

CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
General Meeting of the University Undergraduate Faculty
Minutes of the Meeting of April 28, 2004
Strosacker Auditorium

President Edward M. Hundert, M.D. called the meeting to order and introduced John Anderson, the new Provost and University Vice President, noting his background and achievements at his former institution, Carnegie-Mellon University. Dr. Hundert anticipates all sections of the university working well together for undergraduate education and has already discussed budget planning with Dr. Anderson. Case has the opportunity to announce that we are leading the way for what others are now planning. He has been raising funds and endowment from friends and alumni for our educational programs. He thanked all faculty who have been involved.

Provost Anderson said that he has been impressed with our process of governance and the broad discussion of issues and that he was attracted by these bold initiatives. SAGES is a particularly important example, and he pledges his support.

Professor J. Adin Mann, Chair of the UUF Executive Committee, moved to the Consent Agenda which included the reports from each of the constituent schools and named their new faculty members. In the report of the Office of Undergraduate Studies, Dean Margaret Robinson named the students who have won national and prestigious scholarships. MOTION was made and approved to accept the Consent Agenda.

Resolutions *in memoriam* were noted for Associate Professor Emeritus Maurice Klain of the Political Science Department and for the Oviatt Professor Emeritus of English Robert Ornstein.

There was no Old Business for consideration.

The single item of New Business called for discussion and vote to adopt the SAGES program. Professor Mann noted that there is an important governance and oversight function for the UUF Executive Committee in the SAGES Task Force II Report to oversee and report on the institutional impact of SAGES.

The resolution was projected and opportunity given for questions and discussion prior to a voice vote. There was no further discussion, and the vote in favor of adopting SAGES as the common basis for general education requirements for all undergraduate students beginning with the class entering in the fall of 2005 was unanimous.

Professor Roy Ritzmann who chaired the SAGES Task Force noted a recent announcement from Harvard University that they would be moving in the direction of seminar-based general education requirements for their undergraduate students.

Chair Jay Mann promised ongoing reporting on the progress.

Professor Peter Whiting, co-chair of the SAGES pilot program, expressed appreciation to all participants from the faculty and the student body.

President Hundert said that the formal vote was still to be taken by the Faculty Senate but that it was time to spread the word, that many people have worked very hard to bring us to this place, and that a curriculum is never completed.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Lynne E. Ford
Secretary of the University Faculty