

Approved September 4, 2007

Faculty Assembly Meeting
April 25, 2007
Friends Hall

Approval of the minutes of the previous Faculty Assembly Meeting: Approved

Faculty Assembly President's Report: E. Karlin

President Karlin asked those present to pause in a moment of reflection for the tragic events that took place at Virginia Tech. In-service is scheduled for May 10, 2007, from 9:00 to 11:30am on the topics of Supporting Scholarship and Implementing CEP Experiential Learning with presentations by President Mercer and Provost Barnett. Following In-service, the Richardson Award will be presented.

Faculty showcase

- *American & International Studies* was presented by Jeremy Teigen and showcased publications, conference presentations, and projects conducted by several faculty within the unit including: Monika Giacoppe, Susan Hangen, Bernard Roy, Ed Shannon, Rosetta D'Angelo, Yvette Kisor, James Hoch, Paula Straile-Costa, Jeremy Teigen, Niza Fabre, Karen O'Brien, and Iraida Lopez

President's Report: P. Mercer

President Mercer reported on the process and progress of AACSB accreditation, dean selection, and his role as President for next year including discussing resources. Dean selection committees will be made up of both internal and external constituents to 1) review the job description, 2) review capable internal candidates, or 3) conduct a national search. He stressed that the decision still resides primarily with the unit with college-wide input. Following his report, President Mercer took a few minutes to answer questions from those present.

Provost's Report: B. Barnett

Provost Barnett reported on faculty development at Ramapo College including funding sources for scholarship and research. She also discussed funding for specific purposes based on the faculty lifespan: pre-tenure faculty, mid-career, and senior faculty needs. A presentation on the budget will be Monday, April 30, 2007. Following her report, Provost Barnett answered questions from those present on the topics of one-time gifts and building support for scholarship into the overall budget.

Executive Council Nominations, Candidate Presentations & Committee Representatives:

Presentation by candidates: Jim Morley as At-Large member, Lisa Cassidy as Newer Faculty member. Paper ballot results: Jim Morley selected as Councilor-At-Large; Lisa Cassidy selected as Councilor Representing Newer Faculty.

All-College Research Committee representatives needed for Arts: nominated Bonnie Blake; representative for Social Sciences: nominated Jeremy Teigen. Nominees were approved by voice affirmation vote.

Discussion items: tabled due to time constraints

- Support for faculty scholarship college wide

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ARC report: To be posted on the ARC webpage

Earthweek Presentation: T. Vandergaw

Terra Vandergaw presented highlights of activities during Earthweek and called for participation in planning for Earthweek 2008.

Sustainable Buildings and Grounds Committee: M. Edelstein

Mike Edelstein reported on the Ramapo River Conference and other Earth month events. He also put out a call for committee participation.

Faculty Resource Center: L. Perez-Stromolo

Lysandra Perez-Stromolo reminded attendees to fill out the FRC survey on activities.

Reports from Faculty Representatives to BOT Committees

- Academic and Student Affairs: Sharon Rubin reported the approval of the January graduates and enrollment numbers for fall 2007.
- Capital Improvements: Eric Weiner (no report)
- Finance: Alex Olbrecht (no report)
- Institutional Advancement and Alumni Relations: Ellen Kaiden reported on funding opportunities for the Anisfield School of Business and the Spirituality Center; the Meadowlands grant has been re-approved; an accessibility grant from NSF is in the works.
- Human Resources: Ricki Abzug (no report)

Volunteers to serve on BOT Committees were approved by voice affirmation vote.

Union Report: no report

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Quick Announcements:

- Task Force reports are posted on the Provost's webpage and the Provost will hold another open hearing meeting during Finals week. Volunteers are needed to work over the summer to consolidate student learning outcomes in preparation of assessment.
- Please visit the David Freund exhibition in the Berrie Center.
- A film by Stephen Jablonsky will premiere at the Tribeca Film Festival along with additional screenings of *Postcards from Tora Bora*.