

Faculty Conference
Friday, March 22, 2002
Plowden Auditorium
2pm

I The meeting began at 2.02 with 78 in attendance. A vote to conduct business with fewer than 35% (102) of the membership was approved. The minutes were approved as distributed without addition or correction.

II The Chair's Report

A The Salary Study Committee is meeting and working on data for both faculty and staff.

B The Productivity Task Force has been appointed and will compare productivity at Winthrop with that at the other 4-year public teaching universities in South Carolina.

C Chairs of standing committees are to submit annual reports to Jim by April 8

D The next regular Faculty Conference is April 19. Standing committees will meet and elect new chairs.

E It may be necessary to call a special meeting of Faculty Conference to discuss GENED. Friday April 12 was the likely date, in Kinard auditorium

F The next Board of Trustees meeting is April 12

III Report From The President

Dr DiGiorgio was unable to be present at the meeting. Brien Lewis spoke instead and referred the faculty to the president's recent email.

IV Report From the Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dr Wilson informed the faculty that Winthrop has been holding 2 – 2.5% in escrow to cover the anticipated shortfall in the budget.

He told the faculty that the State has cut down to 14 indicators –one relating to advisory boards and the other to co-ops and internships, stating that Winthrop looks good on paper as we have 20% advisory boards.

V Committee Reports

(a) Academic Council

Julian Smith reported on 3 items:

1 The GENED task force was seeking input from different departments across campus. He said that the task force had received 10 questions concerning the

implementation of the new program from the Chairs of Arts & Sciences and that Dr Wilson's office would be responding to the questions. Both questions and answers were to be posted on the University website.

2 Curriculum changes from CUI were required to be voted on:

- (i) Modifications of the BS/Science Communication courses (passed)
- (ii) Modifications to the BS in Human Nutrition by adding Nutrition Science in the BS degree program (passed)
- (iii) From the College of Education, add a BS in Mid level education (passed)
- (iv) From the College of Visual & Performing Arts, modifications, mostly to the titles, of the following disciplines, all to become 'concentrations':
 - Interior design
 - Ceramics
 - General Studio
 - Painting
 - Photography*
 - Printmaking
 - Graphic Design
 - Illustration
 - Sculpture(all passed)

- (some additional modifications in this discipline)

Dr Wilson noted that some changes in the Education and Art programs would have to go to CHE for approval

The question of absence from Academic Council meetings, with regard to voting, was raised and passed on to the Rules Committee for a decision.

(b) **Rules Committee**

Pat Ballard reported that the wording in the Faculty Manual would reflect the changes as to how votes on elections are now being tabulated, and that the software would be put on the University web-site.

(c) **General Education Committee**

Marilyn Sarow passed out material for the Academic Council meeting to held on March 29

Considerable discussion followed regarding proposed changes to the GENED program. A called meeting of the faculty to vote on the proposals was to take place April 12 2002.

(d) **Faculty Concerns**

Janice Chism reported from the recently-held meeting of the committee with Dr DiGiorgio and Dr Wilson and informed the faculty that, on the salary issue, “the news is not good”. She said that the legislature, or tuition and fee increases would put a “punitive cap” on this and that the faculty was very demoralized. Issues of merit increases and salary decompression must be part of this issue.

Other topics reported on included: black mold in Bancroft, pipe problems in McLaurin, Alice Burmeister’s ‘course banking’ proposal, Open House/phonathon questions, child care and drink machines.

(e) **The Personnel Committee**

The following elections were held:

- 1 To elect a new Chair of Faculty Conference
- 2 To elect one member to the Academic Conduct committee
- 3 To elect one person to Academic Council
- 4 To elect one person (one-year replacement) to the Academic Freedom & Tenure committee and three people for 3-year terms to this committee
- 5 To elect one person to the Dinkins Student Advisory Board
- 6 To elect one person to the Faculty Concerns committee
- 7 To elect one person to the Faculty Personnel committee
- 8 To elect one person to the Judicial Council
- 9 To elect two people to the Rules committee

VI **Old Business**

There was no old business.

VII **New Business**

There was no new business

VIII **Announcements**

- 1) Tim Druke announced that on-line grading was starting May 2002. Tom Moore suggested changing the deadline for receiving grades to Mondays at 12noon. Tim Druke agreed to entertain this suggestion for the fall semester.
- 2) The Friends of Dacus Library – Dr Jack Weaver was to present a lecture celebrating Rock Hill’s sesquicentennial ‘The Irish Heritage of the Carolinas’ on Wed March 28 at 4pm

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 3.25pm

