

Approved by Faculty Assembly 11-7-07

Faculty Assembly
September 4, 2007
Pavilion
9:00-10:30a

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

President's Report: E. Karlin

President Karlin welcomed everyone to the fall semester and reported on several events that took place over the summer including the changes to the Nursing Program, new faculty and administrative positions, the new academic building, progress of the AFT contract, and progress in revising the Uniform Ethics Code as it applies to faculty. Two issues he wanted to discuss at today's Unit Council meetings were 1) adequate meeting time and 2) faculty assembly discussions at the unit level i.e. Unit Councils.

Introduction of new faculty

- Dean Langer introduced 5 new faculty members in TAS plus faculty in the Nursing Program
- Interim Dean Rosenberg introduced 4 new faculty in SSHS
- Dean Perry introduced 3 new faculty members in CA
- Dean Chakrin introduced 5 new faculty members in ASB
- Dean Mazza introduced 3 new faculty members in AIS
- College Librarian Siecke introduced 1 new faculty member in the Library

President's Report: P. Mercer

President Mercer welcomed everyone to campus and also reported on various summer activities including the introduction of Christopher Romano as his new assistant. The College Park Apartments are currently under renovation which also includes much needed repairs to the roofs. The new Anisfield School of Business building is open and functional. *US News & World Report* has moved Ramapo into a Masters level category and the College is now ranked 5th among public institutions at that level. Construction on the Sustainability & Education Center should begin on or about September 8. The second draft of the Strategic Plan should be up for review in the near future and he wants to revisit the constituent assembly idea. President Mercer also reminded everyone to attend the President's Reception at the Havemeyer House today beginning at 5:00pm

Provost's Report: B. Barnett

Provost Barnett also welcomed everyone to campus and introduced new members in Academic Affairs including:

- Ricardo Ortegon, Associate Vice-Provost for Enrollment Management
- George Tabback, CIO
- Pat Change, Vice Provost Budget & Personnel
- Rosa Diaz-Mulryan, Assistant Vice-Provost for Innovative and Professional Learning
- Liz Siecke, Ramapo College Librarian
- Sam Rosenberg, Interim Dean SSHS

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Provost Barnett reported on the progress made over the summer regarding the pillar task forces and the Goals & Objectives Task Force to develop student learning goals and outcomes. Middle States will make an accreditation visit in 2009-2010. Discussions on assessment will begin later this fall and the Greater Expectations group is sponsoring a meeting on September 5 to review what various convening groups are doing. Review of the policies and procedures regarding animal care and human test subjects in terms of faculty research will also take place this academic year.

ARC Report: J. Lipkin

Professor Lipkin introduced members of the committee and mentioned their review of the manual which is also posted on the ARC website.

TEC Update: S. Massimo

Scotty Massimo recommended and invited the use of TEC including WebCT and Luminis. TEC will be moving out of the trailer sometime in the fall.

Reports from Faculty Representatives to BOT Committees

- Academic & Student Affairs-no report
- Capital Improvements-Eric Weiner reported the new academic building open and functional, renovation of the grove pathways, 660 trees planted on campus, the south entrance will be moved, the Spirituality Center is on track, and upgrades to athletic fields. He also requested feedback regarding birds hitting windows on campus.
- Finance-no report
- Institutional Advancement and Alumni Relations-no report

Union Report: W. Hayes

President Hayes reported on changes to the contract and announced the AFT meeting next Wednesday.

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Quick Announcements:

Mike Edelstein announced the Green meets Green conference November 30-December 1, 2007, and called for participation on the Sustainability Buildings & Grounds committee.

Sam Rosenberg announced Constitution Day September 17, 2007

Bernard Roy announced Ramapo will host the New Jersey Philosophical Association meeting on November 3, 2007

Steve Perry announced the Greater Expectation Workshop will be in Friends Hall September 5, 2007

Warner Wada announced upcoming events in the Berrie Center galleries

Pat Keaton promoted the fall Cinemateque schedule

Susan Kurzmann announced this semester's E-Week October 22, 2007