

# MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY

## Office of the Provost

University Academic Senate Minutes - January 28, 2008

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- I. Call to Order. Invocation by Dr. Steven Taylor  
The meeting was called to order at 3:09 pm.

Members Present: Mr. Brock Banks, Dr. Margaret Bloom, Dr. Sharon Chubbuck, Dr. Roberta Coles, Dr. James Courtright, Dr. Robert Deahl, Dr. Alex Drakopoulos, Prof. Edward Fallone, Dr. Marilyn Frenn, Dr. Steven Goldzwig, Dr. Kristin Haglund, Dr. Carla Hay, Dr. William Henk, Dr. Jadwiga Hjertstedt, Mrs. Susan Hopwood, Mr. Stephen Hudson-Mairet, Dr. John Jentz, Dr. Sarah Knox, Dr. Christine Krueger, Dr. Kristy Nielson, Dr. John Pauly, Dr. John Pustejovsky, Mr. Jason Rae, Dr. David Shrock, Ms. Janice Simmons-Welburn, Dr. James South, Dr. Sid Syam, Dr. Thomas Taft, Dr. Steven Taylor, Dr. William Thorn, and Dr. William Wiener.

Members Excused: Mr. Alfredo Cantoral, Ms. Patricia Cervenka, Fr. Michael Class, S.J., Dr. Edward Korabic, Dr. Daniel Meissner, Dr. Alexander Ng, and Dr. Marianne Weiss.

Members Unexcused: Dr. Sarah Peck and Dr. Sriramulu Vinnakota.

Guests: Mr. Steve Cottingham, Mr. Tom Ford, Dr. Kevin Gibson, Capt. Dale Kaser, Dr. Linda Lee, Dr. Gary Levy, Mrs. Linda Milson, Ms. Lizzie Mytty, Tribune Reporter, Dr. Phillip Naylor, Ms. Mary Pat Pfeil, Dr. Kris Ropella, and Ms. Adrienne Trice.

- II. The November 19, 2007 Minutes were unanimously approved.

- III. Chairperson's Report – Dr. Kristy Nielson

A. Welcome new members

Welcome to: Dr. Roberta Coles, Dr. James Courtright, Dr. John Pustejovsky, Ms. Janice Simmons-Welburn, and Dr. Sid Syam.

B. Dr. Nielson needs members to contact her regarding service on the UAS and its standing committees in 2008-2009. Nominations for at large positions will be taken at the University Academic Senate meeting in February. College will elect their representatives. Dr. Nielson will determine the deadline on holding elections.

- IV. Provost Report – Dr. David Shrock

Dr. Kristina Ropella was presented with the US Professor of the Year Certificate. Fr. Robert Wild, S.J. will give the State of the University at 3:00 pm. tomorrow. The Faculty Town Hall meeting will be February 27<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. The Provost Search Committee is on schedule and has a robust pool of candidates. Colleges of Business Administration and Nursing have both employed search firms to aid in their searches for deans of those colleges. The search committee for the Dean of Arts & Sciences has begun meeting and will be ready to start its search at the beginning of the fall semester.

- V. New Business

A. Discussion of the interface between academics and athletics -Dr. Phillip Naylor, Mr. Steve Cottingham, Mr. Tom Ford, and Ms. Adrienne Trice

The Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR), Dr. Phillip Naylor was appointed by the President to this NCAA mandated position. His predecessors were Mr. Gregory Naples and Dr. Carla Hay. Student athletes are his priority. His goal is to increase collaboration and communication with a variety of constituencies and colleges. Some of his responsibilities include:

- Monitor academic performance
- Set aside two days a month for meetings with student athletes
- Participate in the Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC)
- Meet the teams; attend athletic events
- Meet routinely with the Athletic Director and Athletics personnel
- Serve on the Athletic Board
- Take part in coach and Athletic Director hiring
- Administer NCAA surveys, proctor coaches' exams
- Attend NCAA and Conference meetings

Mr. Steve Cottingham distributed a handout regarding the academic progress of Marquette's student athletes. The NCAA Division I Academic Progress Rate (APR) was explained to the Senators. Based on academic progress rate information submitted by member institutions for the 2003-2006 academic years, the report indicates that all of Marquette's NCAA athletic programs are in academic good standing. Marquette's Student Athlete Graduation Success Rate (GSR) is 95%. The average QPA of Marquette NCAA student athletes for the past 4 semesters is: 3.06. There are currently 228 NCAA student athletes at Marquette.

Mr. Tom Ford and Ms. Adrienne Trice explained how they work with the athletes to facilitate their academic progress. Programs are designed to meet the individual needs of the student athlete. In the case of international students translation materials and technology software are often used. Freshman athletes take a time management skills course and report three times a week to a staff member. Each student athlete has signed a waiver that enables faculty to talk with athletics personnel about student academic progress.

B. Committee on Teaching – Dr. Peggy Bloom

**Motion to approve:**

*To change Statutes for Committee on Teaching regarding membership (Article 4, Section 7.03) as follows:*

The Vice Provost for Undergraduate Programs and Teaching and the Director of the Center for Teaching and Learning shall serve as non-voting members. The Chair of the Committee will be a faculty member elected by and from the voting members of the Committee.

**Twenty-nine senators voted in favor, none voted in opposition, none abstained. The motion passes.**

C. Institutional Research Web site and On-line Course Evaluation Pilot – Dr. Gary Levy, Associate Vice Provost for Institutional Research and Assessment.

Dr. Levy observed that people need data to make good decisions and his goal is to make the data available. He is building an Institutional Research website where useful data will be posted. Dr. Levy is also working to have the course evaluations completely done online by Fall 2008. These evaluations would contain standard four questions: how effective was the course, the instructor, would you recommend the course, and would you recommend the instructor. Each unit could customize their evaluations as required. Survey results should be available 24 hours after the posting of final semester grades.

Dr. Levy was asked if his area had an established research agenda/policy. He responded that he has some autonomy and can refer to Dr. Bloom and Dr. Shrock in cases of uncertainty.

VI.

Report of Boards and Standing Committees

A. University Board of Undergraduate Studies – Dr. Kevin Gibson / Dr. Peggy Bloom (*Attachment VIA*)

**1. Motion to approve:**

New major -Chemistry for the Professions

This major was designed for non-chemistry major.

**Twenty-nine senators voted in favor, none voted in opposition, none abstained. The motion passes.**

**2. Motions to approve** discontinuation of following majors

- a) Teaching Major in History
- b) Teaching Major in Latin
- c) Teaching Major in English
- d) Teaching Major in Political Science
- e) Teaching Major in Sociology
- f) Teaching Major in Psychology
- g) Teaching Major in Spanish
- h) Teaching Major in German
- i) Teaching Major in French
- j) Teaching Major in Chemistry
- k) Teaching Major in Mathematics

**Twenty-nine senators voted in favor, none voted in opposition, none abstained. The motions passes.**

**3. Informed on discontinuation of following minors**

- a) Teaching Minor in History
- b) Teaching Minor in Latin
- c) Teaching Minor in English
- d) Teaching Minor in Political Science
- e) Teaching Minor in Sociology
- f) Teaching Minor in Psychology
- g) Teaching Minor in Chemistry
- h) Teaching Minor in Computer Science
- i) Teaching Minor in Mathematics

B. University Board of Graduate Studies – Dr. Ed Inderrieden / Dr. William Wiener

No report.

C. Faculty Council – Dr. Bill Thorn

**Motion to approve:** *Annual faculty salary comparison report*

The motion is as follows:

The University Academic Senate requests that the Provost annually submit to the University Academic Senate a report comparing Marquette University's regular faculty salaries to faculty salaries nationally, on the model of the report provided by Provost Madeline Wake in the spring of 2007.

**Twenty-nine senators voted in favor, none voted in opposition, none abstained. The motion passes.**

D. Committee on Academic Policies & Issues – Mrs. Linda Milson  
No report.

E. Committee on Faculty Welfare – Dr. Richard Abrams  
No report.

VII. Unfinished Business

The meeting concluded at 4:59 pm