

MINUTES
FACULTY SENATE MEETING
DECEMBER 3, 2002

ATTENDANCE:

CHAIR: Tom Allen
VICE CHAIR: Claudia Smith

SECRETARY: Mike Galloy
PAST CHAIR: Ned Weckmueller

PRESENT: A. Adekola, A. Antonippillai, M. Arora, B. Bergquist, S. Deckelman, B. Foley, G. Godfrey, A. Hoel, D. Johnson, J. Kapus, B. McAlister, L. Miller, S. Orme, A. Parsons, B. Peters, R. Rothaupt, S. Schlough, A. Vande Linde, G. Wheeler, K. Zimmerman

EXCUSED: B. Evans, M. Nicolai, M. Sherman, S. Shumate, M. Spencer, S. Terry

GUESTS: Chancellor Sorensen, R. Sedlak, W. Argo, D. Weber, A. Taylor, D. Moen, R. Olson, S. Klein, J. Brown, D. Tyson

I. Call to Order – 2:35 p.m.

II. Announcements and Information – Chair Allen announced that Julie Furst-Bowe had requested that Item C. under New Business, Professional Development Needs for Governance Members, be delayed in order to allow enough time for the survey results to be reviewed.

III. Minutes of November 19, 2002 (Attachments 1)

Motion: Johnson/Peters moved to approve the Minutes of November 19, 2002.

Vote: Passed unanimously.

IV. Chancellor's Report –Chancellor Sorensen reported that approximately 100 people attended the first Budget Forum concerning the 2003-05 budget reduction. Sorensen stated that as part of the budget reduction process, the campus was planning on scheduling a 95% enrollment for next fall. He explained that UW System President Katharine Lyall requested that all campuses have a 95% enrollment target and if they wished to exceed their targets, they must go to her and explain why. This would mean less tuition dollars that would affect each campus. The Chancellor said that he was organizing a SWAT Team that would help provide leadership on the strategy and tactics to help lobby for Stout's needs. He will also form a Budget Steering Committee that would assist in discussing approaches that could help resolve any budget reductions that Stout must meet. He noted that Governor Doyle would take office in January and can appoint six Regents at that time, and three more in June, so his cabinet could change.

V. Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs' Report – Provost Sedlak said that he would organize a Strategic Improvement Team this spring that would examine the Senate data and make recommendations for the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE). He asked that Senators contact him if they were interested in serving on this team. Sedlak said that Stout's administration would use the current budget crisis as an opportunity to re-examine itself with the intent of becoming stronger within the UW-System. Currently, the campus was examining a uniform five-day class schedule, block scheduling for freshmen, student's alcohol use, and other options that could help Stout become a better institution.

VI. Vice Chancellor for Administrative and Student Life Services' Report - Vice Chancellor Moen stated that she distributed two items for the Senator's information: The 2005-2007 Capital Budget Report (and beyond) and a green brochure explaining the Space and Facilities Planning and Construction Office. Annette Taylor, Administrative Officer in the Budget, Planning & Analysis Office, explained that Stout went through an extensive capital budget process approximately four-to-five years ago and formed a ten-to-twelve year plan for the campus. She said that it was important to look into the future for identifying issues and needs concerning the capital budget. Currently, they were examining the needs for 2003-2009 in order to see if additional items should be added to the list. She asked that Senators help identify additional capital/facility issues that were not currently listed and send these to her by December 17.

VII. Committee Reports

- A. Curriculum & Instruction (Steve Cole)**
- B. Educational Activities (Donna Albrecht)**
- C. General Education (Sue Beckham)**
- D. Personnel Policies (Anne Ramage)**
- E. Planning and Review (Dick Tyson)**
- E. Election Committee (Claudia Smith) - Smith announced that the ballots for the Faculty Senate Election were due Friday, December 6. She also asked that Senators remind their constituents that the School of Education surveys were due in the Senate Office on December 4.**

VIII. Old Business

- A. Other**

IX. New Business

- A. Equality for Women Report (Sheri Klein; Attachment A) – Sheri Klein announced that she was elected Faculty Senate's representative to the Equality for Women Committee. She said that her term will expire this summer, and the Senate will need to elect a new representative.**

- B. National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) 2002 Report (Bob Sedlak; Attachment 2) Provost Sedlak explained that the NSSE was an undergraduate survey that assessed the extent to which first-year students and seniors engage in a variety of good educational practices. He said that Stout has participated in the survey three times so far, and the survey is given each spring. Stout scored significantly higher than the master's and national samples on the following areas: worked with other students on projects during class; relationships with administrative personnel and offices; and acquiring job or work-related knowledge and skills. However, Stout scored significantly lower in the following areas: had serious conversations with students of a different race or ethnicity than your own; foreign language coursework; and culminating senior experience. The 2002 NSSE benchmark scores show that Stout had two areas that were above 50%: 1.) Level of Academic Challenge, and 2.) Supportive Campus Environment. The other three areas (Active and Collaborative Learning, Student-Faculty Interactions; and Enriching Educational Experiences) were below normal. Sedlak said that the response rate has gotten better over the three years that Stout participated in the survey and announced that he would be forming a task force that would recommend how Stout could create a better environment for the students. Selected focus groups would also talk to students about their experiences on campus and how they interpreted some of the survey questions. Students would be asked to give recommendations on how the campus could improve their educational experience. Sedlak said that the group also would be looking for ways to improve how faculty relate to the students, including the possibility of block scheduling and holding classes five days a week. Sedlak encouraged Senators to read the document in order to become familiar with the benchmarks and to think about how faculty could impact the students better. Vande Linde asked Sedlak when the freshmen were surveyed. He replied that the survey was given in mid-March. Foley stated that he felt that students at Stout were self-motivated, independent, and less likely to interact with the faculty and suggested that perhaps the negative survey results weren't quite as bad as they seemed. He recommended to explore the issue that Stout had a fairly limited selection of electives and that students weren't very free to enrich themselves in other fields.**
- C. Professional Development Needs for Governance Members (Julie Furst-Bowe)**
- D. Other**

X. Adjournment – 3:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Galloy, Secretary

Recorded and prepared by,
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