

Minutes
Meeting of the Faculty Senate
October 6, 2004

Call to Order—4:03p.m.

- Approval of minutes from Sept. 1, 2004—accepted unanimously
- Academic Affairs Committee Report—accepted without comment
- Curriculum Committee Report—report accepted without comment.
- Faculty Affairs Committee Report—accepted with minimal comment
- Faculty Organization Committee Report—accepted without comment
- Race and Gender Intensive Committee Report—accepted without comment
- Writing Intensive Committee Report—accepted without comment
- Environmental Awareness Committee Report—accepted without comment
- Speaking Intensive Committee Report—accepted without comment
- President of the Senate Report—Denis Nissim-Sabat—accepted as summarized below (comments were varied but minimal)

The BOV is interested in receiving reports of child care, health insurance for faculty and staff, and stopping the tenure clock issues. Upcoming meetings were mentioned, esp. the Faculty Affairs Committee meeting with the BOV on Monday, October 25 re. course-release time, the tenure clock, non-tenure faculty, the search timing for a permanent Dean, implementing the 15-1 plan, faculty salaries, etc. Minutes of BOV meetings will be placed in the Library for all to see (those from April of this year to the present are now in the Library).

- Interim Dean of the Faculty Report—Rosemary Barra—4 points accepted as notated below

A Search will be held for a full-time faculty member to teach the Arabic courses (and also French) beginning with the fall term 2005. Questions regarding this specific combination of languages were addressed by Dean Barra and VP Morello.

2005 application can be accepted on-line with the Banner program.

NSSE data (some) is in and will be discussed at November Meeting of Department Chairs.

Meeting for new faculty will be held in the Red Room on October 22 at 4:30p.m. (wine and cheese)

- Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs Report—John Morello (comments below)

Summer School session in 2005 will be registered in the old way (not with Banner). Salaries for next year will continue to be a minimum of \$1200 per credit hour or 2.5% for full time faculty. He is cautious because Summer Session 2004 suffered a 10% enrollment decline. There is a blue folder in possession of department chairs which tracks enrollment for at least the last 3 summer sessions.

John handed out a “Plan” for updating the *Academic Catalog*. This document is also in the hands of the department chairs.

- Student Representative Report—accepted as presented

She mentioned that peer advising night would be October 14 from 4-6p.m. in the Great Hall. Student reps from each department meet with her Tuesday of each week at 5p.m.

- Other Committee Reports—none presented.

Old Business

Motion presented to Academic Affairs Committee (at the end of 2003-04 academic year)—brought by Jose Sainz (MFL)

Jose reported that the budget cuts have been restored.

New Business

A motion from the Academic Affairs Committee was made and seconded. After some discussion, it passed as included below (unanimously).

Goal 8: Physical Education for Military Service. A student who has been in military service and has completed basic training may request to receive one credit ~~up to two credits~~ in physical education ~~with one credit awarded for each full year of active duty. No credit is given for service of training which lasts less than one year.~~ A student who has been on active duty for six

months beyond the completion of basic training may request to receive one additional credit in physical education. A copy of the discharge form with dates of service must be submitted to the Office of Admissions to request the awarding of these credits.

Motion from Curriculum Committee—Andrew Dolby—after much discussion, the motion was passed as follows. The new wording (cited in the *Faculty Handbook*) is as follows:

2.3.3.7.3 Curriculum Committee ...(changes are underlined) The committee's duties are to:

- .1 Study and recommend to the faculty senate action concerning policy on procedure and criteria for approval, deletion, and change of all course offerings and numbering, prerequisites, corequisites, departmental majors and programs, general degree requirements, proposed new majors, study abroad, and exchange programs.
- .2 Review and approve or reject proposals from the various departments for course additions, course deletions, and changes in the organization (*e.g.* course titles, prerequisites, corequisites, catalogue descriptions, credit value and numbering) of departmental offerings.

Motions from Faculty Affairs Committee—presented by Marie McAllister

1) The following motion, regarding the offices of the President and the Provost, was presented and seconded.

Resolved: that the offices of the President and the Provost should ~~shall~~ (as the result of a friendly ammendment) remain on the Mary Washington College campus permanently.

This vote carried with some discussion.

2) The following motion, regarding RTA appointments, to be applied to the *Faculty Handbook* section 3.1.2) was presented and seconded.

“Ordinarily, individuals with terminal scholarly degrees are not appointed at these ranks.

Therefore, such individuals will not teach upper-level courses.”

After MUCH discussion, mostly of the negative variety, this motion was defeated.

Debra Schleef and Miriam Liss offered the following motion:

We propose to add an SL (Service Learning) designation to course listings in the track book to indicate to students that a course has a service learning component.

After answering a few questions, the motion was referred to the Curriculum Committee

The Student Representative to the Faculty Senate brought a motion to update substitution lists for our disability students. This was referred to the General Education Committee. She also presented then withdrew a motion to institute minors. This may be brought back to the Faculty Senate if the rules allow.

Announcements were made.

Adjournment—6:07p.m.