

SCHOOL OF POLICY STUDIES
FACULTY MEETING
MARCH 3, 1997
MINUTES

Attendees:

Faculty:

Shomu Banerjee
Roy Bahl
Chris Bollinger
Paul Brewer
Paul Farnham
Amy Helling
Julie Hotchkiss
Edith Manns
Lloyd Nigro
Laura Osborne
Barbara Ray

Sam Skogstad
Paula Stephan
Greg Streib
Peter Terrebonne
John Thomas
James Tonelli
Mary Beth Walker
Sally Wallace
Bill Waugh
Katherine Willoughby

Invited Guests:

Cindy Blasdell
Sue Fagan
Larry Gess
Jay Stevens
Jim Stevens

The meeting was called to order at 12:40 PM by Roy Bahl, Dean

The minutes were approved as distributed. Roy Bahl then called on Larry Gess to report on the GSU Foundation Fundraiser.

The next item of business was the Dean's report.

With regard to the budget, Roy Bahl summarized the presentation that he made to the Senate Budget Committee in February. He stressed that we are doing well in grants, research and outreach but that we need to be mindful of enrollments. The Provost's budget recommendations for SPS for next year include funding for two additional joint appointments, an associate professor of Public Policy and a joint appointment with accounting. The Provost also has recommended support for the Census Center.

The Dean reported that recruiting efforts continue and reminded faculty of the importance of participating in seminars, meetings with candidates, etc. Felix Rioja has accepted a position in the Economics Department.

The Dean stated that we are close to resolving the issue of a name and endowment for the School. It was also announced that Ron Cummings has proposed a new project dealing with fighting ozone problems in Atlanta. If funded, the project would gain SPS high visibility. With regard to public relations, Roy Bahl noted that SPS is gaining good press. He reminded faculty to be sure and arrange to have their photograph taken for the view book that is being planned.

Greg Streib reported that the superserver conversion has gone well. He reminded people to use the SPS complaint GroupWise address for problems.

Roy Bahl called for nominations for the position to the committee to evaluate the Provost. Mary Beth Walker nominated David Sjoquist to be the SPS representative. The nomination was seconded and David Sjoquist was unanimously elected.

Sue Fagan presented the candidates for graduation and the faculty approved all candidates presented.

Barbara Ray, chair of the Committee on Academic Programs, made the Committee's report. She reminded faculty that the catalog copy of courses is our main marketing tool. She stated that the Committee hopes to have the catalog copy for new courses completed by the Spring Quarter faculty meeting. The graduate bulletin and undergraduate catalog have late May deadlines. The course proposals brought to the Academic Programs Committee from the Economics Department were voted on and unanimously passed. The PAUS courses were not available for a vote at the time of the meeting.

Lloyd Nigro, chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee, reported that the Committee had reviewed the various appeals procedures currently in effect at GSU and concluded that the policy of the College of Business Administration provided the best model for the School. This policy was presented to the faculty and passed unanimously. The Faculty Affairs Committee also recommended, given the adoption of this appeals procedure, that the Bylaws be amended to reflect this change. The motion was passed and the changes in the Bylaws are attached to these minutes.

There was also some discussion of student evaluation forms. There was widespread consensus that the temporary form was ill suited to the needs of the School and it was suggested that the Dean appoint an ad hoc committee to draft a new course evaluation form for consideration by the faculty at the next meeting. The faculty agreed with this recommendation.

Dave Sjoquist, chairman of the P&T Committee, reported that the P&T committee will make a formal presentation at the Spring Faculty Meeting.

Roy Bahl reported for the Committee on Outside Consulting. Outside consulting is allowed and encouraged if it enhances the reputation of SPS and the faculty and if it leads to additional work for SPS. Every effort should be made to not miss class for consulting. Faculty were reminded that a form to report consulting activity could be obtained from Bettye Davis.

Announcements:

- It is hoped that the joint Ph.D. proposal will be ready for consideration by spring.
- The Human Resource Development (HRD) component of the College of Education and the faculty of PAUS are talking about the possibility of HRD joining PAUS. HRD has a masters and Ph.D. program. Three faculty are involved.
- The Dean reminded faculty to give exams during the scheduled time and urged faculty to read the GSU Handbook.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:56.