



ACADEMIC SENATE 2007-2008
Larry G. Pagel, Chair
Ruth Watry, Vice Chair
Andrew Poe, Secretary

Academic Senate Meeting of October 16th, 2007
Northern Michigan University
Cadillac/Brule Rooms of the University Center
Draft Minutes

- Present:** Larry Pagel (Chair), Ruth Watry (Vice Chair), Andrew Poe (Secretary), Susan Koch (Provost, VPAA), David Boe (Member at Large), Helen Kahn (Member at Large), Alec Lindsay (Member at Large), Mike Andary, Randy Appleton, James Brazill, Mike Burgmeier, Gloria Clocklin, Laura Schmidt, Jason Morgan, Nick Hinrichsen, Dave Donovan, Richard Eathorne, Hsinling Hsieh, Chris Kirk, Nell Kupper, Paul Lang, Charles Leith, Robert Marlor, Don Marquardt, Rebecca Mead, Jane Milkie, Cindy Prosen, Barb Rhyneer, Rajib Sanyal, Terry Seethoff, Marge Sklar, Paul Truckey, Ray Ventre, Darlene Walch, (34).
- Absent:** Krista Clumpner, Carolyn Lowe, John Andrews, Don Driesbach, Jeannie Lorentzen, Charles Rayhorn, Kristi Robinia, Don Rybacki, Harvey Wallace (9)
- Proxy:** Mike Andary for Yvonne Lee
- Guests:** Al Beauchamp -TLAC, Laura Riessner – CUP, April Lindala - CNAS

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order: 3:05**
- II. Additions to/Adoption of Agenda: Nada.**
- III. Approval of Draft Minutes of October 2, 2007:** The minutes were approved with no discussion.
- IV. Reports:**
 - A. Chair: Larry Pagel; The following reports were approved by the VPAA:**
 - CEC Report of 9/18/07**
 - GPC Report of 9/18/07**

The Senate Website is moving to the NMU Content Management System. Please bear with us during this change. The theory is that ultimately the website will be

more accessible and generally all-around better. After all, making life easier for students and faculty is NMU's primary mission.

B. Vice Chair: Ruth Watry; Liberal Studies Reform: Ruth mentioned to the Senate that resources are being posted on the Senate Web Page as a foundation for discussion for the upcoming Liberal Studies Reform Forum on November 9th. She asked the Senate members to review the documents, power point, work groups and links to best practices in preparation.

C. Secretary: Andy Poe apologized for not wearing his new shoes to the meeting because of the rain. He promised to wear them to the next meeting.

D. Provost: Susan Koch; As a reminder Dr. Koch announced the dates for application and nominations for the three Faculty Award Programs. They are:

TLC Award for Faculty – Applications due November 2, 2007

Excellence in Professional Development: Nominations due November 2, 2007

Excellence in Teaching Award: Nominations due November 9, 2007

Dr. Koch also reminded everyone that there would be a reception at 6:00 that evening in the Whitman Commons for the Athletes that are visiting from Australia and China.

E. ASNMU: Laura Schmidt; The ASNMU is currently working with Academic Affairs on an “on-line syllabus” project. They hope this will help students make better and more informed choices when selecting their classes. They are also currently planning an ASNMU Retreat.

F. CUP Report of October 16, 2007, First Reading. Motioned by: Ruth Watry & Charles Leith

Regarding the new courses under item 1. Center for Native American Studies; Ray Ventre asked if Liberal Studies status had been determined for these courses. April Lindala was present from the CNAS and stated they were. Ray also asked for an amendment to the report to change the wording under “costs” from “These courses will be staffed by adjuncts...” to “adjuncts are available to teach these courses if faculty are not available.” April stated that she would make the change.

G. GPC Report of October 16, 2007, First Reading. Motioned by: Ruth Watry & Randy Appleton

Discussion: None

V. Unfinished Business

A. AAPC Report of October 2, 2007 (Second Reading) Several points of discussion were raised. While it was agreed that the language for grade assignment was put in place 30 years ago and no longer reflects current standards (or as Senator Appleton put it, “These words suck”), completely removing all

language and the implied nuances for subtle differences in grades was not acceptable. Some type of standard for making distinctions between grades is still needed.

A motion was made by Darlene Walch and Terry Seethoff to table the report and send it back to the AAPC for further revision. The motion passed unanimously.

B. CUP Report of October 2, 2007 (Second Reading)

The Motion was Adopted and the Report Approved Unanimously without discussion of note.

VI. New Business: None

VII. Informal Consideration: None

VIII. Good of the Order:

Andy Poe reminded everyone that Rocky Horror opens this week at the Vista Theatre in Negaunee. Tickets are \$12.00. You can see Andy wearing his new shoes in the show!

Alec Lindsay announced that as part of the Ridge 2000 Distinguished Lecturer Series, Dr. Michael Perfit, Chair and Professor of Geological Science at the University of Florida will be giving a public lecture on Thursday, Oct. 25th at 8:00 p.m. on Deep Sea Forensics and another lecture on Friday, October 26th at 4:00 p.m. in the Mead Auditorium on Hydrothermal Processes. These lectures are co-sponsored by the Biology Department.

IX. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at: 3:27 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

**Jeannie Wratschko
Secretary to the AAUP/Academic Senate**

Not really a whole lot of changes made by,

**Andrew A. Poe, Secretary
The Academic Senate
Northern Michigan University**

c: President Wong