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Faculty Assembly Meeting
December 12, 2007
Pavilion, 3:00-4:30

Attendance: **AIS:** L. Cassidy, P. Elovitz, J. Hoch, Y. Kisor, K. Manko, J. Mazza, M. Pelaez, B. Roy, E. Shannon, P. Straile-Costa, J. Teigen; **ASB:** R. Abzug, L. Chakrin, N. Dahan, S. Eisner, Y. Gao, G. Gonpu, M. Govindaluri, J. Hecht, G. Kettlitz, S. Klein, M. O'Grady, A. Olbrecht, E. Petkus, L. Ponti, T. Rakotobe-Joel, R. Rigoli, M. Sabrin, R. Shea-Van Fossen, C. Sherman, A. Stellenwerf, J. Woodley, K. Yeaton, K. Zeno; **CA:** M. Allison, M. Bautis, B. Bedard, B. Blake, R. Clark, M. Davis, K. Dolak, R. Gangemi, M. Guevara, B. Hughes, S. Jablonsky, J. Lipkin, L. Lutter, E. Negron, J. Peck, S. Perry, R. Sen, B. Shemash, T. Vandergraw, W. Wada; **LIB:** S. Knight, I. Kucta, S. Kurzmann, E. Risch, M. Sexton; **SSHS:** E. Abbey, E. Augis, J. Braun, D. Crawley, M. Edelstein, V. Gonsalves-Dommo, P. Heinze, E. Kaiden, C. Kassem, E. Katic, D. Lewis-Coleman, A. Lorenz, M. McLaughlin, J. Morley, L. Perez-Strumolo, F. Shapiro-Skrobe, M. Vides, J. Weiss; **TAS:** S. Anderson, P. Bagga, C. Brisson, A. Felix, S. Frees, C. Frishberg, C. Johnson, A. Kumar, W. Mitchell, W. Olsen, E. Rainforth, R. Rosty, E. Saiff, R. Shannon, A. Stuart, X. Valderamma, E. Wiener; **CAS:** A. Romano

Approval of the minutes of the previous Faculty Assembly Meeting: postponed due to inclusion of attendance

Presentation on scholarly activities of the Library faculty: S. Kurzmann & I. Kuchta

Library faculty members Susan Kurzmann and Irene Kuchta presented various ways the Potter Library support both faculty and student scholarship including selecting resources, providing Information Literacy, and Working with First Year Seminar. See also: <http://facultyassembly.pbwiki.com/Faculty+Assembly+Presentation>

President's report: P. Mercer

President Mercer reported that Provost Barnett and Dean Chakrin were granted tenure at Monday's Board of Trustees meeting. The Strategic Plan was also approved and the President reminded all present that he will be creating the Constituent Assembly next semester. Parking: students in Pine and Linden will be given financial incentive to park farther out, possibly freeing up space for faculty/staff. He has also proposed to free up 50 slots in Oak and Maple for faculty and staff at a price of \$200 per year. President Mercer also reported being petitioned by students into signing the American College & University President's Climate Commitment

<http://www.presidentsclimatecommitment.org/> at the Green on Green Conference.

Emma Rainforth will chair the committee to implement the signed Commitment. The student perspective was presented by Paul Coraggio from the Environmental Alliance. He provided comments on student involvement in the Climate Commitment, sustainability, pride in the institution, and the January 31, 2008, teach-in on the environment.

Provost's report: B. Barnett

Provost Barnett recognized faculty receiving tenure effective September 1, 2008.

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She also asked for faculty participation on the committee to review course applications for summer stipends to develop online courses. Provost Barnett also presented the “Task Force Report on Student Learning Goals & Objectives: what should every Ramapo College (under) graduate know and be able to do?” beginning with a review of the mission pillars, developing goals, and learning objectives:

<http://guide.ramapo.edu/provost/docs/Goals%20and%20Objectives%20for%20General%20Education%20at%20Ramapo%20College.pdf>

Other items reported included 1) adjustments to the All College-Meeting time slot for academic year 2008/2009-meeting time will be available on Wednesdays from 11:30a to 2:45p, 2) the Middle States Self Study will be co-chaired by Jennefer Mazza and Miki Cammarata, and 3) Vice President Martha Ecker will be leaving academic administration and returning to the classroom. Following the report, Provost Barnett answered questions from the floor including where the Student Learning Goals are listed-under Quick Links on Provost’s web page, the Academic Plan, a search committee for Martha’s replacement and a review of the job description, and feedback on goals.

Decision items

ARC report: J. Lipkin

Chairman Lipkin provided a brief report of ARC activities including revisions to the ARC Manual which will be voted on at today’s meeting:

http://ww2.ramapo.edu/libfiles/fa/Arch_Announce/Academic_Manual%20R2007.11%5B1%5D.pdf

Voting results for changes to the guidelines within the manual:

- Course level guidelines (green): results-73 yes, 7 no
- Course enrollment guidelines (yellow): results-79 yes, 10 no, 1 abstain

Parking

Councilors Anita Stellenwerf and Amruth Kumar provided a brief report on their meetings with the parking committee and presented parking proposals from President Mercer. Proposals: 1) 50 spots in Oak and Maple for \$200, 2) faculty should be able to park in any legal parking space on campus that is not reserved or handicapped without being ticketed, 3) 50 slots available in Oak and Maple on a first come first served basis without cost to faculty:

http://ww2.ramapo.edu/libfiles/fa/Arch_Announce/Parking%20Proposals.doc

Voting results: Proposal #2: 59 in favor, 6 abstain

Discussion item

- Presentation by members of the Executive Council of the Faculty Assembly on the pros and cons of the pilot faculty governance structure

Reports from Faculty Representatives to BOT Committees

- Academic and Student Affairs-no report
- Capital Improvements-no report
- Finance-Alex Olbrecht reported that the Board of Trustees is considering hiring a consultant group to review cost structures on campus, i.e. how to pay for things.

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- Institutional Advancement and Alumni Relations-no report
- Human Resources Committee-no report

Union Report: no report

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Quick Announcements: none