

CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY

Faculty Senate Executive Committee

Meeting of April 11, 2006, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Room 352 Adelbert Hall

REVISED AGENDA

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| 1:30 | 1. | Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of March 9, 2006 (attached) | R. Wright ✓ |
| 1:35 | 2. | Provost's Announcements | J. Anderson ✓ |
| 1:50 | 3. | Chair's Announcements
- University Budget Committee ✓ | R. Wright ✓ |
| 2:05 | 4. | Dept. Name Change: from Religion to Religious Studies (attached) [Action Item] | R. Wright ✓ |
| 2:10 | 5. | Update from the Vice President for Development | J. Robison ✓ |
| 2:20 | 6. | Report of the Faculty Compensation Committee | K. Loparo ✓ |
| 2:30 | 7. | Report of the By-Laws Committee | M. Resnick ✓ |
| <hr/> <p>Action items - pending committee recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Revised Bylaws for MSASS (attached) ✓ 02- Proposed Amendments to FH re University Libraries Committee Membership (attached) ✓- Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws for the School of Dental Medicine (attached) <hr/> | | | |
| 2:45 | 8. | Report of the Minority Affairs Committee | S. Neth ✗ |
| 2:55 | 9. | Report of the University Libraries Committee
- regarding Digital Case [Action Item] | P. Salipante |
| 3:05 | 10. | Report of the Faculty Personnel Committee
[Action item]
-Recommendation to Approve Change in FH on Pretenure Period Chapter 3, PART ONE, I. G. (attached) | A. Huckelbridge ✓ |
| 3:15 | 11. | Report of the Graduate Studies Committee
[Action items - pending committee recommendations]
- Proposed Joint Degree M.D./D.M.D. (attached)
- Proposed M.P.H./M.A. in Bioethics (attached) | K. Laurita |
| 3:30 | 12. | Approval of Agenda for April 27, 2006 Faculty Senate Meeting (attached) | R. Wright |

MOTION to Adjourn

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Executive Committee

Draft Minutes of the Meeting of April 11, 2006, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

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Committee members in attendance

Jay Alexander

John Anderson

Bo Carlsson

Sara Debanne

Timothy Fogarty

Lynne Ford

Julia Grant

Susan Hinze

Edith Lerner

David Matthiesen

E. Ronald Wright

Also in attendance

Robin Dubin, Chair, Nominating Committee

Peter Haas, Professor, Chair, Department of Religion

Arthur Huckelbridge, Chair, Faculty Personnel Committee

Kenneth Laurita, Chair, Graduate Studies Committee

Kenneth Loparo, Professor, reporting for the Faculty Compensation Committee

Martin Resnick, Chair, By-Laws Committee

Jeffrey Robison, Vice President for Development

Paul Salipante, Chair, University Libraries Committee

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Professor Ronald Wright, Chair of the Faculty Senate.

Professor James Alexander will give the Executive Committee report at the Senate meeting on April 27th.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting on March 9th were approved as distributed.

President's Announcements - None

Provost's Announcements

John Anderson said that he is pleased with the Board of Trustees' choice of Dr. Gregory Eastwood to serve as interim president. Dr. Eastwood has recently served as co-chair of the Academic Affairs and Student Life Committee for the Board and has a background to understand our academic issues.

Provost Anderson said that undergraduate recruiting is back on pace, with various events taking place for students and their parents. Chris Munoz, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Enrollment, will be leaving us for Rice University. He noted that Chris has done many excellent things for Case, and leaves a very fine staff, especially Elizabeth Woyczynski.

On budget issues, the provost noted that the schools of MSASS, Dental Medicine, Law and Nursing have met their budget goals and have even been able to retain some surplus funds to

the university. The other four schools and central administration are still reviewing their budgets. He is concerned if staffing cuts have to be made. A newsletter on the Annual Fund and scholarships will be sent out soon. Raising funds for endowments is the highest priority for all four of the undergraduate teaching schools. He feels that the ratio of undergraduate students to faculty is not as high as it should be; his recommendation would be for an undergraduate enrollment of 5,000 students without building additional faculty. He commended our excellent student leadership. The older dormitories are being renovated. He believes we must also seek better distribution across majors, perhaps selective admissions. He also commended the fine arts program with the Cleveland Playhouse which is doing its own fund raising.

He has participated in good meetings with university staff members. There is some talk of voluntary retirement. He is recommending that the SAC Executive Committee meet once a semester with the Senate Executive Committee.

Provost Anderson said that the Academic Strategic Plan writing group is being expanded on recommendation from the Senate EC. He does not now expect a presentation for the June Board of Trustees meeting, waiting to the fall.

The search for dean of Undergraduate Studies, being led by Don Feke, is inviting three finalists to visit campus. He has not yet decided on the search process for a replacement for C. Munoz.

Chair's Announcements

Ronald Wright announced a special Senate Executive Committee meeting for April 13th to meet with Interim President Eastwood. He also announced that members will be contacted about dates for an end-of-year dinner at Gwinn with spouses now set for May 17th at 6 p.m.

Professor David Singer asked about the follow-up on the authority for allowing certain transfer credits for ROTC scholarship students. Donald Feke reported that a review of Archives documents indicates that authority was passed to the UOT for these matters when it was formed and those committees can act for the Case Assembly in this matter. Per their bylaws, UUF reports to the Faculty Senate.

Proposed Name Change for Dept. Of Religion to Religious Studies

Chair Wright presented the request from Dean Mark Turner of the College of Arts and Sciences that a name change be approved for the Department of Religion to become the Department of Religious Studies to better reflect the scope of their programs. This item was approved to be placed on the next Senate meeting agenda.

Update from the Vice President for Development

Jeffrey Robison invited continuing conversations and help from committees. His plan is to be seeking endowment for scholarships and fellowships for students. He is meeting with potential donors, and is emphasizing that, in spite of present financial difficulties, this university is in very solid financial health. He acknowledged continuing Annual Fund programs and the staff are being aggressive in phone calls and finding that deans are very helpful. He also responded to several questions on achievement toward the \$80 million goal and his near and long-term goals for organization of campus offices in his area. The staff is down to 110. He will soon be formulating goals with each school's development officers. Efforts are being made to

heal relationships with alumni associations. Others questions followed and he invited all to continue with conversations and suggestions.

Report of the Faculty Compensation Committee

David Matthiesen reported for the committee. They have experienced frustrations for several years regarding salaries and fringe benefits. Efforts to gather information on progress towards bringing faculty salaries into better parity with comparable schools have been difficult. A report will be presented to the Senate.
[check with Paul Salipante for what he suggested.]

Report of the Nominating Committee

Chair Robin Dubin asked advice on how to weigh self-nominations from various sources - the interest survey of all faculty done in December, additional targeted surveys, and nominations from the floor of the Senate. She was advised that the Nominating Committee's main role is to review all these sources and make recommendations on candidates. Professor Dubin distributed the preliminary ballots and these were approved.

Report of the By-Laws Committee Committee

Chair Martin Kesnick reported that the proposals to revise the MSASS Bylaws as to membership on one of their committees, and the proposed amendments to the Faculty Handbook on membership for the Senate's University Libraries Committee were both studied by his committee and being considered for approval. The revisions to the School of Dental Medicine's bylaws were discussed in committee and they have been sent back to the school for additional work. The first two items were approved for the Senate agenda.

Report of the Faculty Personnel Committee

Chair Arthur Huckelbridge said his committee has discussed and is recommending a modification of the language in the Faculty Handbook on the Parental Period as it appears in Chapter 3, PART ONE, I. G. A "friendly" amendment is also being proposed to clarify language on whether both parents in the case of a birth or adoption are covered; the Weatherhead School's dean is recommending in favor of this. After discussion, it was recommended that Lynn Singer and the Office of Counsel be consulted on this new language. and the proposal was approved for the Senate agenda.

Report of the Graduate Studies Committee

Chair Ken Laurita reported that his committee has thoroughly discussed and is satisfied that all guidelines are met on two proposals- for a new joint degree program for the M.D./D.M.D. and also for the M.P.H./M.A. in Bioethics. Both were approved for the Sante agenda.

Report of the University Libraries Committee

Chair Paul Salipante said he would write a one-page report for the final Senate meeting. He also asked if Joanne Eustis or someone from this committee would be asked to join the Academic Strategic Plan writing group? Chair Wright agreed to speak with Provost Anderson on this matter, and to report on the University Budget Committee membership under discussion with

deans.

Approval of the Agenda for April 27th Faculty Senate Meeting

With modifications recommended in the order of the proposed agenda, it was approved.

The meeting adjourned by the appointed hour of 3:30 p.m.

Lynne E. Ford
Secretary of the Faculty Senate