

SUMMARY OF THE WORK OF THE SENATE OF SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY
2007-8

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 2007-8, the University Senate met on the following dates:

12 September 2007
10 October 2007
7 November 2007
5 December 2007
1 January 2008
13 February 2008
19 March 2008
16 April 2008

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 11th and 18th, 2008 upon those candidates who qualified for such degrees by Friday, May 9th, 2007 or May 16th, 2008 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 2008-9 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: Carl E. Baum; John A. Couri; Charles J. Fahey; Seymour Hersh; Lynn Margulis; Mary McAleese; Alexander Solzhenitsyn; Mark C. Taylor; Martin Whitman; Robert Warren "Bob" Woodruff; Gianfranco Zaccai.

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:

Stanley Alten, Professor of public communications
John Briggs, Associate Professor of education
Martin Fried, Professor of law

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Emeritus, cont'd

Kenneth Hardy, Professor of marriage and family therapy
John Jones, Professor of public communications
Moon Kim, Professor of finance
David MacDonald, Professor of art
Thomas Martin, Associate Professor of information studies
John Mercer, Professor of geography
Robert Smith, Professor of engineering
A. Dale Tussing, Professor of economics
Allan Young, Professor of finance
Stephen Webb, Professor of history
Edward Zajec, Professor of transmedia
Paul Zinszer, Associate Professor of marketing
Richard Goldsmith (posthumous)
Cathryn Newton, dean emeritus

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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

Susan Henderson

Arts and Sciences

to Professor

Dan Coman
Gary Engelhardt
Paul Fitzgerald
Douglas Frank
Eleanor Maine
Kevin Masters
Alan Middleton
Chris Scholz
Maureen Schwartz
Silvio Torres-Saillant
Andrew Vogel
Janet Wilmoth

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to Associate Professor

Subo Basu
William Bradley
John Chisholm
Kathryn Everly
Marc Howard
Tom Keck
Vivian May
John Mc Peak
Melissa Pepling
Sarah Pralle
Greg Thomas
Amanda Winkler

Education

to Professor

Jill Kanaley
Lori Ploutz-Snyder

Engineering and Computer Science

to Professor

Chris Johnson

to Associate Professor

Julie M. Hasenwinkel

Information Studies

to Associate Professor

Derrick Cogburn
Joon Park

Law

to Associate Professor

Aviva Abramovsky
Jeremy Bluementhal
Juscelino Colares
Ian Gallacher
Nina Kohn
LaVonda Reed-Huff
Terry Turnipseed
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Promotions, cont'd

Management

to Professor Ravi Dharwadkar
David Harris

to Associate Professor Todd Alessandri
Yogesh Malhotra

Visual and Performing Arts

to Professor Amardo Rodriguez

to Associate Professor Judith Meighan
Felix. E. Cochren

II. CURRICULUM MATTERS

The Senate approved the following programs and program changes during 2007-8:

College of Arts and Sciences

B.A. in Middle Eastern Studies
C.A.S., Middle Eastern Affairs
M.S., Forensic Science
Revisions: M.A., minor, French and Francophone Studies;
B.A., Political Science

College of Arts and Sciences and SUNY Upstate Medical University
Master of Public Health

School of Education

Revisions: B.S., Inclusive Elem. & Spec. Ed.; M.S., Early
Childhood Special Education

College of Engineering and Computer Science

Revisions: M.S., Computer Engineering; Ph.D., Civil Engineering;
M.S., Bioengineering; Ph.D., Bioengineering; Ph.D., Chemical
Engineering

Curriculum, cont'd

College of Human Ecology

Minors: Sport Management; Child and Family Policy

School of Information Studies

Doctor of Professional Studies

School of Management

M.S., Entrepreneurship & Emerging Enterprises

Revisions: M.B.A.

School of Management, College of Engineering and Computer Science

B.S. (ECS)/M.B.A. Program

School of Public Communications

Revision: M.A., Advertising

College of Visual and Performing Arts

Revision: B.F.A., Photography

III. MOTIONS

Committee on Academic Affairs

The Senate voted to adopt a change in the rules for tenure, allowing the tenure clock to be stopped for personal as well as institutional reasons. (10/10/7)

The University Senate voted to approve a change of name for the College of Human Services and Health Professions to **College of Human Ecology**. (11/7/8)

The Senate approved name and status change of the Women's Studies Program to **Women's and Gender Studies Department**, status change for Sport Management to **Department of Sport Management** in the College of Human Ecology, and a split of the Department of Nutrition and Hospitality Mgt. into two departments, **Dept. of Nutrition Science and Dietetics** and **Department of Hospitality Management** in the College of Human Ecology. (12/5/7, 2/13/8)

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Motions, cont'd

Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered Concerns

The Senate voted to endorse in principle the domestic partnership benefits policy changes recommended in the committee's report. (10/10/7)

Committee on Budget and Fiscal Affairs

The Senate endorsed six recommendations of the Budget committee that were listed in their report, and requested that the endorsement be reported to the Board of Trustees.

Agenda Committee

The Senate approved revised wording in the University's nondiscrimination policy, adding the categories of citizenship, ethnicity, and sex.

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 activity re: tenure clock flexibility; its discussions of the tenure policy with regard to instructional, research, and administrative personnel. It reported the following names of students who had been selected as SU Scholars for 2008:

Alison Baker (Public Communications)
Allison Black (Visual and Performing Arts)
Julia Dalton (Architecture)
Roslyn Esperon (Arts and Sciences)
Kathleen Gill (Arts and Sciences)
April Hace (Management/Public Communications)
Thomas Hackman (Arts and Sciences)
Sara Leahy (Management/Public Communications)
Robert Magliaro (Arts and Sciences)
Julianne Pepitone (Arts and Sciences/Public Communications)
Stephanie Riveta (Arts and Sciences/Public Communications)
Sarah Wraight (Arts and Sciences)

The **Committee on Administrative Operations** reported on its work for the year, which had included visits from various administrators to the committee to discuss transportation to and from campus; planning of campus design, construction, and renovation; public safety; human resources and staff benefits; housing and meal plans; the Carrier Dome.

In addition to the report on faculty promotions and retiring faculty, the **Committee on Appointment and Promotions** reported on a violation of procedure in the process used to evaluate tenure candidates the previous year. The report referred to the *Faculty Manual* where it is stated that candidates for tenure are considered only once, and that after the formal review process has begun the candidate may not withdraw from consideration and subsequently reapply for tenure.

The **Committee on Budget and Fiscal Affairs** reported the 2006-7 budget reconciliation; an update on committee activities as well as on RCM Committee activity; and planned discussions and activities for fall 2007. The committee reported in January with the committee's joint activities with the RCM committee; the budget planning assumptions; and a proposed new committee charge. They also reported their recommendations for increases in undergraduate and graduate tuition (5.6%), room and board (5%), and staff salaries (3%), and operating expenses (1.5%), as well as a fall 2008 enrollment target of 3060 incoming students and 300 transfers. In April they reported on their year's activity, including the spring revision and an update on the issues reported in January.

The **Committee on Athletic Policy** reported on its 2006-7 work, which included updates on NCAA recertification, athletic department budget and forecast, the Faculty Oversight Committee, academic progress monitoring and support, dining hall hours, spirit squads, the Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act, pre-season game schedules in conflict with mandatory first-year orientation, first-year student forgiveness policy, and advising.

The **Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered Concerns** reported with a motion recommending changes in the University's policy on benefits for domestic partners, which the Senate endorsed in principle. The changes included: a single form for use by employees declaring their benefits-eligible spouses or domestic partners; that employees whose relationships are not legally recognized be able to establish their partners's benefits by declaring *either* that they share a primary residence with their partners *or* that they have been a relationship of mutual commitment for at least six months; deletion of the clause "are not legally allowed to marry under current laws of the state in which the employee resides"; that the University offset the unfair taxation of domestic partner benefits by paying the difference to each affected employee (a practice known as "grossing up"); and that the current policy be extended to include opposite sex partners as well.

The **Committee on Instruction** reported on its 2006-7 work, including discussion of a request to change the excused absence policy due to out-of-town athletic and other events and one for requiring that all faculty include a statement about the availability of accommodation for those with learning disabilities and/or other special needs on every course syllabus. The committee did not recommend on either request. It suggested minor changes in a proposal to change the policy on withdrawal and readmission, and discussed the matter of grade inflation, but did not recommend any change in current practices.

The **Committee on the Library** reported on its 2006-7 work, including updates on development, physical improvement and changes, staffing, collections, web access, the policy on who is to have access to electronic resources, and use of course materials available through Blackboard.

The **Committee on Women's Concerns** reported on 2006-7 activity, including review of the Staff Complaint Process with Human Resources, investigation of the feasibility of establishing a women's center at SU, and projected its agenda items for 2007-8, including continued monitoring of the Staff Complaint Process and a proposal for improving the working climate for women at Syracuse University.

V. 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 from the Committee on LGBT Concerns to change the University's policy on benefits for same sex domestic partners; a motion from the Academic Affairs committee to change the tenure clock, allowing it to be stopped for personal as well as institutional reasons; a name change from College of Human Svces. & Health Professions to College of Human Ecology; name and status change to Department of Women's and Gender Studies; a change that created the separate Nutrition Science and Dietetics and Hospitality Management departments; a motion endorsing the six recommendations of the Budget Committee; and a motion changing the wording of the tenure policy (Sections 2.27 through 2.30 of the *Faculty Manual*).

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