

Approved March 19, 2008

Faculty Assembly Meeting
February 20, 2008
SC 136/137

Attendance: **AIS:** L. Cassidy, M. Giacompe, S. Hangen, T. Kwak, I. Lopez, B. Roy, S. Rubin, N. Santamaria-Laorden, P. Straile-Costa, J. Teigen, M. Unger; **ASB:** S. Eisner, G. Gonpu, E. Haye, J. Hecht, E. Petkus, L. Ponti, J. Woodley, K. Zeno; **CA:** M. Allison, M. Bautis, B. Bedard, R. Clark, K. Dolak, S. Gorewitz, J. Hollenbach, B. Hughes, P. Keeton, J. Lipkin, L. Lutter, E. Negron, M. Swarts, T. Vandergraw, W. Wada; **LIB:** C. Connors, R. Dilly, L. Keller, S. Knight, I. Kuchta, S. Kurzmann, M. Sexton; **SSHS:** E. Abbey, R. Becklen, J. Braun, J. Cataliotti, M. Edelstein, H. Horowitz, M. Howenstein, E. Kaiden, E. Katic, R. Langheim, J. Morley, L. Perez-Strumolo, M. Poran, F. Shapiro-Skrobe, T. Sineshaw, M. Vides, J. Weiss; **TAS:** R. Bacon, A. Brandolini, C. Brisson, C. Cohen, L. D'Antonio, D. Dumitru, A. Felix, S. Frees, E. Karlin, A. Kumar, R. Lowell, W. Olsen, K. Potocka, E. Rainforth, R. Rosty, E. Saiff, R. Shannon, A. Stuart, E. Weiner

Approval of the minutes of the December 12, 2007 Faculty Assembly: Approved

Presentation on scholarly activities of the TAS Faculty: A. Kumar

Amruth Kumar presented scholarly activities from faculty in the School of Theoretical and Applied Sciences including: Paramjeet Bagga & Larry D'Antonio, Daniela Buna, Art Felix, Scott Frees, Peggy Green, Eric Karlin, Emma Rainforth, Eddie Saiff, Eric Weiner, and Amruth Kumar

Report of the President of the Faculty Assembly: E. Karlin

President Karlin provided a brief report of activities of the Executive Council including the creation of a Task Force for Implementation of Personnel Policies, a mentoring work group, and concerns from the Under-10 caucus. Executive Council has also been in discussion with President Mercer and Provost Barnett on the topics of graduate programs, reimbursements, summer schedules, administrative planning at the senior administrative level, new sources of revenue, classroom space and availability, a faculty lounge, and transportation to train stations. Check the Faculty Assembly webpage for updates to the Academic Meeting schedule. There is also a page for Board of Trustees subcommittee reports.

Provost's Report: B. Barnett

Provost Barnett introduced and welcomed Clare Naporano as Assistant Director of Academic Affairs. She briefly reported on the Spelling's Report on higher education and accountability and its possible impact on the Middle States Commission. Three pieces of the report are of primary importance: 1) "consumer" information about institutions, 2) student engagement, and 3) standardized testing of general education. Provost Barnett welcomed feedback and it was suggested from the floor that a town hall meeting be scheduled for discussion regarding standardized testing.

Discussion Items

1) Faculty Governance-the motion tabled from the January 23 meeting, to continue with the current structure for an additional two years, was substituted for a motion to incorporate

Approved March 19, 2008

proposed changes to the structure for two years. The substitute motion was passed by a voice vote. The proposed structural changes will be sent to the faculty for a mail ballot and the Bylaws will be amended. Following results of the mail ballot, nominations will open for the Faculty Assembly President and Faculty Assembly Secretary.

Union Report: None

Old Business: None

New Business: None