

CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
Faculty Senate
Executive Committee
Minutes of the Meeting of January 13, 2005, 8:00 - 9:30 a.m.
Adelbert Hall Room 352

Committee members in attendance

Bo Carlsson
Kathleen Farkas
Lynne Ford
Edward Hundert

John Orlock
David Singer
Lynn Singer
E. Ronald Wright

Also in attendance

Kenneth Basch, Vice President, Campus Planning and Operations
Kenneth Laurita, Chair, Graduate Studies Committee
Elizabeth Madigan, Chair, Information Resources Committee
Georgia Narsavage, Chair, By-Laws Committee
Theresa Pretlow, Chair, Faculty Compensation Committee

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m. by Professor Bo Carlsson, Chair of the Faculty Senate.

Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee, Kenneth Laurita, agreed to give the Executive Committee report at the Senate meeting on January 25.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting on December 6 were approved as distributed.

President's Announcements

Dr. Edward M. Hundert said he has been wanting more opportunities to meet with faculty, without an agenda, and is suggesting having a day each week to meet for lunch at the Case Club. Several ideas were suggested and discussed, such as inviting the faculty from specific schools or other Circle Institutions, but it was decided to announce it at the next Senate meeting and ask Senators to spread the word among their faculty and also to send a campus-wide e-mail to get this started.

Deputy Provost's Announcements

Provost John Anderson was unable to be present. Deputy Provost Lynn Singer announced that Dean Margaret Robinson of the Office of Undergraduate Studies has stated her intention to retire at the end of this academic year; and Associate Dean Timothy Dodd has resigned to head a professional ethics organization in Washington.

Other announcements are that we are preparing for an NSF grant application in collaboration with Cleveland State University for underrepresented minorities and domestic graduate students in the STEM areas of research.

The recommendation from the Women's Center for a childcare center in Fribley is going forward, with a planned opening in September, 2006; an architect has been engaged and a conceptual plan developed; we will be looking for a director soon; and there may be a summer camp prior to the actual opening.

The *ad hoc* committee for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender issues has noted there is no visible presence on campus; plans are to announce the initiation of a web site.

Sheila Pedigo has been hired as the director of SOURCE (Support of Undergraduate Research and Creative Endeavors); she will aid faculty and students in developing capstone experiences with SAGES students and connecting them with mentors for research and creative experiences.

There was an unrelated question about hearing that the Cleveland Clinic Lerner School of Medicine was dropping Case from their name. Though President Hundert has not heard that, he agreed to look into it.

Chair's Announcements

Chair Carlsson asked that the members of the Executive Committee begin to think of an agenda for the meeting to be planned with the Board of Trustees' Academic Affairs and Student Life Committee which has become an annual tradition embraced by both groups. It was suggested that such a meeting take place only after the trustees have discussed the strategic plan. President Hundert noted that they have already reviewed the SWOT analyses from all the schools and spoken about the potential for undergraduate distinction in internationality and in public health.

Proposal to Amend the Faculty Handbook re Promotion and/or Tenure Consideration

The proposal included with the agenda was to add one sentence to Chapter 3, Part One, I, I 5. (Pg. 32 in the Summer 2004 edition) which would limit a faculty member from initiating formal consideration of tenure repeatedly. Upon questioning, Professor David Singer said this would not apply to the final year of eligibility. There was discussion of several possible limitations or of other inclusions, but when the chair called for a vote, the issue was defeated unanimously.

Report of the By-Laws Committee

Chair Georgia Narsavage reported on discussions of proposed revisions to the membership and charge to the University Committee on Minority Affairs for the purpose of bringing this committee into line with other standing committees of the Faculty Senate in membership, goals, and name. Suggestions were made beyond the text which was attached to the agenda, among them that the faculty members be elected by the Senate for three-year terms. The final agreed-upon text to amend the Faculty Senate By-Laws will be sent to the Faculty Senate at its next meeting. The vote to forward this item was unanimous.

The By-Laws Committee also brings forward a motion to further amend the by-laws to add the Faculty Diversity Officer as an *ex officio* member of the Senate's Faculty Personnel Committee for the purpose of complying with Handbook policies for faculty complaints. This petition has been reviewed by the Office of Counsel. The vote to recommend this amendment to the Senate By-Laws to the Faculty Senate was unanimous.

Request from Dean of Bolton School of Nursing for Name Change of Degree

Professor Narsavage represented Dean May Wykle in this request. A detailed rationale was attached to the agenda to change the name of the N.D. (Doctor of Nursing) degree to the D.N.P. (Doctor of Nursing Practice). Key items from their national organization mandate were noted. This does not involve any change to the curriculum and is a title change only. The motion was approved unanimously to send this forward to the Faculty Senate, provided there was also approval from the Graduate Studies Committee. [That approval was given on January 18.]

Closing of Adelbert Road Bridge

At the committee's request, Kenneth Basch joined the Executive Committee to provide an update on the status of temporary and longer term provisions for South Residential Village students to have access to the central campus since the emergency closing of the main pedestrian and vehicular route of the bridge over the rail tracks on Adelbert Road. Safety concerns were uppermost in everyone's mind, from the importance of preventing students from trespassing to a review and adjustment of the University's plan to evacuate the area in the event of an emergency.

Report of the Graduate Studies Committee

Chair Kenneth Laurita discussed key points in a revised general policy concerning joint degree programs. The report was included with the agenda. The policy was drafted by the committee and has been approved by the dean of Graduate Studies and is awaiting review by the Office of Counsel. The purpose of this document is to help schools, departments, and faculty design new joint degree programs where two degrees are award and also to help the Graduate

Studies Committee review, in a consistent fashion, all petitions for such programs.

Another point discussed was our present policy of requiring tuition payment for any credits over 17 vs. a flat rate for one degree. Whether we are discussing two degrees or not is something else to take up for discussion.

The motion to move this forward to the Faculty Senate was unanimous. [Item withdrawn from Senate agenda for January in favor of extra time for discussion of the strategic academic plan and to allow time for the committee to review recent comments from the Office of Counsel.]

Request for Department Name Change from School of Dental Medicine

In a brief note submitted by Dean Jerold Goldberg, the request was made to change the name of the newly-created Department for the Practice of General Dentistry to the Department of Comprehensive Care. This was a faculty initiative as a result of negative comments about the original name from alumni, organized dentistry, and the new chair. In addition, the first name is not used in other institutions nor is it as descriptive of the department.

Approval was given to move this item to the Senate agenda for the January 25 meeting.

Approval of the Senate Agenda

The agenda was approved as submitted, minus the item on limiting petitions regarding promotion and/or tenure consideration.

Lynne E. Ford
Secretary of the Faculty Senate