

FACULTY COUNCIL
Draft Minutes for Meeting of Wednesday, September 23, 2009, 3:00-5:00 PM
Lewis Towers (LT) Ballroom (Beane Hall)

Members present: G. Battaglia , H. Boller, R. Bowen, H. Cannon, D. Castignetti, N. Derhammer, M. Dominiak, K. Egenes, David Embrick, J. Fine, A. Fitch, C. Jurgensmeier, S.J., T. Kilbane, W. Jay, J. Lieblich, J. McNulty, H. Miller, E. Myers, G. Ramsey, H. Rose, B. Schmidt, P. Schraeder, D. Schweickart, A. Shoenberger, N. Sobe, M. Udo

Called to order 3:10 pm.

1. Invocation—Janice Fine

2. Approval of May Minutes and 2009-10 Meeting Schedule

May minutes: (H. Miller, D. Kaplan) Approved as amended 18-0-5

Meeting Schedule 2009-2010: Approved 23-0-0

September 23 LT Ballroom (Beane Hall)

October 28 LT Ballroom (Beane Hall)

November 18 LT Ballroom (Beane Hall)

December 9 LT Ballroom (Beane Hall)

January 27 TSC 303 & 304 (3rd floor study room of Baumhart Hall)

February 24 25 EP (Kasbeer Hall)

March 24 TSC 303 & 304 (3rd floor study room of Baumhart Hall)

April 28 TSC 303 & 304 (3rd floor study room of Baumhart Hall)

3. President's Report—Peter Schraeder

- Faculty Handbook – revised, published and hard copies sent out – full time NTT and health sciences librarians have not received them. N.B.: P. Schraeder sent an e-mail to both Timothy O'Connell and Donna Halinski, who are responsible for distributing the Handbook at all of our campuses, and both replied immediately. The Health Sciences librarians will receive copies immediately and copies were sent to all Full-Time faculty (including Non-Tenure Track faculty) at the Medical and Nursing Schools. On the Lakeside Campuses, each unit received sufficient copies for all Full-Time faculty (including the Full-Time Non-Tenure Track faculty), plus about 5 extra copies for Part-Time faculty who may wish a personal copy. Copies are in the process of being sent to the Rome Center and Beijing campuses.
- Faculty Council Retreat – was very successful and well attended.
- Faculty Convocation and Faculty Member of the Year Award (Diane Geraghty)
- Board of Trustees meeting – P. Schraeder gave a report on FC agenda for the year (5 goals):
 - pursue a deeper working relationship with Fr. Garanzini and the senior academic officers
 - enhance communication between FC and the faculty at large, and other university bodies, such as the Board of Trustees
 - further strengthen shared governance at the university

- explore the creation of a faculty senate
- examine teaching loads and the evolving use of different types of faculty at the university.
- Faculty Council Notes (“Fac-Post”) – The university list-serve will be used for informational announcements on a regular basis (approximately monthly) – to all full-time and part-time faculty
- Faculty Council Website –The update of FC Web site will be done by a Webmaster assigned by the Provost’s office. Members suggested items that should be included:
 - FC membership (Boller) with e-mail addresses
 - All important material from the former Council site (G. McDonald) will be ported over to the new site
 - Add new items such as Faculty Member of the Year information
 - Include all minutes as soon as approved
 - FC priorities should be listed at the beginning (Ramsey)
 - FC schedule and venues of meetings
 - List of subcommittees with their members and issues (Udo)
 - A brief description of FC and its mission from the faculty handbook (Rose)
 - Leave room for input of faculty concerns with the option of sending to FC or both FC and Fr. Garanzini (Battaglia)
 - Post the FC Constitution and By-laws [on present Web site] (Udo)

4. Stritch School of Medicine (SSOM) Update—John McNulty and Walter Jay

The governance issues started in 2008 with reductions in salaries after faculty contracts had gone out – some were reversed. Last Spring, Jack Lee resigned and Richard Gamelli was appointed Dean suddenly without faculty input. Shortly after, the Chair of the Department of Cell Biology, Neurobiology, and Anatomy resigned and the department was dissolved, again with no faculty input. Tenured faculty were reassigned. One faculty member resigned his tenure to date. There are concerns regarding research interests of the former faculty that do not match the present newly assigned department areas and the effects it will have on future annual faculty evaluations. The AAUPC approved the dissolution, but noted the lack of due process. FAUPC sent a list of inquiries to Paul Whelton to ensure that faculty rights were preserved during the readjustment, including tenure (albeit in a different department). A positive response was provided by Whelton. An appeal was made to the Board of Trustees regarding the dissolution, but the Board approved the department’s dissolution. The number of basic science departments in SSOM are among the fewest in the nation. Some disciplines and research areas will be lost.

Questions and discussion ensued regarding SSOM issues such as salary structure, patient visits and general status of the Medical Center.

This raises issues that FC should consider. Closer ties between faculty (FC) and P. Whelton are being pursued (P. Schraeder and W. Jay will meet with P. Whelton this

month). The faculty at Lakeside and FC already have a good relationship with Fr. Garanzini and C. Wiseman.

Items for FC consideration: Shared governance.

We should discuss faculty input in the selection of senior academic officers and deans. P. Schraeder will put this on the agenda for the October meeting.

For the November meeting, we will discuss our (FC) role in dissolution of departments. Should we have a role in creation of new majors?

5. Scheduling Classes between LSC and WTC—Nicholas Lash (in absentia)

There are issues of time between classes and registration for students having classes between LSC and WTC. We would like to see a one-hour minimum between scheduled classes for LSC and WTC transitions due to transportation issues. Logistical and timing factors may be an issue in not being able to implement this request. This is an issue that is in the students' interests. There are other conflict issues such as students that are allowed to register for two courses at the same time (M. Udo). P. Schraeder will send a note to request the Provost look into these registration issues on a wider scale.

6. Establishing a Faculty Senate?

Faculty Council and Fr. Garanzini share the common goal of exploring the creation of a new Faculty Senate (discussed with Fr. Garanzini at the Faculty council Retreat). FC should take the lead in the discussion and the analysis. We should create a task force to devise a blueprint, based on research into this item, including looking into working models of other Faculty Senates. A Faculty Senate would include senior administrators in addition to the present FC makeup. The following issues were discussed:

- Concerns were raised about the effect (strength) the faculty would retain if we went to a Faculty Senate as opposed to keeping FC.
- Alternatively, administrators would be able to give immediate feedback on collaborative projects.
- Current UPCs would be subcommittees of the FS and the UCC would be dissolved.
- Would it be valuable to having administrators present at the table when important issues are discussed?
- Setting of the agenda and who Chairs the meetings are important considerations. Would the faculty set the agenda for the crucial issues?

Now may be the time to act on this issue. Fr. Garanzini is comfortable with personnel on the present FC and wants to work more closely with us. We would still have a consultative role, but with closer communication with the administrators.

Call of the question of creating a task force: (A. Schoenberger, H. Rose). Passed unanimously. P. Schraeder called for volunteers.

7. Additional Business? none

8. Adjournment – Motion: Ramsey, Second: Jay. Adjourned at 5:00 pm.