

MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY
Office of the Provost

Academic Senate
December 15, 2003
Minutes

1. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 3:06 PM.

Members Present: Dr. Jack Augenstein, Mr. Roby Blust, Dr. Janet Boles, Dr. Jack Brooks, Ms. Patricia Cervenka, Dr. Sharon Chubbuck, Dr. James Courtright, Dr. Robert Deahl, Dr. William Elliott, Dr. T. Daniel Griffiths, Mr. Jacob Held, Dr. Janet Krejci, Dr. John Krugler, Dr. Michael McKinney, Dr. Susan Schneider, Dr. David Shrock, Dr. Barbara Silver-Thorn, Dr. Guy Simoneau, Dr. James Trebby, and Dr. Madeline Wake

Members Excused: Ms. Kate Agnew, Dr. Peter Jones and Dr. Gregory Porter

Non-Voting Member Present: Dr. Lea Acord, Dr. Nick Burckel, and Dr. Thomas Wenzel

Regular Guest Present: Dr. Curtis Carter, Mrs. Anne Deahl, Dr. Linda Lee, Ms. Kimberly Newman, Stephanie Russell, and Sr. Carol Ann Smith, S.H.C.J

Guest Present: Dr. Judith Mayotte, Rev. Gene Merz, S.J., Ms. Kristen Michelson and Ms. Bobbi Timberlake

2. Approval of the November 17, 2003 Minutes

Noting the following corrections the minutes were unanimously approved:

2A. ABDE replaced by ABET

7 Point of Discussion #6. The group wanted it to read "The Senate suggested that when new programs are being developed areas to be looked at might include Indonesia, China and Africa.

3. Enrollment Report. Undergraduate applications are up to 7,695. The Law School is having another great year as well as the Graduate School.

Senate members asked for a breakdown of deferred applications. Anne indicated that this would be available later in the week.

4. Toby Peters – The overall project will make campus more accessible resulting in 11th Street being turned over to Marquette. Results of the changes include new outdoor space in 2008 and more green space near the law school.

How does it affect us?

- 2004 Clybourn Avenue will expand to take part of Tory Hill. Trees will need to be replaced. New lighting and sidewalks will be updated sooner. The 16th street bridge will be out from April until the end of November. The 13th street exit will be closed for about three years requiring alternate routes for access from the west. The new parking structure will be done in August.
- 2005 Wells Street bridge work may begin late 2004 or early 2005. This is when we will notice the noise. The 13th Street exit will close. While the 17th street onramp is closed you will need to go to 27th.
- 2006 The Wisconsin Avenue bridge will be demolished after graduation and will be done by November.
- 2007 Work on west bound access off of 11th Street.
- 2008 11th Street from Wells to Wisconsin is redirected east of Carpenter Tower and the former street is vacated and turned over to Marquette.

For spring 04, the state DOT has agreed that during the week before and week(s) of finals the noise level will not exceed the city's noise codes.

State will roll out the campaign for the project this summer. Marquette's internal Public Information Group will be offering information beginning the Spring 04 semester. They will have a web site that will alert you of any streets or ramps that you take home and when they will be affected by the construction. There is a public information committee that will consist of faculty and students and a core group from public affairs. The Trib will be asked to have a construction corner with the latest updates in each issue.

Students residing in Straz Tower students will be able to get to campus via Clybourn or Wells Street during the construction of the Wisconsin Avenue bridge. Public Safety will make sure that it is properly lighted and the LIMO program is ready for an influx of use.

How Does This Affect Marquette

- life on campus – living, working, learning
- Increase access to Marquette
- pedestrian safety
- Land will be lost along Clybourn
- land will be gained, in addition to 11th Street

How Do We Manage?

- assessment
- establish benchmark - noise survey and focus groups
 - measure affect of parking structure construction
 - 723 residents responded
 - 20 students involved in focus groups
 - measure noise levels around construction
 - measure existing interchange noise

Engineering faculty took some noise measurements for reference purposes. Some of the noises we already deal with are due to our location in the city. Authorities are encouraged that it is manageable and it is something that we can deal with.

We Learned:

- Students want to be informed beforehand – information will be available through checkmarq, dedicated Trib space, and residence life.
- Students want to know we care. Marquette needs to acknowledge the disruption, possibly offer considerations for inconvenience and demonstrate advocacy for students (noise, safety & alternative study space available) and make adjustments in the hall so that they have some place to study.

Benefits

Research
Pedestrian safety
Access
New gateway
Campus identity and beautification

The project will provide special learning opportunities. Engineering departments are scheduling field trips coordinating internships in conjunction with this project. Dr. Claire Badaracco will have class work on how we keep everyone informed.

A senator asked if there will be a website that will have a timeline. The public information group will take care of this. Another senator inquired about a preferred use of minority workers. Toby indicated it was his understanding that the State was encouraging Disadvantaged Business Enterprises to bid for the contracts. (Toby received the answer to that question: WisDOT reports that the first four projects to be let for the Marq Int Project, the DBE goal ranged from 20 – 60%)

The Law School will be the academic unit most affected by noise. They have a faculty member which will be included on the committee. Back up plans are being drafted for possible relocation of classes.

5. Board of Trustees meeting consisted of:

- Kate Agnes and Paul Bergl did a presentation. They noted that students wish that late night programming continue as it offers a nice option rather than going to the bars.
- Discussion concerning the shaping the incoming class.
- US New world Report. When we talk about quality we are not only looking at the students with top ACT scores. It's important to look at the outcome and what we have accomplished as far as leadership development.
- The 1st phase of faculty salary enhancement has been approved by the Board of Trustees.

The Executive Committee of the Academic Senate will review the potential for reports on Board meetings to the Academic Senate.

6. Board of Undergraduate Studies – Presentation made by Judith Mayotte, Kristen Michelson, Bobbie Timberlake and Bob Deahl. Michael Duffey was unable to attend the meeting but had prepared a note regarding Special Topics in Moral Theology. The group also received a handout on Service Sites in Cape Town, South Africa and a copy of an article from the New York Times.

Provost Wake indicated the offering the Senate will hear about this afternoon would be a new specialization similar to creating another Aspin Center. If the Senate approves the program this afternoon it will move on to other approvals such as budget, etc. The program fits well with the mission of Marquette University on all four pillars. The entire campus community will benefit from globalization.

Kristen Michelson gave the Senate an overview of the academic course work. All enrolled students would take the same course three courses. Faculty members will be hired from South Africa and one resident director from Marquette University. Students will take one or two elective courses. A course in African history, currently offered at Marquette University, would be a prerequisite. All coursework would be done at the University of Western Cape and would show Marquette University on the transcript. This would give Marquette control over academic quality. It would also allow financial aid and scholarship awards to apply. The goal would be to enroll 20 students. Upon return of the students to the Marquette campus they would enroll in a non-credit course as a reflection component. This allows students a formal venue to share their experience.

Judy Mayotte spoke about the Desmond Tutu Leadership Academy and the University of Western Cape. The Desmond Tutu program works with emerging leadership that is coming from the margin areas of society. The University of Western Cape in South Africa was founded in 1960 for the colored and is fully accredited. It has grown and is very active in South Africa. Marquette students will benefit by experiencing first hand how the African vision and values have worked toward peace and reconciliation.

Bobbi Timberlake presented on the service learning component of the program. Students would be placed in the community in carefully selected organizations that compliment the course materials. A link to all of the courses that they are required to take. Students would be able to select from 5 to 10 different sites highlighted in a handout. Students will be paired when they go to these sites. There is a positive interest in working with Marquette students. The service learning piece will be taught by a Marquette faculty that has knowledge in service learning.

Dr. Bob Deahl affirmed that South Africa is a very good model how a country can move beyond the damage and pain. To offer this setting of reconciliation to the students of Marquette. The College of Professional Studies already offers the two leadership courses needed for this program. Course will look at semantic changes in leadership. Also information on working with leaders in Grasswork organizations.

Questions/Comments raised by the Senators:

*How many students – 15 to 20 students per session with priority given to Marquette students

*Budget – Dr. Wake responded that the proposal would go to Finance for analysis and that endowment funding would be sought. Senators know that funding available to the program would help to offset student transportation cost as well.

*Courses approved by the Core of Common Studies – The African course is currently covered under diverse cultures the theology course could be submitted and the leadership course is currently not approved.

*Language of instruction – English, a break down of students was unavailable but the University of West Cape has a very diverse population

*Benchmarks/ Nothing like it exists at this time. An assessment plan will be created with looking for quantitative data at the three, five and ten year marks.

*Modeled after the Madrid program with a service learning component added.

Dr. Tom Wenzel motioned that the Senate vote to approval this new initiative. Dr. Dan Griffiths motioned that this move it forward. All Senators present voted in favor. The motion passed.

A Senator expressed a concern for that programs like this one be set up so that they continue to exist even though the driving force behind the initiative does not remain at Marquette.

7. Gender Equity Implementation Report – The Senate discussed the Gender Equity status report which responds to recommendations of the Implementation Task Force. Point #5 to establish an Office of the Ombuds has been done and Dr. Rita Burns currently serves more than academics. She is accumulating hard data which will show general themes.

The full version of the report will be published once Public Affairs has had a chance to work with co-chairs on some editing. The original report was filed in June of 2002. The Senators felt very strongly that a statement needs to be made why there was a delay in publishing the document. Dr. Wake has accepted responsibility for the delay. Deans' Council has not seen the entire report but they are currently conducting third year evaluation of chairs. Family Leave items have been forwarded on to Human Resources. Parental Leave items have been sent to Human Resources and General Counsel. Committee on Faculty would like to see the document in relationship to point #2; establishment of a committee on the status of women.

Point #6 to establish a formal mentoring program. The action addresses teaching only and misses the research component.

8. Dr. Wake is still waiting to fill two positions in regards to the committee regarding academic governance. This committee will begin work after the first of the year.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.