TO: Faculty State University of New York At Albany
FROM: R. S. Gardner, Representative to S. U. Senate
SUBJECT: December 3, 4 Meeting of Senate 8 Dec 1964

The fall meeting of the Senate was held December 3, 4 at Brubacher Hall, SUNY-A, with President Gould presiding. The following notes are presented for your information. Complete minutes will be filed in the Library.

1. Following an official welcome to SUNY-A by President Collins, Dr. Gould, as Chairman of the Senate, made his report which included the following points:

a. The image of SUNY should be an academic image of highest quality.
b. The Senate must take an ever-increasing interest in the academic affairs of SUNY
c. The philosophy and purpose of the Central Staff should be to advise and assist. They should not be mere housekeepers or clerks.
d. Dr. Boyer (Calif.), recently appointed Dean for University-wide activities, will be concerned with inter-relationships of the 58 units. His appointment is effective 1 July 1965.
e. Titles and functions of Deans (SUNY) will change from Dean for Two Year Colleges, Dean for Four Year Colleges, etc., to Dean for International Studies, Dean for Continuing Education, etc.
f. Additional copies of the 1964 Master Plan were being printed and should be available in the Library by 15 December.
g. The chairman stated that the Central Staff will move into temporary quarters in SUNY-A buildings when we move to the new campus. For permanent headquarters, he is not interested in space on the mall in Albany, for fear that SUNY will be considered as any other department of state government. He feels that Central Offices should be close to the new campus of SUNY-A.
h. The May 1964 Senate resolution calling for a four year plan to raise salaries of instructors and assistant professors by 5% per year and salaries of associate professors and professors by 15% per year has not been presented to the Board of Trustees. The SUNY 1965-66 budget does propose salary increases which approximate the Senate resolution.
i. The Board of Trustees is not disposed to advocate repeal of the Feinberg Act in accordance with the May 1964 Senate resolution. They propose to administer the act "with sensitivity." Central Staff will continue to work to protect academic and other rights and freedoms of all SUNY faculty.
j. In order that sabbatical leaves may be approved early, President Gould hopes to give the local unit authority to approve sabbatical leaves without review by the Central Office. This is one of several recommendations.
k. FASUNY has requested a meeting with the executive committee of the Senate to discuss future developments of both organizations. Meeting is scheduled for January.

2. Vice-Chairman Young:

a. Reported that the executive committee, with some former vice-chairmen will attempt to organize the Senate for greater participation in academic affairs of SUNY.
b. Noted the presence of four invited "observers" from community colleges.
c. Stated that a committee will be appointed to plan the first "Annual Conference of SUNY faculty. Tentative plans call for a meeting of approximately 250 faculty members (4 or 5 from each unit) to discuss the practical problems of SUNY.
This first conference may be held in conjunction with inauguration of President Gould. Likely locality: New York City. Likely date: May 1964.

3. a. Two resolutions were passed by the Senate. The first, which was concerned with re-election of senators will be presented to the trustees in December, and if approved, will be submitted to local units for ratification. It reads as follows:

"An elected representative who has served a full three-year term or major fraction thereof shall be eligible to serve a second consecutive three-year term. He shall not be eligible to serve again as a member of the Senate until the expiration of three years from the end of his last preceding term. Representatives who have served only a minor fraction of one three-year term may serve for two additional consecutive three year terms."

b. The second resolution urges the President to work for a program of scholarships for graduates of two year colleges. Recipients would apparently be the late bloomers who did not receive state scholarships upon graduation from high school.

4. Dr. Bernardo (Harpmr), chairman of the Committee on Academic Program identified five areas of current interest:

a) Graduate Programs
b) Faculty Research
c) Academic Policies, e.g., admission, faculty loads, articulation
d) Special programs, e.g., foreign study
e) Two and Four Year programs, e.g., academic programs of Community Colleges, Agricultural and Technical Colleges, etc.

NOTE: Dr. Bernardo has requested nomination of faculty to study each of the above. Any SUNY-A faculty interested please let me know.

5. Dr. Price (Central Office), stated that local units may decide for themselves whether wish salaries of ten month employees to be paid over a 12 month period. He stated that such a method of payment would not interfere with Summer Session salaries, and further that all employees will soon be on this plan. Offering a choice now, according to Dr. Price, provides for "palatable acceptance of the inevitable."

6. Dr. Carlip, chairman of the Personnel Policies Committee presented the latest revision of the proposed Personnel Policies of the Board of Trustees. A list of these proposed changes will be sent to you soon for your study and reaction. I hope that we may have a discussion of the changes in a general faculty meeting.