

# Summary 2002 - 2003

## Summary of the Work of the University Senate, 2002-2003

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 2002-2003, the University Senate met on the following dates:

11 September 2002  
16 October 2002  
6 November 2002 (open forum)  
13 November 2002  
4 December 2002  
15 January 2003  
12 February 2003  
19 February 2003 (open forum)  
19 March 2003  
23 April 2003

The following 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, 2003 upon those candidates who qualified for such degrees by Friday, May 9th, 2003 or May 16th, 2003 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 2003-4 academic year

The University Senate recommended to the Board of Trustees that the nominees approved by the Senate be honored with an honorary degree.

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

Richard Braungart	Professor of sociology
Joan Burstyn	Professor of cultural foundations of education and Professor of history
Bruce Fredrikson	Professor of finance
Francois Gabriel	Professor of architecture
James Karp	Professor of law and public policy
Jacques Lewin	Professor of mathematics
Travis Lewin	Professor of law
Lynne McFall	Professor of philosophy
William McPeak	Associate Professor of social work

John Palmer	Dean of the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs
Richard Ratcliff	Associate Professor of sociology
Gary Spencer	Professor of sociology
David Sullivan	Professor of biology

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

<b>Arts and Sciences</b> to Professor	Doug Armstrong Jaklin Kornfilt Mark Rupert
to Associate Professor	Zachary Braiterman Dan Coman Douglas Frank Rogan Kersh Jeffrey Kubik Daniel Nolan Joshua Smyth Assata Zerai Paul Verhawghen
<b>Arts and Sciences/Education</b> to Associate Professor	John Tillotson
<b>Education</b> to Associate Professor	Tiffany Koszalka Kelly Chandler Olcott
<b>Human Services and Health Professions</b> to Associate Professor	Patricia Coleman Kenneth Corvo Robert Keefe Mary Wilde Diane Young
<b>Information Studies</b> to Professor	Barbara Kwasnik Milton Mueller, Jr.
<b>Visual and Performing Arts</b> to Professor	Maria Marrero Tom Sherman
to Associate Professor	Linda Cushman Diane Grimes Heath Hanlin Alexander Koziara Janith Wright Wei Yi Yang

## II. CURRICULUM MATTERS

The Senate approved the following programs and program changes during 2002-2003:

### **College of Arts and Sciences**

- Interdisciplinary B.A. and minor, Religion and Society
- Minor, Middle Eastern Studies

### **School of Information Studies**

- C.A.S., School Library Media
- name change: C.A.S., Information Systems & Telecommunications Management
- name change: M.S., Library and Information Science
- revised: M.S., Program in School Media

### **College of Visual and Performing Arts**

- new program: M.Mus., Conducting
- changed: B.S. to B.F.A., Fashion Design; B.S. to B.F.A., Textile Design
- revised: M.A.,M.S., Speech Communication
- name changed: M.A.,M.S. Fashion & Textile Design; B.F.A., Computer Art; B.I.D., Industrial and Interaction Design; M.F.A., Computer Art

## **III. MOTIONS**

### **Vice Chancellor and Provost, Deborah A. Freund**

The Vice Chancellor made motion at the October Senate meeting recommending that the University begin immediately to **phase out the undergraduate and graduate degree programs in nursing**, leading in a timely manner to the discontinuance of all programs of instruction in nursing and the closure of the School of Nursing. The motion was discussed at length, and approved at the November meeting.

### **Committee on Academic Affairs**

The Senate approved a motion, which was a recommendation that the name of the Department of Speech Communication be changed to **Department of Communication and Rhetorical Studies**.

### **Chancellor Search Committee**

At the April meeting, the Senate approved an Agenda Committee motion calling for endorsement of a process by which a slate of 7 faculty, 1 staff, 1 graduate student, and 2 undergraduate nominations to the Search Committee for a new chancellor would be developed. The process involved the Agenda Committee soliciting nominations from the two main student organizations (SA and GSO), as well as from faculty and staff, and then meeting to determine the slate of faculty, students, and staff, and submitting it to senators for ratification by e.mail or campus mail.

## **IV. RESOLUTIONS**

The Senate approved statements *in memoriam* of the following members of the University community, who had served as members of the University Senate, and who died during 2002-3:

- College of Visual and Performing Arts professor Rodger Mack
- School of Architecture professor emeritus Alain Verley
- College of Engineering professor emeritus Allen J. Barduhn
- College for Human Development professor emeritus Marjorie V. Dibble
- Maxwell School of Public Affairs and Citizenship professor and Vice Chancellor emeritus

## 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 2001-2 work, which included revision of the process for selecting SU Scholars, streamlining the process so that Scholars could be chosen and announced earlier in spring semester, and changing the deadline for submission of nominations to the second Wednesday of any spring semester; attempt at resolution of a dispute between VPA and Newhouse about a proposed name change in the Department of Speech Communication; discussion of the Vice Chancellor's proposal for a new faculty rank, Professor of Practice, and review of two proposals from the School of Education, one for establishment of the SU Institute for Advancing Higher Education Scholarship and the other for establishing a Center for Urban education in Literacy and Mathematics, with the result that the School was asked to revise their proposals so that the committee could more adequately review them. The committee planned to review and revise the guidelines for establishing of centers and institutes. The Committee approved a name change in the School of Management, the **Department of Management and Decision Sciences**.

In 2002-3, **the committee reported to the Senate in November, recommending that the Vice Chancellor's proposal to close the School of Nursing be endorsed by the Senate**, and included extensive description of the committee process and discussions. The committee also approved a name change in the College of Visual and Performing Arts, Department of Communication and Rhetorical Studies, and reported that the following students had been selected as SU Scholars for 2003:

- Erin Leigh Althen (Visual and Performing Arts/Education)
- Ryan Bednar (Visual and Performing Arts)
- Melissa Jane Griggs (Engineering and Computer Science)
- Young-Je Kim (Management/Information Studies)
- Bolton Minnick (Public Communications/Arts and Sciences)
- Stacey Moreau (Public Communications/Management)
- Runjhun Nanchal (Arts and Sciences)
- Karma Parsons (Arts and Sciences)
- Matthew Simansky (Public Communications/Arts and Sciences)
- Nicholas Saponara (Architecture)
- Adam Sexton (Public Communications/Arts and Sciences)
- Eric Waldo (Information Studies)

### **Committee on Academic Freedom, Tenure and Professional Ethics**

The Committee on Academic Freedom, Tenure and Professional Ethics reported that it had seven cases during 2002-3, four cases involving tenure denial, one involving allegations of professional ethics and/or academic freedom violations, and two involving sexual harassment allegations, one of which was a tenure denial. The committee reported that two of the seven were still in process, and one case of tenure denial from spring 2002 was being monitored. The committee also brought a motion to approve revision of a policy on meetings with staff members when their termination from the University was to be discussed [the Senate voted to refer this back to committee for further work].

### **Committee on Administrative Operations**

The Committee on Administrative Operations reported with a summary of its 2002-3 work, including a presentation by SU Health Services, the Managing Director of the Dome, Director of Counseling Services, Director of Housing, Meal Plan and ID Card Services, Director of Public Safety, Director of

Design and Construction, Director of Business and Facilities Maintenance Services, Director of Recreation Services, Director of Facilities Support Services, and Director of Parking and Transit Services.

### **Committee on Athletic Policy**

The Committee on Athletic Policy reported with a summary of its activity during 2001-2 as well as 2002-3. The report included a brief description of the committee's rethinking of its role, and listed a set of principles drafted to guide the committee in its role of helping to assure the integrity of the athletic programs by requesting, analyzing, and reporting information to the Senate. These guidelines call for the committee to:

- facilitate the dissemination of objective information related to the well-being of student athletes as a group;
- provide a picture or "lay of the land" for the Senate, how, e.g., the various components and activities of the University affect student athletes and the converse, with the picture evolving each year;
- provide early warnings of emerging issues and spur discussion among the relevant groups;
- improve the quality of discussion about the role of athletics and student athletes at SU;
- specify, to the extent possible, the data and reports that will be routinely presented to the Senate, with data being comparable year to year;
- its data and reports should help the Senate and the larger community be well informed.

**The report included information on graduation rates, GPA, and participation of men and women compared to the undergraduate student body; changes in NCAA eligibility guidelines and calculation of graduation rates; brief description of emergency of the Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics (COIA), summary of work of subcommittees on the role of athletics in undergraduate education, advising, and placement. The report concluded with a list of recommendations for 2003-4.**

### **Committee on Budget and Fiscal Affairs**

The Committee on Budget and Fiscal Affairs **reported the fall budget revision which included a report of a net positive revenue revision associated with larger incoming class in fall 2003, of increase in projected operating costs of planned additions to academic space, and substantial reduction of projection of endowment earnings. The committee also reported operating budget deficits in all but one year of the 5-year forecast after the current year, as well as a list of unmet budget concerns, including a number of budget recommendations from the ad hoc Committee on PTIs, fundraising costs, graduate assistant support, and library collections, and concern that SU's average full-time faculty compensation continued to be below the average pay of peer groups.**

**In January, it reported the pro forma budget for 2003-4, which recommended:** a 6% tuition increase for 2003-4; salary budget increases of 3.5% per year; 1.5% increase in operating budgets; increase in health care cost of 10%, 8%, 8%, and 7% each year subsequent to fiscal 2005; creation of a minimum wage for PTIs and adjuncts, and increase in the budget for library books and periodicals by 5% a year.

**The Budget committee's April report included:** a report from the Subcommittee on Administrative Expense; report of expenditure plans for new funding for graduate education; an income subsidy report; and report of the impact of the Governor's proposal on SU and its students; contingency plan preparedness; institutional advancement (return on investment); academic space plan.

### **Committee on Computing Service**

The Committee on Computing Services began with a **tribute to Beth Ruffo**, longtime staff member of the Faculty Computing Center, who had died in the winter. The committee report included a reminder to faculty, staff, and students about the policy on illegal online file trading, as well as informing senators how they might get a committee web site updated, or install new programs on

teaching station and/or public cluster workstations.

### **Committee on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Concerns**

The Committee on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Concerns reported that they had received a Vision Find grant to begin a process of self study and faculty and curricular development. They also scheduled a series of community meetings which focused on: Teaching and Identity Issues, Infusing LGBT Knowledge and Perspectives into the Curriculum (with Paisley Currah); Your Voices, Our Future: What is Important to Students; and a LGBT Faculty, Graduate Student, and Staff social. **The committee reported initiating discussions about ROTC** and its effect on the intellectual and financial status of LGBT students, faculty and staff; and a meeting with University librarians to discuss establishment of a subject librarian for LGBT Studies.

### **Committee on Honorary Degrees**

The Committee on Honorary Degrees reported its nominations for the 2003 Commencements.

### **Committee on Instruction**

The Committee on Instruction reported on a matter carried over from 2001-2, a report of results of a survey by the Undergraduates for a Better Education (UBE), which the committee reviewed and brought to the Senate for discussion. The committee also brought the proposed new 5-year academic calendar to the Senate in order to solicit feedback and commentary for the Registrar's office. Other matters discussed by the committee included plagiarism, student retention, and academic and financial support for in programs such as HEOP. **In April, the committee brought a revised version of the proposed new class scheduling paradigm for information and commentary**, saying that debate and vote on the new paradigm would be held in the fall 2003 semester, and that over the summer a simulation would be done to see how the proposed new paradigm would work. The report included a web site for members of the SU community to communicate with the committee <http://cstl.syr.edu/scheduling/survey.asp>.

### **Committee on the Library**

The Committee on the Library reported on the study conducted by the library and the resultant recommendations, including increased space, more flexibility in use of the library space, provision of a common area for readings, presentations and cultural events, increased availability of and support for technology, facilitated access to services such as reference and circulation, creation of a more welcoming atmosphere at the entrances (e.g., a more visible and attractive book presence), newspaper and periodical reading areas, and reference collection, increased visibility of print collection. Other recommendations included improved layout, signs, exhibits, more electric outlets and network ports, more restroom facilities and shelves for personal items, designated cell phone use area, and a coffee shop on the first floor.

### **Committee on Services to the Faculty and Staff**

The Committee on Services to the Faculty and Staff reported briefly on its 2001-2 work, listing meetings with Human Resources in conjunction with increased health plan costs and the Chancellor's Health Care Advisory Committee (HCAC); continued input to the subcommittee working on the Staff Grievance Procedure; reviewed the HCAC's report to the Chancellor and the report of the ad hoc committee on Part-time Teaching, with intention to continue monitoring progress of recommendations from both groups. **In the spring, the committee reported a description of the voluntary phased retirement program for tenured faculty, which would be effective as of January 1, 2003.**

### **Committee on Women's Concerns**

The Committee on Women's Concerns reported on its 2001-2 work, which included bringing the final draft of the new staff grievance procedure to the Senate for information, and its continuing efforts to obtain information on the various Chancellor-appointed task forces on family-friendly policies, as well as information on the gender aspect of part-time teaching (i.e., problems with working conditions, lack of mentoring, research time and faculty development). The committee reported continuing interest in

increasing the number of women faculty at all ranks; improvement of racial diversity; retention of female faculty members; a sensible recommendation re: accommodation of domestic partners in recruiting; and the status of all women on campus.

### **Agenda Committee**

The Agenda Committee reported the results of discussions with DO editors in the months following protests against racist and sexist cartoons published in the *Daily Orange* during spring 2002. The list of reforms is on file in the Senate Office.

## **VI. RESOLUTIONS**

In February, the Senate endorsed a resolution supporting the University of Michigan's efforts to get the U.S. Supreme Court to reaffirm the legal principle of continued consideration of race and ethnicity in affirmative action policies in college and university admissions.

## **VII. REPORTS FROM KEY ADMINISTRATIVE AREAS**

During 2002-3, the Senate heard reports from Senior Vice President and Dean of Student Affairs Barry Wells and University Librarian Peter Graham. (Full reports are on file in the Senate office.)

## **VIII. PENDING BUSINESS**

1. The proposals of the Ad Hoc Committee on Part-time Instruction, that have not yet been implemented (e.g., group health insurance, rank and promotion for PTIs);
2. Proposal for a new faculty rank, Professor of Practice;
3. Revision of procedures associated with a proposal to close schools and colleges;
4. Creation of a manual to guide members of the Affirmative Action Grievance Committee, and improved procedures;
5. Classroom scheduling proposal;
6. Issue of SU faculty members being harassed and humiliated by U.S. Customs agents upon re-entering the U.S. from overseas or Canada.

## **IX. 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 on gays in the ROTC program, the Chancellor concurred in a motion to endorse the Academic Affairs committee's recommendation that SU begin to phase out the undergraduate and graduate programs in the School of Nursing, leading to a closing of the School, as well as a motion to change the name of the Speech Communications department to Department of Communication and Rhetorical Studies.