

Minutes

78th Meeting of the Faculty of the SAS

May 3rd, 2011

Voorhees Hall, Room 105-College Avenue Campus

Attendance:

Allender, Eric	Computer Science
Baldi, Andrea	Italian
Beals, Michael	SAS
Bell, Rudy	History
Bojanowski, Edyta	German, Russian, & E. European
Breslauer, Ken	SAS
Cornilliat, Francois	French
Davis, Robin	SAS
Fishbein, Leslie	WGS, American Studies, Jewish Studies
Galili, Ziva	History
Gambarota, Paola	Italian
Gliserman, Martin	English
Golden, Peter B.	Middle Eastern Studies
Hansell, Steve	Sociology
Horwitz, Allan	SAS
Isaac, Allan	American Studies
Jiang, Tao	Religion
Jones, Jennifer	History
Krenos, John	Chemistry and Chem. Bio.
Larrier, Renee	French
Lawrence, Susan	SAS
Mandelbaum, Jenny	SCI
Martin-Marques, S.	Spanish and Portuguese
Matsuda, Matt	History
McKeever, Ken	NBFC
Ramsamy, Edward	Africana Studies
Reed, James	History
Regulska, Joanna	SAS
Rubin, Jeff	Economics
Scanlon, Larry	English
Schurman, Sue	LSER
Schwarzchild, Roger	Linguistics
Sifuentes - Jauregui, B.	American Studies
Simmons, Richard V.	Asian Languages and Cultures
Sinkoff, Nancy	Jewish Studies
Stevens, Camilla	Spanish and Portuguese
Swenson, Jimmy	SAS
Tu, Ching-I	Asian Languages and Cultures
Van Buskirk, Emily	German, Russian, & E. European
Voos, Paula	Labor Studies
Weingart, Michael	Mathematics

1. Executive Dean Douglas Greenberg called the meeting to order at 1:07 pm.
2. A motion to accept the minutes of the December 15, 2010 meeting (previously circulated) passed unanimously.
3. A motion to accept the meeting agenda (previously circulated) passed unanimously.
4. Professor Martha Cotter (Chemistry) reported on nine actions approved by the University Senate, including the new academic integrity policy which goes into effect September 1, 2011, the approval of the creation of a new School of Nursing in Camden, and revision of procedures for administration of the "ten year rule" for promotion from associate to full professor.
5. Professor Ken McKeever (SEBS), Chair of the New Brunswick Faculty Council, reported on NBFC activities, including reports on assessment of student learning and veteran's services, and resolutions on the transparency of the university budget, content of course syllabi, and consistency of courses offered in several venues.
6. Professor Larry Scanlon (English), Chair of the Core Curriculum Committee, reported we have enough courses for the entering class. While continuing to build the Core offerings, careful attention will be paid to the assessment of student learning built into every course. Scanlon reviewed the list of new courses approved for the Core. **His motion to approve the Core Curriculum Committee Report passed unanimously.**
7. Susan Lawrence, Dean for Educational Initiatives and the Core Curriculum, reviewed the pamphlet on the Core Curriculum that is distributed to students and parents during our recruitment and advising days and reviewed the principles that inform the Core.
8. Professor Dennis Bathory (Political Science), reviewed the course change recommended by the Curriculum Committee. **His motion to approve the Curriculum Committee Report passed unanimously.**
9. Executive Dean's Report: Dean Greenberg reviewed the plans for university commencement and urged our participation.

A review of "the numbers" concerning courses and enrollments demonstrated the critical role played by SAS in the education of every undergraduate in New Brunswick. Our faculty also led the university in sponsored research and graduate education. To sustain these efforts we must maintain the quality of our faculty. One marker of success is that 41/44 SAS promotion packets were approved by the PRC. In 2011-12 we will have around 70 candidates for promotion--a huge job but appropriate to our intention to "recruit, promote, and retain" excellent teachers and scholars.

The Kean task force report on higher education in New Jersey, now posted on the Governor's webpage, recognizes Rutgers as the flagship in the state system of higher education, but we are running against a national trend of declining support for public higher education. We will attempt to compensate by raising private funds. Increases in tuition will allow us to provide subsidies for those who need them. The commitment to excellence in the liberal arts is not in retreat at Rutgers. We take pride in the diversity of our student body and the excellence of our faculty and will persist in pursuit of "Excellence and Access."

Hearing no calls for New Business, the Executive Dean invited everyone to Winants Hall for the SAS Awards for Distinguished Contributions to Undergraduate Education and adjourned the meeting.