

Faculty **S**enate

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FACULTY SENATE MEETING

September 23, 2002

Meeting begins at 3:00 PM

UC Ballroom

AGENDA

Call to Order, Adoption of Agenda

Approval of Minutes – August, 2002 Meeting

Guests

Rogers Redding, Provost & VP for Academic Affairs

Gary Pratt, Associate Provost for Information Technology

Officer Reports

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| • President | Steven Weiss |
| • Vice-President | Perilou Goddard |
| • Secretary | Carol Bredemeyer |
| • Parliamentarian | Ed Brewer |

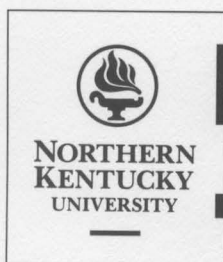
Committee Reports

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| • Professional Concerns | Chuck Frank |
| • Curriculum | Ron Shaw |
| • Benefits | Diane Gronefeld |
| • Budget | Dennis Lye |

New Business

Announcements

Adjourn



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FACULTY SENATE MEETING SEPTEMBER 23, 2002

"Human history becomes more and more a race between education and catastrophe". –H.G. Wells

PRESENT: Scottie Barty, Carol Bredemeyer (Sec'y), Ed Brewer (Parliamentarian), Paul Cooper, Penny Summers, Patty Fairbanks, John Filaseta, Chuck Frank (Chair, PCC), Mary Gers, Perilou Goddard (V. Pres.), Diane Gronefeld (Chair, Faculty Benefits), Barbara Houghton, Eric Jackson, Cynthia Kelly, Vinay Kumar, Tom Leech, Alar Lipping, Dennis Lye (Chair, Budget), Cyndi McDaniel, Maggie McGatha, John Metz, Melissa Moon, Terry Pence, Holly Riffe, Michael Rose, Michele Roszmann-Millican, Ron Shaw, Cady Short-Thompson, Richard Snyder, Jim Thomas, Steve Weiss, Claudia Zaher

GUESTS: Rogers Redding, Burhan Mohamedali, Annie Dollins, Margaret Anderson, Charles Pinder, Tom Steuer

The meeting was called to order by President Weiss at 3pm. The minutes of the August 19, 2002 meeting were approved.

Provost Rogers Redding was invited to address the Senate. He mentioned that the President was attending the Council on Postsecondary Education Trusteeship Conference, a training workshop for university board members. There are new financial and accounting rules in light of Enron. There is unlikely to be a new state budget before the November elections and the Revenue Consensus Forecasting Group is also not likely to meet before then. There is still a strong commitment among state legislators to retain Higher Education reforms passed in 1997.

In Academic Affairs, the Provost mentioned that the breakdown of faculty is as follows: Of full time faculty, 68% are tenure/tenure track (FTTT) and 32% are full time temporary. (These numbers are @81% and 19% for the benchmarks, which have supplied that information). 30-33% of our classes are taught by part time faculty. According to a recent article in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, Georgia has recently committed to dropping the number of FTTT faculty from 98-90%. The Provost's goal over the next 4 years is to move to 85% FTTT and no more than 25% of classes taught by part time faculty.

The Provost would also like to look at teaching load and work on developing admission standards this year. Now that there is a community college in Northern Kentucky, under prepared students have options.

The University has applied for a grant (\$800,000 for 2 years) from the state Office of the New Economy to establish an Institute for New Economy Technologies (INET). Faculty will be serving on the search for a Director of this institute who would preferably have academic and business experience. The institute would have 3 functions: 1) work with existing programs, 2) strengthen connections between the university and business communities and 3) advocate for the university in Frankfort and Washington, DC on IT issues.

The Provost and Deans have been working on a plan for terms of department chairs. Appointment would be for a 4-year term with 1 renewal of 4 years and would only continue under unusual circumstances. Anyone who would be in their 8th year in 2003-04 would not serve as chair after that time. The Provost feels that longer tenures stifle others in the department from taking a leadership role. Most universities have some sort of term limit. In response to a question, he said he would be open to considering a "4 years at a time" option instead of what he had proposed.

Gary Pratt, Associate Provost for Information Technology, asked for input regarding upgrading the university's phone switch. The current switch is nearing capacity and may have to be relocated from the Nunn Hall penthouse. Phone numbers would not change. He is interested in knowing which features faculty feel are important to do their jobs as well as drawbacks to the current system. Comments should be sent to him within 2 weeks at pratt@nku.edu. He also distributed information about necessary changes to the SIS/SCT system to comply with Federal laws and regulations dealing with tracking international students. This is tentatively scheduled to implement the weekend of October 26 (weekend before Thanksgiving as a backup). This will impact advising and registration for next semester as well as financial aid awards in the spring.

OFFICER REPORTS

President: The Executive Committee met with the President and Provost. President Weiss has visited several departments to talk with faculty. An issue that has been brought to his attention is space for faculty offices. There are several tenured/tenure track faculty sharing offices.

Vice-President: No report.

Secretary: She attended the COSFL (Coalition of Senate and Faculty Leadership) meeting on 9/14. COSFL members will be involved in the interview process for the final candidates for President of the Council on Postsecondary Education. Some of the members were also involved in sessions on shared governance during the recent CPE Trusteeship Conference.

Parliamentarian: No Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Professional Concerns (Chuck Frank): No report

Curriculum (Ron Shaw): The UCC has approved forms for General Studies recertification (they can be found on the committee's web page). Departments can begin the process for recertification of existing general studies and new general studies courses. Deadline for the 2004 catalog is March 20, 2003.

Benefits (Diane Gronefeld): President Weiss congratulated Diane on becoming committee chair. Proposals for sabbaticals, summer fellowships, and project grants are due October 1. A Question and Answer session about applications was held. Subcommittees have been formed.

Budget (Dennis Lye): Subcommittees have been formed and they are dealing with nuances of the budget process.

NEW BUSINESS - There was no new business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Barbara Houghton announced that the albums made by students in the CCSA Summer Photography class taught in Ireland will be on display in the lobby of the Fine Arts Center beginning September 30. There will be a reception from 4:30-6:30 that day where the albums can be viewed and viewers can meet the students.

Also, on September 30, from 11-1, students will be participating in an Enjoy the Arts event on the plaza.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Bredemeyer