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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

1. Ms. Spiggle, Moderator, called the regular meeting of the University Senate of February 10, 2003 to order at 4:02 p.m. in Room 7, Bishop Center.

2. The Minutes of the regular meeting of December 9, 2002 were approved as distributed.


Reporting for the President, Chancellor Peterson addressed the on-going uncertainty in the current year and next biennium budgets. He reported on the planning process conducted with the Deans with the objective of streamlining operations and economizing wherever possible while preserving the mission of the University. He will continue to look at non-academic areas; however, current and previous reductions are threatening the very core of the institution.

Chancellor Peterson announced a tentative settlement with the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) and introduced AAUP Executive Director Ed Marth to present the details of the settlement.

Mr. Marth outlined the key features of the plan, commented on on-going negotiations and answered questions.

4. Mr. Faustman presented the Report of the Senate Executive Committee.  

(See Attachment #21)

Mr. Maryanski presented the following resolution:

Whereas Professor Thomas Tighe joined the University of Connecticut in July 1988 as Provost and Professor of Psychology;

Whereas Provost Tighe served with distinction under Presidents Casteen and Hartley;

Whereas Provost Tighe guided the Division of Academic Affairs through the difficult financial times of the early 90’s while maintaining the University’s academic reputation and stature;

Whereas Provost Tighe demonstrated his commitment to scholarship by securing support for the Critical Technologies Research Program, the recruitment of faculty of the highest quality, and the attainment of Carnegie I Research status during his tenure;

Whereas Provost Tighe demonstrated his commitment to diversity through the creation of the Institute for African-American Studies, the Institute for Asian-American Studies, and the Puerto Rican Latino Studies Institute;

Whereas Provost Tighe executed his duties with extraordinary dedication and commitment, with the highest sense of academic integrity, and an unyielding commitment to principle;
Whereas those who had the great fortune to work closely with Provost Tighe marveled at his intellect, work ethic, and sly sense of humor;

It is hereby resolved that the University Senate officially state its recognition and appreciation of the numerous contributions of Thomas Tighe to the University of Connecticut.

Be it further resolved that this motion be spread upon the minutes with a copy provided to his widow, Dr. Louise Tighe.

The resolution passed and will be forwarded to Dr. Louise Tighe by Vice Chancellor Maryanski.

5. Unfinished Business

None

6. New Business

Ms. Hiskes presented the Report of the Nominating Committee.

(See Attachment #22)

She moved the appointment of Undergraduate Student Michael Tremmel to membership on the Scholastic Standards Committee, replacing Jason Purzycki.

The motion carried.

7. The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Jordan, Co-Secretary

Several members were prevented from attending by inclement weather. The following members and alternates were absent from the February 10, 2003 meeting:

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Report of the Senate Executive Committee

Presented at a regular meeting of the University of Connecticut Senate
February 10, 2003

The SEC has met on 4 different occasions since the last regular meeting of the University Senate. One of these was to discuss a successor to the SEC Chair following Professor Halvorson’s resignation from that position, one was a special meeting to meet with Vice Chancellor Greger, and two regularly scheduled meetings to carry out the normal business of the SEC.

Vice-Chancellor Greger met with the SEC on January 24th and reported on the alleged academic misconduct by 2 scientists at Environmental Research Institute (ERI). The University Policy for investigating these matters is available at the Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP) website (www.osp.uconn.edu/general.html) and her office has been following the protocol outlined there. An Inquiry Committee comprised of 4 faculty members, and whose deliberations were unencumbered by any administrative intervention, reported that there is reason to suspect that the alleged misconduct may have occurred. The next step in the process involves the appointment of an Ad Hoc Investigation Committee by the Research Advisory Council (RAC).

Drs. Karla Fox and Richard Brown, Co-Chairs of the University Academic Plan Task Force, attended the most recent SEC meeting and provided an update of their committee’s progress. Faculty are encouraged to consult the Task Force’s website to view the Draft Document outlining ‘Areas of Emphasis’ and to contact the co-chairs with concerns and/or suggestions. In the recent past, some faculty have expressed concern to SEC members that the Task Force’s charge might be adapted to respond directly to the University’s response for meeting the current budget challenges. On several occasions this has been denied emphatically; the Task Force remains focused on its original charge.

The SEC asked Vice-Chancellor Fred Maryanski to write a resolution honoring former Provost, Thomas Tighe, who passed away on January 15, 2003. This resolution will be presented for adoption at today’s meeting.

As Chairman of the SEC Cameron Faustman has been asked to participate in a site visit on April 2, 2003. The Carnegie Corporation will be sending a team as part of the process for evaluation of a School of Education/CLAS grant initiative entitled, “Teachers for a New Era”.

SEC members, Ernie Zirakzadeh and Cameron Faustman attended the monthly Student Leader’s Dinner in January.

Finally, the SEC wishes to express its gratitude to Dr. Irene Brown for her untiring service to its mission. Dr. Brown is on sabbatical leave this semester and thus completed her 3-year term on the SEC this past December.

Respectfully submitted,

Cameron Faustman
SEC Chair
Gregory J. Anderson    Scott E. Kennedy
Rajeev Bansal         Jason Purzycki
Pamela C. Bramble    Sally M. Reis
John T. DeWolf       C. Ernesto Zirakzadeh
Jane Goldman
We move the appointment of Undergraduate Student Michael Tremmel to membership on the Scholastic Standards Committee, replacing Jason Purzycki.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory J. Anderson
Scott W. Brown
Harry Frank
Anne Hiskes
Suman Singha
David D. Palmer, Chair