

Faculty Senate Minutes
December 12, 2002
Taylor 306

1. Speaker Michael Smilowitz called the meeting to order at 3:38PM. Members present were: **Michael Busing**, Computer Information Systems and Operations Management; **Rory DePaolis**, Communication Science; **Beth Eck**, Sociology and Anthropology; **Geoff Egekwu**, ISAT; **Dianh Gottschalk** (for **Alex Gabbin**), Accounting; **Cynthia Gilliatt**, English; **Kevin Giovanetti**, Physics; **Larry Ham**, Kinesiology and Recreation Studies; **Art Hamilton**, Finance and Business Law; **Jason Haney**, School of Music; **Hossain Heydari**, Computer Science; **Steven Hoeltzel**, Philosophy and Religion; **David Kaplan**, Management; **Andy Kohen**, Economics; **Val Larsen**, Marketing; **Reba Leiding**, Library; **Roberta Mitchell**, Communication Studies; **Mark Rooker**, Art and Art History; **Michael Smilowitz**, Communication Studies; **Grace Wyngaard**, Biology; and **David Zimmerman**, Education.
2. Beth Eck reported on the State-wide faculty senate meeting in Charlottesville which she attended with Michael Smilowitz and Geoff Egekwu. There were approximately 20 individuals in attendance representing 10 institutions of higher education, several of which were community colleges. Discussion centered on whether the faculty of the various institutions of higher education in Virginia should be represented by a lobbyist in Richmond. While we have lobbyists in Richmond representing many and varied constituencies, none represent higher education faculty exclusively. There are approximately 13,000 faculty members in Virginia and each would have to pay approximately \$100/year to support a "faculty lobbyist." Senators were asked to discuss this subject at future, departmental/college meetings, gauge faculty sentiment for or against the idea and report back to the senate at the January 2003 senate meeting. Kevin Giovanetti suggested that we consider creating an advisory body of Virginia faculty members who would review pending legislation and advise legislators of the effect of this legislation on Virginia's faculty members. Senators were also asked to seek suggestions from our faculty to make legislators aware of our (faculty) concerns.
3. Cynthia Gilliatt reported on "Lobby Day." This is a day early in the legislative session on which various citizen groups meet with their legislators or administrative aids to discuss their particular agendas. January 9, 2003 will be the date for the upcoming session in Richmond. This will be a very worthwhile, educational activity.
4. Beth Eck was asked to report on continuing conversations regarding the advising initiative. A faculty response to the advising report was discussed at the November 2002 faculty senate meeting and was tabled at that time. **(Statement available in December agenda)** Since that time the faculty senate response has been further modified by the senate. David Zimmerman moved for adoption of the senate response and the motion was seconded by Geoff Egekwu. Andy Kohen indicated that there should be opportunities for further revision ("equitable" distribution of faculty workload rather than "equal" distribution ...). The motion passed unanimously.
5. Michael Smilowitz congratulated Larry Ham and his committee for their work on the Day Care proposal. This proposal will now go to Doug Brown (VPAA) and Charles King (VP Administration and Finance) and finally to the Board of Visitors. Support from individual College Deans may also be sought. Val Larsen questioned the financial commitment by the university for this initiative. Larry Ham indicated that the Day Care Center would be self-sufficient since participants would pay for services. Larry Ham indicated that from 525 responses, only 4 expressed a lack of support for a day care initiative. Many faculty who no longer have school-age children expressed their support. Hossain Heydari stated that a day care facility would serve as a potent recruitment device. Larry Ham moved to accept the report and send it on to the university administration. The motion was seconded by David Kaplan and passed unanimously.
6. Geoff Egekwu reported that information regarding the computer lottery would be made available as soon as possible and would be posted on the senate Web site.
7. The meeting was adjourned at 4:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,

David P. Zimmerman
Secretary