



**APPROVED MINUTES FOR THE 8th REGULAR MEETING
OF THE FACULTY SENATE
FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES-CAMDEN
April 17, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 12:20 p.m. in room 121 Armitage Hall, Dr. Charles Jarrett, President, presiding.

1. Dr. Jarrett welcomed everyone to the April 17th meeting noting that this was a special meeting to discuss items not covered at April 10th meeting. The minutes from the meeting on April 10th, 2007 were **APPROVED, VOICE VOTE.**
2. Rules of Procedure Committee Chair, Dr. Rich Epstein, stated that progress of work is not going so well. Lack of participation is an ongoing concern; even important committee vacancies are not being filled. There is an election coming up very soon, and a lot of positions need nominees. There are at least a dozen positions available. Committees are supposed to have a specific number of members; these numbers are not being filled. This is a serious problem. What is the return on the investment? It was stated that service to the campus is part of what we do but many faculty feel that participation is a waste of time, especially since committee input is rarely used by the administration.
3. Dr. John Van Til suggested that we take a moment to remember the Virginia Tech community, which experienced the horrific death of 32 students by the hand of one disturbed student. It was the consensus that we should send a letter of sympathy to the Virginia Tech Faculty Senate.
4. Dr. James Rushing, Chair, Academic Policy Committee, noting that a minor in National Security should be disregarded, presented the following new courses for the Political Science Department:

National Security Establishment: Congress, the Presidency, the Courts and the Bureaucracy 50:790:388 – designed to introduce students to the new threat environment following the 9/11 terror attacks, focus on the political actors involved in the making, conduct and administration of national security policy within our constitutional

system, and examine the institutional changes which included the creation of the Department of Homeland Security and a Director of National Intelligence.

Civil Liberties in Times of Emergency 50:790:426 – examines the effect of war and other national emergencies on the protection of individual rights and the balance that should be struck between national security and individual liberties.

Resource Scarcity and National Security 59:790:427 – examines how natural resources are closely linked to economic prosperity and international security. This course will study three major aspects linking natural resources and national security; U.S. energy security and energy policy, types of violence associated with conflict over scarce resources, and strategies for conflict resolution.

Radical Islam Challenges the West 50:790:428 – introduces students to the place of radicalism within the Islamic world, and examines and analyzes why, when, how and even whether it poses significant security challenges to the liberal democratic tradition of the West.

Anti-Americanism 50:790:429 – explores what anti-Americanism means as a challenge toward American power and global leadership following the collapse of Communism. The course will examine three different forms of anti-Americanism - "liberal," "social," and "sovereign-nationalist."

Contemporary Propaganda 59:790:430 – will define propaganda, examine and analyze how and why it is disseminated, and investigate whether democracies or dictatorships are better at conducting propaganda campaigns.

The above courses were **APPROVED, VOICE VOTE.**

Dr. Rushing stated that an Ad hoc Committee on Advising brought forward to the Academic Committee to insure timely progress that a student with 76 credits must declare a major. He also stated that small departments that offer courses every other semester create a real problem for students trying to graduate in four years. The lack of course availability almost guarantees five years to graduate. A motion to table this discussion was **PASSED, VOICE VOTE.**

5. Approval of May 2007 Graduates by Assistant Dean Nancy Gulick. A list of all graduates was distributed for approval, which is contingent upon each student's successful completion of all required courses, the Faculty Senate **APPROVED, VOICE VOTE**.
6. As chair of the Faculty Life Committee, Dr. Christopher Fitter, had the following comments to make as indicated on the questionnaire that was circulated:
 1. There is widespread faculty discontent with inadequate parking capacity on campus, and considerable anxiety expressed about campus security in parking lots after dark.
 2. It has been complained that the escort service has refused on occasion to provide an escort.
 3. It has been complained that the shuttle bus is delayed arbitrarily by drivers' conversations.
 4. Invite Dean Marsh to a Faculty Senate meeting.
 5. Among many complaints about dilapidated or erratically heated campus buildings, there were specific allegations of rodent infestation in the Sculpture Labs and of roaches infesting the Science Lecture Hall. The Senate agreed that Dean Marsh be notified of the public health issues immediately.
 6. Follow up to see if work is being done.
 7. Questionnaire should be sent out every year.

Meeting ended at 1:10 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jarrett, Tarbell, Schiavo, Saidel, Maslen, Kortsarz, Chiu, Fiske, Amdur, Rushing, Cowley, Sheinbaum, Bezrukova, Van Til, Caputo, Meloy, L. Garcia, Fitter

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Vanderven, Verbrugghe, Still, Herrera, Li, Burrell, C. Brown; Thierry, Hippolyte

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Singley, Espiritu, Adelson, Glasker, Shankman

Submitted by,

Joseph C. Schiavo, Secretary
Faculty Senate (AY 2006-2007)