

Minutes

University of Denver Faculty Senate March 11, 2005

Senators (or their proxy) present: Bill Anderson, Davor Balzar, Dennis Barrett, Arthur Best, David Christophel, Lisa Conant, David Cox, Nick Cutforth, Don DeLyser, Fran Dickson, Andy Divine, Sandy Dixon, Jack Donnelly, Margo Espenlaub, Ronald Farina, Leon Giles, Jim Gilroy, Deborah Grealy, Jim Hagler, Shannen Hill, Christina Kreps, Walter LaMendola, Don McCubbrey, Cathryn Potter, Charles Reichardt, Paula Sperry, Audrey Sprenger, Joseph Szyliowicz, Javier Torre, Diane Waldman, Tim Weaver, Todd Wells, Yavuz Yasar

11:30 – 12:00 Lunch

12:00 Call to Order

Approval of Minutes – Leon Giles made a motion to approve the minutes, David Cox seconded the motion. The motion was passed. Dennis Barrett provided a correction to the minutes: The provost is a member of the Senate, non-voting, *ex officio*.

12:05 Student Relations Committee

Strategic Plan for Campus Life

Patty Helton (Assoc. Provost for Campus Live) and Jo Calhoun (Assoc. Provost for Academic Resources) presented a summary of the strategic plan (attached).

Patti provided background: about a year ago the Provost requested a strategic plan for Student Life. Best practices nationally were investigated and distilled into a strategic plan. The emphasis of the plan is on retention: how students make connections, why they stay. The plan presented has been funded at approximately 90% of what was asked for FY 06. This funding allows for five new positions, funds directed into the Career Center, and some funds for professional and staff development. The five new positions are an academic advisor for at-risk students (also coordinating multicultural activities); an assistant director for Greek Life; a Driscoll operations manager; a second-year class coordinator (also working with sexual assault prevention); and an Assistant Provost overseeing persistence.

Jo provided more information: The first year all-student orientation accounts for about half of the funding for AY 06. They want to capitalize on residential community programs (intellectual programs outside of the classroom) currently in place. Specifically, Jo mentioned the Partners in Learning program and Living and Learning Communities. New initiative mentioned were election night activities, Peace Jam

(students meet with Nobel Laureates), Driscoll Center music and art events and improvement of Career Center Activities such as internships.

Jo and Patti will come to unit meeting to explain and discuss the strategic plan.

Don Hughes asked if hiring a 1/2 time University Chaplin is enough. Jo explained that they were trying to be conservative in their plan and that she simply did not know for sure if 1/2 time is enough.

Walter Lamendola asked about plans for graduate student life. Jo replied that there are none now. Corinne Lensfeld reported (based on conversations in connection with the Chancellor Search) that graduate students' greatest need is for DU to care about graduate student life.

Christina Kreps stated that other university committees are addressing similar issues. It seems that there is a lack of coordination of efforts. Jo addressed particular aspects of the plan stating that there is some committee membership overlap and some coordination in some areas.

Teaching Task Force

Ron Delyser gave a quick summary of TTF activities. They are working on educating themselves, defining teaching and obtaining references. Outcomes will be forthcoming prior to the end of the academic year.

Plagiarism Guidelines

Cathy Potter gave an update on the committee activities. They will look at all of the input from the faculty pertaining to the guidelines and incorporate suggestions.

12:25 Provost's Report

Bob Coombe stressed the importance of the strategic plan for student life. It is very ambitious and quite expensive and a good part of it is built into the budget. He hopes to do most of the plan, but he stressed that it is an evolving plan.

UPAC met about a month ago and presented a mid-term report in January. It is currently on the web site. They are planning a retreat to prioritize goals and implement them. There will be a May 6 event to get people talking about the report. He stated that we need a continuous strategic planning process, not one that starts and stops every 6 years.

There were two outcomes from the most recent Evans Professor meeting. They suggest a committee along the lines of the Teaching Task Force to address scholarship. They would also like the university community to consider an All-University Tenure and Promotion Committee.

The Bridges to the Future title remains (something like) Science, Technology and Values. Three sub-themes have emerged – Privacy, Live Sciences (stem cell research, cloning, evolution, intelligent design, etc.) and Sustainability (the food supply, environment, etc.). An operational committee will be formed in the next few weeks.

Dennis Barrett – How do we get Robert Reich to come to DU as a faculty member? Bob responded that he may be returning to give talks in the future.

12:35 Academic Planning Committee – Davit Christophel

FRF Update (attached)

Branding – David Christophel and Cathy Potter will attend a two day workshop to get reports from the sub committees of the branding initiative. They will report at the end of March.

12:40 Personnel Committee – Arthur Best

Awards Update – Deadline was this past Monday. The awards subcommittee will meet soon to study nominations and make recommendations for awards.

12:45 Nominations, Credentials and Rules - Dennis Barrett

This committee will soon present a draft to the bylaws covering the Faculty Review Committee.

By early May, nominations are due for President Elect, Chair of Financial Planning, Executive Committee Member at Large, and Representative to FEAC. Senators also need to be elected in May.

Following officers and representatives will be elected at the Senate mtg of 27 May; nominations due at the mtg of 6 May.

SENATE OFFICERS	
---	President-elect
Longbrake, David (05)	Fin, Chair
Whitt, Margaret (05)	Editor, Faculty Forum
Szyliowicz, Joe (05)	Member at Lg., Exec. Cttee.
SENATE REPRESENTATIVES TO UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES 2004-05	
Wilcots, Barbara (05)	Rep. to Faculty & Educational Affairs Ctee, Board of Trustees (nom. by faculty, elected by Sen.)
Von Stroh, Gordon (05)	Rep. to Grad Council (from professional schools)
Divine, Andy (05)	Fac. Athletic Ctee: Sen. rep from Acad

Giles, Leon (05)	Fac. Athletic Ctee: member (nom. and elected by faculty)
Leaman, Rick (05)	Rep. Intellectual Property Appeals Ctee
Reichardt, Charles (05)	Rep. Intellectual Property Appeals Ctee
Reichardt, Charles (05)	Rep. Intellectual Property Policy Ctee
Donnelly, Jack	
Hagler, Jim	
Saitta, Dean	
Von Stroh, Gordon	
Farina, Ronald	
Conant, Lisa	
Cutforth, Nick	
McCubbrey, Don	
Reichardt, Charles	
Taylor, Celia	
Anderson, Elizabeth	
Balzar, Davor	
DeLyser, Ron	
Dickson, Fran	
Gilroy, Jim	
Sampson, Nancy	
Giles, Leon	
Whitt, Margaret	

12:50 Executive Committee Activities - Cathy Potter

PROF Update: The university committee meets at the end of March.

Administrator Evaluations : The web pages will be up and running in early April. David Cox asked if there was anything being done to increase participation. Cathy responded that there will be more time for faculty to do the ratings, more email messages asking them to do so, a publicity campaign that will show the average time to complete the survey last year was 2 – 3 minutes, faculty senators should speak to their units to emphasize their importance, and she will provide a description of the process to ensure confidentiality. Arthur Best added that the Personnel Committee is working to be sure that the site is easier to use than it was last year.

Corinne Lengsfeld suggested that since we give students time in class to do course evaluations that deans and chairs should give some kind of “event” for faculty to fill out administrator evaluations.

Faculty Forum : This will be published during the spring break

The Chancellor Roundtable will be held May 3, 2005 12:30 – 1:30 at a venue to be announced.

1:00 No New Business

1:01 Adjourn

Respectfully submitted by: Ron Delyser