

DRAKE UNIVERSITY
Minutes of the Faculty Senate meeting
November 13, 2002

The regular meeting of the 2002-2003 Faculty Senate was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by President Art Sanders. The following senators were present for all or part of the meeting: Cairns, Dougherty, Esposito, Gillespie, Goldford, Klugman, Lovell, Parsa, Reed, Reincke, Sanders, A, Sanders, B, Schaefer, Shulman, Simpson, Soltis, Vitha, Wade, and Wright.
Absent: Hunter, McKnight

October 2002 minutes were accepted as presented.

Report of President Maxwell

-- President Maxwell requested assistance from Senate members concerning a dilemma that he has concerning a feeling of being disconnected from the campus academic community. He presented his concern based on his recent travel commitments surrounding Campaign Drake which has caused him to be away a great deal from campus. He would like to the faculty have knowledge of what is happening in his position. He also desires knowledge of their happenings as that helps him do his job well along with being "plugged in" with the campus. He looks forward to hearing from faculty in helping him be connected.

Senator Goldford reminded the President that this is a "crunch time" of the semester with papers and grading so the President should not infer from faculty silence an automatic negative.

Report from Provost Troyer

- There has been an extensive review of the library records policy. The U.S. Patriot Act opens up for selective access such previously private information such as what books or articles a person has requested from the library. There will be an announcement soon concerning this updated policy.
- The weather policy has been reviewed and will not be changed from last year.
- The faculty salary study has progressed to a point where the persons reviewing the information believe that they are as close as they can be to finishing the review.
- The two deans search committees are active and have candidate prospects. They expect that persons will be on campus early in the spring semester for interviews.

Senator Parsa inquired about a recent advertisement in the Des Moines Register concerning the University of Iowa's undergraduate offerings in Des Moines. He asked what Drake would do about this local opportunity. Provost Troyer reminded the body that Drake can not exclude other institutions from offering courses here in central Iowa. There are advertising dollars being spent on the graduate business offerings, which is consistent with an extensive market study. President Maxwell added that the need is for Drake to find the niche offerings which Drake is good at and place a marketing emphasis there. Simply because the University of Iowa offers courses locally there should not be a conclusion that they will be successful in maintaining a program here.

Senator Goldford asked if there was a figure available for the Drake four year undergraduate graduation rates. He had recently seen a notice of the published rate for the public four year institutions in Iowa and wondered if our rate was similar or considerably higher. Provost Troyer replied that the four year rate is between 50 and 55 percent which is considerably higher than the reported public institution rate. President Maxwell offered that the Admission Open Houses stress this percentage and the correlation between the costs of five years at a public school to four years here at Drake.

Report from President Sanders

-- Faculty senators were invited and urged to attend a meeting on November 15th, with the external Diversity Audit members.

-- An All University Promotion & Tenure Committee proposal was sent electronically to faculty. The committee was a recommendation from the Review and Priority Advisory Committee (RPAC). President Sanders encouraged the senators to read the material thoroughly and attend the open forums on Monday, Nov 18th and Thursday, November 21st. The Senate Executive Committee will review the opinions and concerns voiced at these sessions and bring the matter to Senate.

-- The Outside Advocacy Policy which was present on the October agenda has been discussed by the President and the Senate Executive Committee. The policy has been taken off the Senate agenda for the time being.

Unfinished Business: None presented

New Business:

-- The body received a presentation from Jerry Price; Dean of Students and Tom Laehn, Student Body President. Hans Hanson; Chief of Security was unable to attend. Chief Hanson sent a set of handouts for the senators. The topic of Campus Security was brought to the Faculty Senate by Jerry Price. He did not seek to have the presented concerns to be debated at this meeting, but desired to hear the faculty perspectives on a variety of campus concerns. Mr. Price expressed that the important overall statement concerning the policies and enforcement of policies is an extension of the University values.

Mr. Price continued with acknowledging that some faculty may have heard of an implied increase this year in alcohol related disturbance in the residence halls and other living environments. He indicated that this increase in the number fall into three categories; a) the intent of the first year Quad residences was set up to make connections amongst the first year students by breaking down the larger communities into the interest groups and First Year Seminars b) the residence hall staff are catching persons who have violated policies due to the basic traffic patterns in the buildings and c) this class is just drinking more. This last observation has been noticed by other higher education professionals. The Student Life staff is responding to these phenomena with more intensive interventions with individual students concentrating on persons whose policy violations could hurt not only themselves but others.

Mr. Price said that an enhanced level of intervention includes a non-academic probation policy. There were 17 students currently being recommended under this policy. He said there is not an alignment with academic performance, mid-term grades, and being intoxicated. From the

perspective of the Student Life personnel, they are in the education business not the enforcement business and we have been slow to suspend the students rather have a desire to educate the people involved.

Senators asked a few questions concerning such items as: a) the timing of the greatest number of incidents, b) known neighborhood establishments of greatest concern and c) clarification on the relationship of referrals to Student from Security and the reporting of such numbers.

President Maxwell said that the Senior Advisory Council (SAC) will take up these issues and the recommendations of the Task Force which was convened last spring. He expressed the national nature of the issue and the documented need to have three way cooperation, between students, the University and the local community, towards a solution..

Mr. Price distributed to senators a letter which has gone out to students. Senator Klugman commented on the interesting relationship between this topic and the reality that the Drake Alumni office promotes Peggy's parties. Senator Reincke asked is the increase this fall was an increase in alcohol usage or an increase in disrespect. Mr. Price replied that he believed the answer was both.

Student Body President Tom Laehm was introduced and thanked the body. He indicated that he had taken the believed increase in reported alcohol abuse to the Student Senate as a discussion topic. He proceeded to share with the Faculty Senate a condensed version from that discussion. Both the on campus and Greek organization leaders have noticed the reported increase. The Student Senate started with the concept of whether or not Drake should be a wet or dry campus. The Student Senate did not believe it was a matter of drinking per se but a matter of behavior and they did not desire that destructive behavior should be tolerated. The Student Senate even discussed creating the consequence of having offenders clean residence hall bathrooms on the weekends.

Mr. Laehm also shared that the Campus Security was discussed. The body did not want the existing Saferide to become a bar shuttle service; nor did they wish to have students walking to all parts of campus and the neighborhood. The tension is to provide safe transportation but not condone excessive drinking. The Student Senate desired more security phones on campus which are not indoors and additional lighting in specific locations. In general, the Security force was characterized as responsive and helpful. The recently created Use of Force Policy was not fully known to Student Senate members but they did feel it is important.

Senator Wright indicated he was disturbed by several items which he had heard in the discussion. He was quite concerned about policy being created which is not based on fact, but built from rumors and scared persons. He felt that policy was being made on emotion rather than facts. President Maxwell assured the body that SAC will be looking at research based reports when they address policies.

President Sanders brought the conversation to close with a request for feedback to be sent to himself or other Executive Committee members.

Paul Morris, Chief Information Officer (CIO) was introduced and distributed a power point summary explanation of the Web Policy Committee's (WPC) Proposed Policies & Procedures for the Drake web site. The group was created by Provost Troyer to create policy concerning issues of web usage. A previously arranged group was dormant at the time the CIO was hired. Mr. Morris indicated the web is the most pervasive technology right now and the web is Drake's face to the world. He continued by stating that the web's greatest strength is that it is a democracy. The web allows for expressing opinions and ideas and setting up individual as well as University or departmental pages and links. There becomes a need to balance a controlled and managed environment with the multiple person creative medium that is the web. The proposed policy is a response to this need by creating structured levels for web pages.

Mr. Morris continued his presentation with examples for each level. Official information, academic/faculty domain information, Blackboard pages were examples of proposed level one and level two pages. Everything else which is put up would be linked to a Drake web page as a level three page. The policy outlines various matters surrounding security, access, copyright, privacy and ownership and administration. He noted that the WPC is not a policy police force. If the WPC did receive notice of a breach, Mr. Morris believes that in 95 out of 100 cases a simple, direct conversation would solve the situation. The policy does contain mechanisms to address the exceptions.

Senator Simpson noted that in an earlier version of this policy under Control & Sanctions, a concern with a faculty member would go to the Dean and then Provost. This version indicates the involvement of the Academic Freedom & Tenure Committee but not the Provost. There was some discussion if the involvement of the Provost should be directly listed or merely assumed. Mr. Morris accepted the suggestion of the body to include all three, the Dean, the Provost and the Academic Freedom & Tenure Committee.

Senator Klugman indicated a person concern about the education which would be needed to comply with some of the web page minimum standards. He has some 25 to 30 pages of his own and did not believe he had a full understanding of what requirements he is currently lacking on his web site. Senator Schaefer asked if there was an estimated cost for implementing this policy either in direct hardware needs or in the implied personnel and maintenance issues. Mr. Morris did not have any budgetary knowledge available but offered that this is in part why the issue is being brought forward now, as all units are addressing budget requests for the next year.

Sharon Pilmer, Director of Marketing & Communications and WPC co-chair was present and invited to speak. The University is exploring looking at different software packages which would assist with some of the stated requirements. President Maxwell offered that some page templates are not too difficult to receive as well as enlisting student assistance as a possibility. Senator Shulman voiced a concern that some web pages packages are not a cheap alternative and may have their own security concerns.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.
Submitted by Secretary, Nancy Geiger