implement such recommendations from their report as would be appropriate; motions in recognition of Prof. John LaGraff, Professor of engineering and Mr. John Hogan, Budget Director, at their retirement from SU; and a motion that the Senate recognize the work of the ad hoc committee reviewing sexual harassment at SU and encourage the Agenda Committee to move forward, assigning such tasks to Senate committees as appropriate.

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