

CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY  
Faculty Senate  
Executive Committee  
Minutes of the Meeting of September 6, 2005, 3:00–5:00 p.m.  
Room 352 Adelbert Hall

Committee members in attendance

John Anderson	Susan Hinze
Jay Alexander	Edward Hundert
Bo Carlsson	Edith Lerner
Sara Debanne	David Matthiesen
Timothy Fogarty	Carol Musil
Lynne Ford	Robert Salata
Julia Grant	E. Ronald Wright

Also in attendance

Roberto Ballarini, Chair, Faculty Compensation Committee  
Paul Gerhart, Chair, Budget Committee  
Kenneth Laurita, Chair, Graduate Studies Committee  
Paul Salipante, Chair, University Libraries Committee

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by Professor Ronald Wright, Chair of the Faculty Senate.

Professor Kenneth Laurita agreed to give the Executive Committee report at the Senate meeting on September 22.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting on April 5 were approved as distributed.

**President's Announcements**

Dr. Hundert announced the very successful conclusion of the national search for a new vice president for development with the hire of Jeffrey Robison who was most recently from Florida State University and with Ohio and Cleveland roots.

Other announcements were:

- Dean Gerald Korngold has said that he will step down at the end of this academic year as dean of the School of Law after serving for the past nine years.
- With the purchase of the Triangle property at Mayfield and Euclid, the university can begin making plans to develop that area as the college village.
- President's Advisory Committee on Minorities will begin to meet again, to be chaired by Professor Rhonda Williams and Kathryn Hall; they will seek input from many and coordinate with Senate Minority Affairs Committee.
- Extraordinary efforts made by many to launch this new academic year with such a large new class of undergraduates, many of whom say they are here because it is the best fit for them.
- Tracy Kidder was a very fine Fall Convocation speaker, especially as he addressed the first year students.

**Provost's Announcements**

What of the many efforts to increase enrollments had worked the best? Provost Anderson said that the class of 1170 new students had an SAT average that was up 22 points from previous years and that 55% are from outside Ohio - a first. They rated Case at 9.5, well above their second choice of school. All efforts were important in this success. He also said that the report of the Art & Science Group of consultants noted that the vice presidential debate was not too important to students making their

choice. The provost's goal for future years will be decided by a special committee headed by Don Feke and Ken Basch; for fall 2006, the target will probably be 1,000 new students.

Case has taken in 26 undergraduates from Tulane University as non-degree students for this semester.

The traditional dinner meeting with the Board of Trustees' Academic Affairs and Student Life Committee and the Senate's Executive Committee is at 6:15 p.m. on Thursday, October 20 before the next full Board meeting. One topic of discussion will be the desired size of the undergraduate student body.

There will be periodic evaluations of academic leadership - deans and others. This fall two deans and the provost will be evaluated.

The new University Budget and Planning Committee will include two members of the faculty and the chair of the Senate's Budget Committee, plus about eight other members.

### **Chair's Announcements**

Professor E. Ronald Wright announced the resumption of the Wednesday lunches at the Case Club, to be sponsored by the Faculty Senate this year; he encouraged all here to bring their colleagues. There is no specific agenda, just a Senate outreach to bring faculty together.

- Professor Bo Carlsson, the past Senate chair, will serve as the liaison to the Government Relations Advisory Committee.
- Professor David Singer has been suggested as the Senate Parliamentarian for this year.
- The Executive Committee and chairs will have a working luncheon on September 16 from 12 - 2 p.m. at the Case Club; he asked that they be prepared with a list of issues coming to committees, goals and accomplishments; most committees have set their meeting dates.

### **Report of the Budget Committee**

Professor Paul Gerhart, committee chair, said their first meeting would be the following day. He noted that the final budget had not been available at the final Senate meeting in the spring but he anticipated a full report for the September 22 Senate meeting. He would like to allow for discussion to

- compare the old and the new budgets
- the discount rate
- Development activities

and encourages input from their discussion.

### **Report of the Graduate Studies Committee**

Professor Kenneth Lauita, chair of the committee, said that the proposal for a new Ph.D. in Molecular Medicine would be reviewed by the committee at their second meeting on October 21 and he would anticipate being able to come back with recommendations to the November 9 Senate Executive Committee meeting. He noted the availability of Rules and Guidelines for New programs on the School of Graduate Studies web site. Other topics under discussion or planned for the near future are tuition policy, and tuition distribution which some deans are interested in bringing to the table.

### **Teaching and Service Workload Adjustment Policy**

Chair Wright presented this new proposal and recommended that it be sent to both the Faculty Personnel Committee and the Women Faculty Committee for their considerations and recommendations. There was discussion and support indicated, and the recommendation to change references to "workload adjustment" to "release" because of a fear that adjustment would be interpreted in a way not intended by the proposal which is a complete release from any teaching for one semester while maintaining usual service and research responsibilities.

### **Other Business**

The slates of standing committee chairs for 2005 - 2006, Undergraduate Academic Integrity Board Faculty Members, and the Faculty Grievance Panel were approved as submitted (insert those at

end).

The agenda for the first Faculty Senate meeting of the year on September 22 was approved as modified, removing a motion on the proposed Ph.D. in Molecular Medicine. A report on Educational Outcomes Assessment was added but has since been deferred to October 24 in favor of additional time for a discussion of the budget.

A report on Faculty Surveys will be requested for the October 24 Senate meeting agenda.

Provost Anderson expects he will be prepared to report at the October 13 Executive Committee meeting on the Strategic Academic Plan.

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

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Lynne E. Ford  
Secretary of the Faculty Senate