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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE**  
**September 12, 2005**

1. President Austin officially called the regular meeting of the University Senate of September 12, 2005 to order at 4:04 p.m. in Room 7 of the Bishop Center.
2. Election of the Moderator - Senator Kendall nominated Senator Susan Spiggle as Moderator and Senator Palmer and Senator Zirakzadeh as substitute Moderators of the University Senate. The Senate approved by voice vote without dissent.
3. Election of the Secretary - Senator von Munkwitz-Smith nominated Elizabeth Jockusch as Secretary of the University Senate. The Senate approved by voice vote without dissent.
4. Approval of Minutes

Senator Palmer presented the minutes from the regular meeting of May 2, 2005 for review.

The minutes were approved without modification.

5. Report of President

President Austin welcomed Senators to the beginning of a new academic year and summarized recent developments, primarily focused on developments related to UConn 2000 construction projects:

- a. President Austin stated his intention to keep the campus informed of the issues surrounding building projects. The problems are focused on three student housing projects, which were built quickly to accommodate the rapidly growing student population. Important steps to prevent the recurrence of similar problems include a seven point plan which was developed by Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Linda Flaherty-Goldsmith. When fully implemented the plan will greatly increase inspections and inspection personnel based on recommendations from a commission appointed by Governor Rell to establish an independent construction committee. In addition, Dr. John Rowe, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, has formed a committee to recommend specific steps for implementation of the Governor's plan. Mediation of one of the affected buildings was done by the contractor at no cost for the university; negotiations for the second project are ongoing; and the University is pursuing options for legal recovery for the third project.
- b. In other ways, the University is doing very well. The number of applications for undergraduate admission continues to increase, as does the quality of the student body. Private sector contributions are also on the rise.
- c. President Austin addressed questions from the Senate on how the publicity surrounding the building problems has affected the university image and on how Governor Rell's plan will impact future construction projects.

6. Report of the Senate Executive Committee

Senator Kendall presented the written report of the Senate Executive Committee.

(See Attachment #1)

## 7. President's Athletic Advisory Committee Election

Senator Kendall nominated Senator Lawrence Gramling as Senate representative to the President's Athletic Advisory Committee. Moderator Senator Palmer called for additional nominations from the floor. Hearing none, the Moderator called for a voice vote.

**The Senate approved by voice vote without dissent.**

## 8. Presentation of the Information Technology Strategic Planning Report

Michael Kerntke, Associate Vice President & Chief Information Officer presented the Information Technology Strategic Planning Report.

(See Attachment #2)

## 9. Senator Fox presented the Report of the Nominating Committee

(See Attachment #3)

Senator Fox announced Senator John DeWolf has agreed to chair the Nominating Committee for the 2005/2006 academic year.

- a. The Nominating Committee moved the following faculty/staff deletions to the named Standing Committees:

Margaret Breen from the Curricula & Courses Committee  
 Debra Kendall from the Faculty Standards Committee  
 Hugh Macgill from the Growth & Development Committee  
 Samuel Pickering from the Faculty Standards Committee

**The motion carried.**

- b. The Nominating Committee moved the following faculty/staff additions to the named Standing Committees:

Tracie Borden to University Budget  
 Mark Boyer as Chair of Faculty Standards  
 Bruce DeTora to University Budget, ex-officio, non-voting member  
 Dolan Evanovich to Enrollment, ex-officio, non-voting member  
 Lynne Goodstein to Curricula & Courses, ex-officio, non-voting member  
 Ian Hart to Growth & Development as representative of University Budget  
 Deborah Huntsman to University Budget  
 Steven Jarvi to Scholastic Standards, ex-officio, non-voting member  
 Donna Korbel to Student Welfare  
 William Lott to the General Education Oversight Committee  
 Suman Singha to Faculty Standards, ex-officio, non-voting member  
 Dana Wilder to Growth & Development, ex-officio, non-voting member  
 Lee Williams to Student Welfare, ex-officio, non-voting member

**The motion carried.**

- c. The Nominating Committee moves the following undergraduate student additions to the named Standing Committees:

Rebecca Auger as representative to Growth & Development and Student Welfare  
 Thomas Dillon as representative to Scholastic Standards  
 Vanessa DiPilato as alternate representative to the GEOC  
 Ryan Heafy as representative to the GEOC  
 John Jevitts as representative to University Budget  
 Ryan Marone as representative to Faculty Standards  
 Ryan Matte as representative to Scholastic Standards  
 Michael McKiernan as representative to University Budget  
 Steven Mlenak as representative to Growth & Development and Curricula & Courses  
 Tracy Ogrean as representative to Enrollment  
 Joseph Sweet as representative to Enrollment  
 Caroline Zebrosky as representative to Student Welfare and Faculty Standards

**The motion carried.**

- d. For the information of the Senate, the Graduate Student Senate has named R. Brooke Morrill and Amy Sopcak to membership on the Senate for a one-year term.
- e. For the information of the Senate, the Undergraduate Student Government has named Aaron Burton, Sarah Domoff, John Jevitts, Andrew Marone, and Tracy Ogrean to membership on the Senate for a one-year term.

10. Presentation of a motion from the Course Renumbering Committee

(See Attachment #4)

Senator von Munkwitz-Smith presented a motion on the course renumbering timeline.

Background:

Academic department heads and Associate Deans have asked to extend the deadline for establishing new course numbers to allow them to do a thoughtful and thorough review. Under the proposed new timeline, changes in the Course Numbering system would be postponed until the 2008-2009 Catalogs and departments would have until May 2006 to provide information on their new course numbers to the Registrar.

Motion:

The new course numbering system shall be implemented in conjunction with the 2008-2009 Catalogs. Departments shall have until May 2006 to provide information on their new course numbers to the Registrar.

**The motion carried.**

11. Unfinished Business - none

12. New Business

The Moderator called on Professor Schaefer (a guest). Professor Schaefer requested to know the size of the entering freshman class. Veronica Makowsky, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, responded the number was reported to be close to the target size of 3260.

13. There was a motion to adjourn.

The motion was approved by a standing vote of the Senate.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Jockusch  
Senate Secretary

The following members and alternates were absent from the September 12, 2005 meeting:

Anderson, Thomas  
Aronson, Lorraine  
Bramble, Pamela  
Bull, Nancy  
D'Alleva, Anne  
DeWolf, John  
Dreyfuss, Dale  
Eby, Clare  
Evanovich, M. Dolan  
Franklin, Brinley

Givens, Jean  
Gould, Phillip  
Holgerson, Kathleen  
Holzworth, R.J.  
Humphreys, Nancy  
Kaufman, Douglas  
Kay, Richard  
Marone, Andrew  
Muirhead, Deborah  
Myers, Kathryn

Ndoye, Abdou  
Rodin, Krista  
Silander, John  
Smith, Erling  
Sopcak, Amy  
Spiggle, Susan  
Taylor, Ronald  
Thorson, Robert  
Vinsonhaler, Charles