

APPROVED MINUTES FOR THE 5th REGULAR MEETING
OF THE FACULTY SENATE
FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES-CAMDEN
April 12, 2005

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 12:27 p.m. in room 121 Armitage Hall, Dr. Allen Woll, President, presiding. Dr. Woll welcomed everyone to the last Faculty Senate meeting for this academic year.

1. The March 1, 2005 Faculty Senate meeting minutes were reviewed, with one change in title status from “Dr.” to “Ms.,” and with counting William Saidel as having been absent during the March 1 meeting. **APPROVED, VOICE VOTE .**
2. Dean Nancy Gulick distributed copies of the Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Arts and the Bachelor of Sciences for May 2005 graduation. She noted that there are 410 candidates and that one student is graduating with three majors (Computer Science, Economics, and Mathematics). After correcting three name spellings, the Senate **APPROVED, VOICE VOTE** candidates, pending approval by the Department Chairs and candidates satisfactorily completing the necessary courses.
3. Associate Provost Mary Beth Daisey presented an update on the Academic Integrity Committee, reporting that it is developing new university-wide guidelines designed to boost faculty reporting of violations. The new policy would reduce the number of levels of violation from four to two, reflecting separable (for stealing work, selling papers, and other major breaches) and non-separable offenses. The separable cases will be addressed as they are now, with an appeal process in place for students found guilty. Non-separable offenses will be handled by the instructor, who would have a conversation with the student, determine an appropriate sanction, and then report the offense to the Office of Student Life so that a central record would be kept on file. The Office of Student Life would still be available for guidance and assistance. Several Senators indicated that they do not feel that a change in the policy is necessary because the system has worked well for them in the past. Associate Provost Daisey indicated that New Brunswick is not happy with the current policy since there has been considerable underreporting of student offenses. Senators were urged to e-mail Associate Provost Daisey at daisey@camden.rutgers.edu with their views on these proposed changes. Associate Provost Daisey also reported on the Degree Audit Program, which will allow students to access their transcripts on line and see which courses they have taken and which they still need to fulfill their majors. With this new system, students will also have a chance to declare their major/minors earlier than they do now. A draft will be posted by early summer, and the program will be available for advisors by September 2005 and open to students in January 2006. (Some, but not all, minor programs are currently in the system.) Students will be able to submit hypothetical scenarios, e.g., “What if I change my major?” It was noted that advisors will have a place to post and save notes on the students’ on-line file, so there cannot be any chance of miscommunication

between student and advisor.

4. Changes to the Master Course List (Form 29) were next considered by the Senate. The English Department wants to add the course, Writing Workshop (W). This course, offered as a Freshman Seminar, will familiarize students with the workshop method of learning to write, and carry the “W” designation. The department has been using the course, Introduction to Creative Writing, as its Freshman Seminar; but that course does not satisfy the “W” requirement because it lacks a research component. It was suggested that the course number be changed from 304 to 204 to prevent it from being mistaken for an upper-level course. With the number change, Writing Workshop was **APPROVED, VOICE VOTE.**

The Computer Science Department submitted the existing course in the Mathematics Department’s M.S. Program, Signal Processing, to be cross-listed with the Computer Science undergraduate program. The Computer Science Department considers this course as appropriate for computer science majors in their senior year. The Director of the Mathematics Department’s M.S. Program agrees with cross-listing this course. This cross-listing was **APPROVED, VOICE VOTE.**

The History Department requested that the course, Tudor and Stuart England, which was taken off the roster when James Muldoon left Rutgers, be brought back for a newly hired department member who would like to teach it. The course considers religions, political, and social developments from the Protestant Reformation through the seventeenth century. The Tudor and Stuart England course was **APPROVED, VOICE VOTE.**

A new course, “Evil,” was presented for Senate approval to be taught in Philosophy (730:333) and Religion (840:333). This course examines the phenomenon and meaning of evil, especially “moral” evil. Key questions include how evil may be explained, why humanity is capable of it in the first place, whether it belongs to some or all people, how to differentiate its perpetrators and its victims, whether evil is compatible with the existence of a good God, and how one may judge the difference between evil and good. These and other fundamental questions are pursued through a range of historical and contemporary texts and in relation to examples of evil in today’s world. The course “Evil” was **APPROVED, VOICE VOTE.**

5. Associate Provost Chris Dougherty discussed the proposal to extend admission for a B.A. in Liberal Studies degree program at Western Monmouth Higher Education Center in Freehold. Students must have at least 60 credits (Associates Degree) to be admitted into Rutgers liberal arts program at Freehold. The entrance requirements for this off-campus program are different, and students cannot transfer to another Rutgers location. The Liberal Studies Degree program at Western Monmouth Higher Education Center was **APPROVED, VOICE VOTE.**
6. William Saidel discussed plans for the Planning and Budget Committee. He indicated that there is a lack of Masters and Ph.D. programs in Camden Arts and Sciences. This is because Rutgers does not want to duplicate programs within

the University. The Provost has said that there is no money for expansion; money for Camden must come from other campuses. Dr. Saidel pointed out that every member of the Board of Governors is from a county north of Princeton; there are no proponents for Camden. The Committee has had a very difficult time trying to set up a meeting with the Board of Governors. Anyone with suggestions, please forward them to Dr. Saidel within the next year.

7. Richard Epstein, Chair of the Rules of Procedure Committee, requested that faculty members volunteer for the two vacancies on the University Senate. He explained that it is necessary for Camden to have representation at the meetings which are held in New Brunswick. The question was asked: why can't these meetings be video conferenced? Dr. Epstein also noted that there are currently four openings on the A&P committee, two each in the Social Sciences and Natural Sciences. He strongly urged everyone to talk to colleagues to get them to volunteer for the open positions.
8. The Faculty Senate ran out of time. Ms. Julie Still will e-mail her report on the workload balance proposal to those who request it from her at still@camden.rutgers.edu.

The meeting adjourned at 1:26 p.m.

REPORT ON ATTENDANCE:

Members Present: A. Woll, R. Epstein, W. Saidel, S. Katz, R. Lopez, R. Ryan, M. Dillon, L. Thomas, J. Rushing, A. Lees, J. Still, M. Nerurkar, M. Greipp, K. Shienbaum, N. Marmorstein; I. Roseman, J. VanTil, J. Siegel, G. Caputo, W. Glasker, Jean-Louis Hippolyte*, J. Schiavo, R. Tarbell

Members Excused: G. Kortsarz, R. Cowley, N. Sulik

Members Absent: J. Dighton, J. Ma, J.T. Barbarese, J. Baird, W. Lee, C. Brown,
Submitted by,

Laurie Bernstein, Secretary
Faculty Senate (AY 2005-2006)

*Please note that Jean-Louis Hippolyte was excused from meetings during his leave in Fall 2004.