

**MINUTES  
FACULTY SENATE MEETING  
MARCH 25, 2003**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**CHAIR:** Tom Allen  
**VICE CHAIR:** Claudia Smith

**SECRETARY:** Mike Galloy  
**PAST CHAIR:** Ned Weckmueller

**PRESENT:** A. Adekola, A. Antonippillai, M. Arora, S. Deckelman, B. Evans, B. Foley, G. Godfrey, A. Hoel, D. Johnson, J. Kapus, L. Miller, S. Orme, A. Parsons, B. Peters, S. Schlough, M. Sherman, S. Shumate, S. Terry, A. Vande Linde, G. Wheeler, K. Zimmerman

**EXCUSED;** B. Bergquist, G. Choudhury, B. McAlister, M. Nicolai, R. Rothaupt, M. Spencer

**GUESTS:** Chancellor Sorensen, D. Moen, W. Argo, J. Brown, M. Skutley, A. Ramage, D. Albrecht, S. Cole, B. Kryshak

- I. Call to Order - 2:36 p.m.
- II. Announcements and Information
- III. Minutes of March 4, 2003 (Attachment 1)

**Motion:** Johnson/Orme moved to approve the Minutes of March 4, 2003.

**Corrections:** Parsons and Miller suggested changing the 12th line on page two from "...would be delayed to March 28" to "...from March 28 to April 10 in order...."

Foley said that on page 4, last paragraph, needed to be changed from "Foley distributed..." to "Miller distributed...."

**Vote:** The minutes were approved as corrected.

IV. Chancellor's Report

Chancellor Sorensen distributed and gave an overview of the "UW-Stout 2003-2004 Budget Reduction Detailed Plans" to the group. He explained that base cuts were funds that were permanently removed; lapse funds were removed for 2003-04 and then returned to the campus in 2004-2005. The Chancellor noted that Stout Solutions took a very deep cut, with a 14.38% reduction. Foley asked what "fractional FTE's" were. The Chancellor replied that these fractional FTE's resulted from a person being assigned multiple tasks funded by various accounts; the colleges were given much flexibility in how they made their cuts. He said that Stout's entire budget would be loaded this week and sent to UW System by April 15. Zimmerman asked about the status of the School of Education and when the budget for the School would be loaded. The Chancellor replied that it would be done by July 1. Weckmueller asked where the money was coming from for the new School. The Chancellor explained that it was based on reallocations from other areas on campus; for instance, \$50,000 came from the Provost's area. Kapus asked about the status of program directors. The Chancellor replied that restructuring has netted four FTE next year and the overall goal targeted at eight FTE. Kapus asked how this would impact credit load. Chancellor Sorensen explained that the teaching load policy stated that the expectation was for each faculty member would teach no more than 24 credits annually. By assuring all faculty have a 12-credit teaching load, Stout could increase course capacity for students. Academic staff would have a 15-hour credit load to help serve the student body. The Chancellor noted that after April 10, students would have a link to obtain their class schedules. Smith asked how many positions have been cut. The Chancellor replied that 23 have been reduced so far and the total was 25. Wheeler asked if the document was final. Chancellor Sorensen replied that only CTEM wasn't

finalized yet.

V. Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs' Report - no report.

VI. Vice Chancellor for Administrative and Student Life Services' Report - no report.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Planning & Review (Dick Tyson; Attachment 2) - Allen explained that the Faculty Senate had some concerns in the Program Director's self-study report regarding if students were meeting the Global Perspective requirement. PRC has worked to streamline and update their questions. He noted that this item would be discussed in a Faculty Senate Executive Committee meeting. Galloy suggested that the new advisement model should take care of the concern. PRC will continue to modify the process.

B. Department Representatives' Reports - Allen called on each Senator to see if there were any departmental concerns.

Foley: impact of budget cuts.

Orme: the new School of Education.

Arora: reduced positions.

Terry: budget reductions.

Zimmerman: the new School of Education and the splitting of departments.

Shumate: graduate programs and program directors.

C. Other

VIII. Old Business

A. Other

IX. New Business

A. Administrative Evaluations - For ACTION (Attachment 3) -

Motion: Smith/Foley moved to approve the Administrative Evaluations.

Sherman distributed an opening introductory statement to the group that would be used for each evaluation. Arora offered a friendly amendment to substitute the word, "participate" instead of the word, "support," to the Provost's evaluation. Sherman agreed. Arora asked about fundraising being part of the Provost's duties. Sherman said that he would switch this to the Chancellor's duties instead. Ramage noted that the Senate of Academic Staff supported the documents.

Vote (as modified): Passed unanimously.

Smith thanked the Personnel Policies Committee and Meridith Wentz for all their hard work.

B. Motion to Reactivate Budget/Finance Committee (Ned Weckmueller; Attachments 4 & 5)

Motion: Weckmueller/Vande Linde moved to reactivate the Budget/Finance Committee as stated in Attachment 4.

Weckmueller explained that he felt reinstating the committee would be a good idea, as it could provide "another set of eyes and ears" that allows faculty to have another opportunity to have input on budget impacts and ramifications. He noted that the committee would be reactivated for a six-month period. Allen stated that as Past Chair of the Faculty Senate, Weckmueller would serve on the committee and asked him if he would act as chair if the committee was reinstated. Chancellor Sorensen suggested not having members of the administration sit on the committee--that members should only be faculty.

Weckmueller replied that it would be helpful if someone could provide data for the committee. Foley stated that when this committee was originally formed, budget information was not readily shared with faculty; he felt that another committee layer would be formed, and asked the group if it was really necessary. Parsons asked how this

committee would interface with the Budget Steering Group and where would its findings go. The Chancellor replied that March 26 was the last day that the Budget Steering Group would meet. Allen replied that the Budget/Finance Committee would report to the Faculty Senate. Much discussion ensued regarding the pros and cons of reactivating the committee. Smith explained that when the committee was formed years ago, there was no STRAP or other committees whereby faculty could have more input regarding the budget. Foley said that he felt there were too many committees. Peters asked if budget information would decrease if this were formed. Chancellor Sorensen replied that the budget information and data would still come to the Faculty Senate.

**Vote by Show of Hands: 10 Yes; 8 No; 5 Abstentions. Motion Carried.**

**C. Grade Change Policy - For Discussion Only (EAC; Document will be e-mailed unless it gets to Senate Office in time.) - Allen said that this item would be ready for the April 1 Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting and then placed on the April 8 Faculty Senate Agenda. Miller explained that the revised policy would provide an opportunity for students to request reconsideration for a grade they think was inappropriate. The department chair would be asked to mediate and if the problem was not resolved, it would go to a positive action committee. He said that the Withdrawal Policy would also be coming to the Faculty Senate for approval, and that it would limit the number of courses that students could withdraw from. Allen stated that both documents would go to the Executive Committee on April 1 and the full Senate on April 8.**

**D. Accommodation on Senate/Standing Committee Membership due to Establishment of School of Education - Allen explained that there was still no clarity regarding the new School--only that it would be formed and Judy Jax was named Acting Dean. He stated that the Senate went ahead with its "call for nominations" to fill vacancies on committees. Once the School of Education was finalized, the Senate and standing committees would be restructured so the proper reapportionment structure could be made. Schlough asked what would happen to the Senators being shifted into other departments within the new School. Allen replied that only new slots on the Senate would be made--no one would lose his/her place on the Senate.**

**E. Other**

**X. Adjournment 3:50 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Mike Galloy, Secretary**

**Recorded and prepared by,  
Joy Morical**