UNIVERSITY SENATE
ATTENDANCE

Meeting of: November 22, 1983

Richard Irving
Jennifer Chu
Bria K. See
Scott Feinman
Richard Goldstein
S.K. Ellen
Jason Berman
Lisa Betts
Cheryl Green
Mitchell Levin
Simone Finzi
David Strogatz
Anthony Ungar
Paula G. Wallace
Robert H. Miller
Lara More

Mark Steinberger
J.C. Pefol
Jim Bo
Joe Sehgal
Evan Newman
Peter Blain
Tim Lince

Eleanor A. Goschen
Beth Friedman
Kat PET (Frost)
R.J. McGarvey, Jr.
Seymour Cooper
Philip B. Eppard
A.J.L. Macario

Jan Jette

Chris Kesten

C. Clark
AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes: October 18, 1993

2. President's Report

3. SUNY-wide Senate Report
   - Vincent Aceto
   - Paul Wallace

4. Chair's Report

5. Council Reports
   a. CPCA
   b. EPC
   c. GAC
   d. UAC
   e. RES
   f. LISC
   g. CAFE
   h. SAC
   i. UCC
   - Ronald Bosco
   - Judith Baskin
   - Richard Felson
   - Bonnie Spanier
   - John Pipkin
   - Robert Frost
   - Scott Lyman
   - Donald Biggs
   - Richard Goldstein

6. Old Business

7. New Business
   a. Revisions to University Senate Councils

8. Adjournment
UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY
STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

UNIVERSITY SENATE MINUTES
November 22, 1993


Guest: T. Lance, R. Macfarland (for Dean Gillespie)

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 p.m. by Chair Champagne.

1. Approval of Minutes
The minutes of October 18, 1993, were approved as distributed.

2. President's Report
President Swygert reported that he consulted with the Senate Executive Committee and the union representatives concerning the Intersession Closing which is scheduled for December 24 through January 5. There is a projected savings of approximately $100,000.

A safety and security letter was distributed to the University community, said the President. Measures that have been instituted include increased UPD foot patrols on all the Quads, more lighting on walkways and the podium, eight new blue light phones on the uptown campus, and high intensity lights around the construction site. Residents of Freedom Quad have received keys to the common rooms which are now locked 24 hours a day.

The President announced that Cannon, from Buffalo, has been selected as the architect for the new Center for Environmental Sciences and Technology Management building.
The Child Care Committee engaged a consultant to look at space on campus, the President said, and he recommended the Dutch Quad U-Lounge as the site of the Child Care Center. The U-Lounge has easy access, is next to an UAS kitchen and has a playground area.

President Swygert thanked the faculty who called or wrote him regarding the issues of the last week. He will continue to respond to the students' issues. We need to make clear to those coming on campus that the University will abide by the First Amendment.

The President asked Senators to write their local elected officials and the Governor expressing their concerns about the State budget, a departmental issue or a project in which you are interested. Last year, the response to this request was good. SUNY Central is asking for a restoration of 100 faculty lines and more money for GRI.

3. **SUNY-wide Senate Report**

Senator Aceto reported that the SUNY-wide Executive Committee endorsed the concept of an Excelsior School and that support would be in addition to the campus budget. It is an opportunity for SUNY and high school to work together. President Swygert noted that the Governor is in agreement with this concept.

4. **Chair's Report**

Chair Champagne reported on the Faculty Forum. The discussion on the topic of General Education was wide ranging. The Forum began with discussion and was followed by presentations from Dean Kim, Professors Knoblauch and Garber. Dean Kim called for more faculty to become involved. Professor Knoblauch talked about curriculum issues, pedagogy and assessment. Professor Garber shared plans for the University Centers for Teaching and Learning and relationship with the General Education Programs. Discussion also included different structures of the General Education Program, capstone courses, pedagogy, constraints, and the issue of time, said Chair Champagne.

5. **Council Reports**

a. **CPCA**: Senator Bosco had nothing to report.

b. **EPC**: Senator Baskin had nothing to report.

c. **GAC**: Senator Felson had nothing to report.

d. **UAC**: Senator Spanier had nothing to report.
e. RES: Senator Pipkin had nothing to report.

f. LISC: Senator Frost had nothing to report.

g. CAFE: Senator Lyman reported that CAFE has been involved in several cases. They will continue to uphold the right of free speech and the Principles of a Just Community.

h. SAC: Senator Carr reported for Senator Biggs. A main concern is student life as it relates to integrated environment. SAC would like to speak to students about making this a more harmonious campus.

i. UCC: Senator Goldstein reported that UCC designated a member to serve on the Commencement Committee. UCC reviewed the smoking regulations and suggested that notices be sent to the University community. Sheila Mahan attended the last meeting to update UCC on the Child Care Center. Two members volunteered to serve on the Child Care Committee, said Senator Goldstein. Barbara Via will conduct a search on Faculty Clubs and develop a survey.

6. Old Business
There was no Old Business.

7. New Business
a. Revisions to University Senate Councils. The revisions were moved, second and passed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley J. Jones
Secretary
TO: All University Faculty and Staff

Dear Colleagues:

As I visit with Governor Cuomo and our friends in the State Assembly and Senate, they frequently comment about how much they appreciate letters from constituents and taxpayers expressing their preferences on various policy issues. Even the less than positive letters, I am told, are useful to them in judging their decisions about what is in the State’s interest.

Last year, many of you very generously took the time to write to our elected officials to share views with them about the State University and the University at Albany and how they might help us preserve the excellence of our services to the State of New York. Many of you shared your letters with me and I heard about many others from elected leaders with whom I have spoken. I am writing to you now to suggest that you consider writing to our leaders again and to provide some information about issues that I feel are particularly important to the State University and our campus at this time.

In my view, several issues are most important to the University at Albany in discussions about the 1994-95 Fiscal Year Budget:

- **Preserve SUNY’s base budget and fund modest initiatives.** We need for the State to fund fully all scheduled salary increases (about $81 million) for faculty and staff. The State University request of $114 million (including the $81 million) is critical if SUNY is to preserve the quality of instruction and fund even modest system and campus initiatives.

- **Restore faculty instructional lines to support undergraduate and graduate instruction.** In recent years, the state-operated campuses and statutory colleges have lost more than 750 faculty positions. SUNY has requested that 100 of these lines be restored in the 1994-95 budget. This is a critical need for maintaining access to excellence in our instructional programs.
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- **Continue investment in research and graduate education by funding the GRI.** The Graduate Education and Research Initiative (GRI) has provided the backbone for significant improvements in research and graduate education since 1987. The work is far from complete, and this vital program must be continued if New York State’s great research universities, such as the University at Albany, are to remain competitive.

- **Continue SUTRA, but do not lose sight of the importance of academic excellence.** We stand to benefit from the new State University Tuition Reimbursable Account (SUTRA) system, which ties our level of state funding much more closely to enrollment levels. We appreciate the State’s approving SUTRA, which gives us more control over our own financial fate, but we must not become enrollment-driven at the expense of the quality for which the University at Albany and the State University are known. We must at the University at Albany continue our tradition of access to excellence.

- **Consider allowing the State University to develop a system of differentiated tuition.** That would allow the University at Albany and other University Centers to modestly increase tuition (perhaps $100 per year initially) in order to recover the higher than average costs of providing undergraduate education with the rich resources of a research university (e.g., research library, extensive computing, etc.). Such a system must, of course, include provisions for financial aid so that no student would be denied access to the University at Albany due to the small tuition increase.

- **Extend greater flexibility for personnel and financial management to the State University system.** This will allow us to manage our resources more efficiently and to improve our services to our students and the State while reducing our costs.

"These are just some of the major issues that are on my mind. I am sure there are others that many of you are concerned about as well, and I encourage you to communicate them to our elected leaders. I have enclosed a list of addresses of elected State officials for your use, if you choose to express your opinions in this way.

In closing, let me say that I am quite optimistic about the next year and about the reputation for excellence that the University at Albany enjoys in the Governor’s Office and the State Legislature. You can all be very proud of what you have built at this great public research university.

Sincerely,

H. Patrick Swygert
President

Enclosure
New York State Elected Officials
and
University at Albany
Legislative Delegation

The Honorable Mario M. Cuomo
Governor, State of New York
Executive Chamber
The Capitol
Albany, New York 12224

The Honorable Ralph J. Marino
President Pro Tem and Majority Leader
New York State Senate
The Capitol
Albany, New York 12247

The Honorable Paul D. Weprin
Speaker of the Assembly
New York State Assembly
The Capitol
Albany, New York 12248

The Honorable Clarence D. Rappleyea
Assembly Minority Leader
New York State Assembly
Legislative Office Building, Room 933
Albany, New York 12248

The Honorable Kenneth P. LaValle
Chair, Senate Higher Education Committee
New York State Senate
806 Legislative Office Building
Albany, New York 12247

The Honorable Edward C. Sullivan
Chair, Assembly Higher Education Comm.
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The Honorable Ronald Canestrari
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The Honorable Anthony J. Casale
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The Honorable Hugh T. Farley
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The Honorable Joseph L. Bruno
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The Honorable Robert D’Andrea
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The Honorable John J. McEneny
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The Honorable James Tedisco
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The Honorable John J. Faso
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The Honorable Arnold W. Proskin
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The Honorable Howard C. Nolan, Jr.
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COUNCIL CHANGES

Proposed Addition
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To Council
Educational Policy Council

* Student Senator