

MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY
Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs

May 18, 2001

Unapproved minutes of the Academic Senate meeting of April 18, 2001, any changes will be noted at the next regular meeting.

The Academic Senate met in Room 106 of David Straz Hall on Wednesday, April 18, 2001 at 3:00 p.m.

1. Rev. Michael Class, S.J. opened the meeting with a prayer.

2. Attendance (Members of the Executive Committee are marked with an asterisk).

Members Present: *Dr. Thomas C. Anderson, *Dr. Nicholas C. Burckel, Dr. James B. Courtright, Dr. Robert A. Fox, Dr. Marilyn Frenn, Dr. Douglas M. Green, Dr. Robert Griffin, *Dr. Peter R. Jones, Dr. John Krugler, Dr. Larry Nosse, Mrs. Lois O'Brien, *Dr. Anne Pasero, Dr. Susan C. Schneider, Dr. David L. Shrock, Dr. William Starr, Dr. Steven M. Taylor, Dr. James Trebby, Dr. Madeline M. Wake, and Dr. David R. Buckholdt, Chair.

Non-Voting

Members Present: Dr. Jack Augenstein, Dr. Jack Brooks, Mrs. Anne Deahl, Dr. Robert J. Deahl, Dr. Thomas J. Jablonsky, Mr. Gregory J. Kliebhan, Mr. Arthur F. Scheuber, Sr. Carol Ann Smith, S.H.C.J., Mr. Anthony Tortorella and Prof. Christine Wiseman.

Others Present: Ms. Suzanne Abler, Rev. Michael Class, Mr. Greg Garber, S.J., Mr. Alex Kaleta, Dr. John Simms, Dr. Gene Laczniak, Dr. Susan Mountin, Mr. Matthew Olson, Tribune Reporter, Ms. Dana Outhouse, Dr. Nancy Snow, Ms. J. Nicole Stankewicz and Dr. Jerry Viscione.

3. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of March 21, 2001

The minutes were unanimously approved.

4. Admissions Update – Mrs. Anne Deahl

The number of traditional freshman applications as of April 18 of 6,735 is down 86 from last year's figures at the same time.

Traditional freshman deposits are down 49 from last year's figure of 691 and down 8 from 1999. Advanced standing student deposits are down 13 for a total of 48.

We have accepted 5,496 traditional freshman and 199 advanced standing students - down 147 and 6 respectively compared to last year.

Graduate School applications are down 24 from last year at this time. Engineering is down 65, Arts & Science is down 29, Nursing is down 6 and SPPA is down 14. Philosophy, Political Science, Communication (all areas), Business and Computing are all experiencing significant increases.

Law School applications are up 15% from last year for a total of 955. The Law School has admitted 348 students versus 278 for last year.

5. M.S. in Bioinformatics Proposal – Dr. John Simms

Bioinformatics was originally approved as a concentration within the M.S. in Computing program. The Board of Graduate Studies endorsed the proposal last November. Dr. John Simms now proposes it as a separate degree program, which will be housed in the MSCS Department with participation from the College of Engineering and the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW). Financial arrangements for this new program are not complete so approval is provisional upon acceptable financial projections, which are underway.

Dr. Simms stated that there are a good many students interested in this program and if approved, Marquette University will have the only other Bioinformatics program in the state along with

UW-Madison. The demand is high for students in this field due to recent scientific advances in several disciplines. The curriculum is already in place. Students will take courses in Bioinformatics as well as in Biology and Computer Engineering. Practicums will be held at the MCW research facilities. The department intends to admit at least 14 students the first year and up to 28 students in succeeding years. Dr. Buckholdt stated that this program would encourage interdisciplinary cooperation. Dr. Doug Green suggested that this program would also encourage more external funding

A brief question and answer period followed.

Dr. Buckholdt called for a motion to approve the proposed major with the stipulation of approval from Finance. The motion was so moved by Dr. Doug Green and seconded by Dr. David Shrock. The motion was unanimously approved.

The M.S. in Bioinformatics will be presented to the Board of Trustees in May 2001 for approval.

6. Hiring at Advanced Rank-Dr. Christine Wiseman

Dr. Christine Wiseman reported that the University Committee on Faculty Promotion and Tenure met last fall to discuss and arrive at a process for the conferral of tenure upon hire. The Deans later approved the process after adjustments were made. The process only governs hiring with tenure; it is up to the individual colleges to determine rank. Another feature defines the type of evidence that should be submitted, evidence that will help college committees frame employment advertising and understand expectations. The material gathered for review should focus on teaching excellence, scholarship, and service, as is our normal expectation. The dossier is to go to the department and college or area tenure committees. The University Promotion and Tenure Committee will not meet to review the dossiers. The Dean must also append his/her recommendation to the dossier prior to sending it to Dr. Buckholdt who will in turn make a recommendation to the

Executive Vice President and the President.

Dr. Buckholdt called for a motion to approve the policy on hiring at advanced rank with tenure. The motion was so moved by Dr. Bill Elliott and seconded by Dr. Marilyn Frenn. The motion was approved with one negative vote.

7. Core Curriculum Update-Dr. Nancy Snow

Dr. Snow thanked Drs. Pustevesky and Deahl for their contributions to the planning committee as well as the over 40 faculty members who have contributed to the effort. Dr. Snow reported on the progress of two committees during the last year and expects a core to be in place by fall 2002. Dr. Snow also reported on the number of proposals that were received for core courses during first call for proposals. The second call for proposals will be soon. The committee will try to coordinate qualifying proposals on a rolling basis during the summer.

Dr. Buckholdt called for a motion on the work on the core to date. The motion was approved unanimously.

8. Building a Greater Marquette-Dr. Gene Laczniak

Dr. Laczniak reported that the BGM document was the culmination of three years of collaborative work between Marquette faculty, staff, and administrators. The document is located at <http://www.marquette.edu/strategicplan/> and is considered the current operative version and will be reviewed annually.

A brief question and answer period followed. A major concern was the issue regarding sweatshop labor and its exclusion from the document. MUSG is currently working on a report that will be submitted soon stating its position on sweatshop labor. Mr. Greg Kliebhan stated that there are currently two groups that work with organizations to identify non-compliance but that it is still difficult to ascertain if sweatshop labor is used.

Dr. Buckholdt called for a motion to approve the document understanding that it is a “living document.” The motion was so moved by Dr. Nick Burckel and seconded by Dr. Jack Augenstein. The motion was approved with one abstention.

9. Other Business-Dr. David Buckholdt

Dr. Buckholdt opened the floor for discussion on the arming of Public Safety. A brief question and answer period followed. The Trustees will meet in May to discuss the issue. Students are holding a referendum on Tuesday, April 24 and a debate that evening. The FAQ’s on arming will be emailed to Senate members.

There being no further business, the Academic Senate adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. M. Suzanne Abler
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