# CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY

# **Faculty Senate Executive Committee**

Meeting of February 13, 2006, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Room 352 Adelbert Hall

# **AGENDA**

9:00	1.	Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of January 18, 2006 (attached)	R. Wright
9:05	2.	President's Announcements	E. Hundert
9:15	3.	Provost's Announcements	J. Anderson
9:25	4.	Chair's Announcements	R. Wright
9:35	5.	Report of the By-Laws Committee (to be sent later) A. Revised Bylaws for the School of Medicine B. Revised Bylaws for the Case School of Engineering	M. Resnick
9:45	6.	Report of the Graduate Studies Committee A. M.D./D.M.D. — Costposed B. Ph.D. in Molecular Medicine	K. Laurita
9:55	9.	Report of the Research Committee Proposed Revisions to University Policy on Custody of Research Data (attached)	C. Musil
10:05	10.	Report from the Deputy Provost A. Proposed Change to Nondiscrimination Policy on Gender and text regarding Vietnam Era Veterans (attac B. Automatic Pre-Tenure Extension	L. Singer hed)
10:15	11.	Recommendation on Transfer Credits for Air Force ROTC courses (attached memo)	D. Feke
10:25	12.	Report from the UUF Executive Committee (to be sent-later)L. Parker	
10:35	13.	Planning for 2006 - 2007 more larlier	J. Alexander
	14.	Other Business:	R. Wright
10:45	15.	Approval of Agenda for February 27, 2006 Faculty Senate Meeting (attached)	R. Wright
		MOTION to Adjourn	

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Minutes of the Meeting of February 13, 2006, 9 - 11 a.m.
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## Committee members in attendance

Jay AlexanderEdward HundertBo CarlssonDavid MatthiesenSara DebanneRobert SalataLynne FordLynn SingerJulia GrantE. Ronald Wright

#### Also in attendance

Daniel Anker, Associate Dean, School of Medicine
Martha Cathcart,
Guy Chisolm, faculty, Lerner College of Medicine
Mark DeGuire, Associate Professor, Case School of Engineering
Helen Evans, Professor, School of Medicine
Don Feke, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education
Paul Gerhart, Chair, Budget Committee
Kenneth Laurita, Chair, Graduate Studies Committee
Carol Musil, Chair, Research Committee
Larry Parker, Chair, UUF Executive Committee
Martin Resnick, Chair, By-Laws Committee

The meeting was called to order at 9 a.m. by Professor Ronald Wright, Chair of the Faculty Senate.

Professor Jay Alexander will give the Executive Committee report at the Senate meeting on February  $27^{\rm th}$ .

## **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting on January 18th were approved as distributed.

## **President's Announcements**

Dr. Hundert said that the focus for everyone will be on the five-year budget, and how to develop an integrated plan. While he acknowledged that there are NIH and other budgetary constraints in the external environment, everyone needs to work together to bring in private support, and he encouraged faculty to bring people to campus who may then be inspired to support the university.

In response to a question on the status of plans to move some departments to the Halle Building in downtown Cleveland - these plans are on hold as we reassess the short term advantages to a move there, and also possibilities for trying to sublet the space. He also said that the West Quad space is to be used to build for research and commercial activity. Connections to the West Quad could be enhanced with traffic flow patterns between University Hospitals, the

Veterans Hospital, the Cleveland Clinic, and the Case campus.

On the subject of recent news about our support of the University Circle Police Force, President Hundert suggested inviting John Wheeler to a future meeting to talk more about this, but our goal is to enhance security without increased expenditures. Membership in UCI has actually been defined in terms of contributing to the police force.

It was suggested that the president and the provost might write a commentary column for the Plain Dealer or for the Sun Newspapers. The new e-mail newsletter, the Case Daily, informed the campus of this police force issue.

#### **Provost's Announcements**

In the absence of John Anderson, Deputy Provost Lynn Singer announced that the search for the new dean of Undergraduate Studies has resumed and the first candidates will be on campus by March. In an update of other dean searches, she noted that all candidates for the new dean of the Law School have been interviewed. Several expressed an interest in participating in the interview process, especially for the dean of Undergraduate Studies.

#### **Chair's Announcements**

Chair Wright announced a special meeting of the Faculty Senate to take place on Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, from 2 - 3:30 p.m. in the Toepfer Room to discuss the draft of the Academic Strategic Plan.

## **Planning of 2006 - 2007**

Professor Alexander distributed a draft copy of some ideas he is working on for next year during his term as Senate chair and asked for thoughtful comments.

## Report of the By-Laws Committee

Chair Martin Resnick reported that the committee has been reviewing changes in the bylaws for the School of Medicine and the Case School of Engineering to bring them into compliance with changes in the Faculty Handbook. Each school has done a thorough review and update, and satisfied the committee's requirements. Dr. Resnick reviewed the areas of change for the School of Medicine as giving added importance to clinical service, stating that research is the primary criteria for the tenure track, increased rigor for tenure and acknowledgment of the importance of interdisciplinary research - important to the NIH. The SOM has added a statement on financial commitment with the award of tenure at all levels within the school but that has not yet been defined.

The bylaws for Engineering had been approved, in part, last spring, with their Standards for Promotion and Tenure at all ranks to be added this year. A few additional technical changes were made to the earlier document as well.

Both sets of bylaws were approved to be sent to the Senate at the next meeting.

## Report of the Graduate Studies Committee

Chair Ken Laurita reported on the committee's review of the proposal for an M.S. and Ph.D. in Molecular Medicine coming from the Lerner College. The committee agrees that its requirements are satisfied. The existing faculty are enthused and will be able to support this curriculum.

Concern was expressed that we are setting up a separate and competing basic sciences area. Martha Carthcart, representing the program, stated that her colleagues do not view this program as being in competition with the established basic sciences as this is a different approach. Professor Laurita added that the committee studied this proposal carefully: there are five new and unique advanced classes which will be added to the regular curriculum and taken at Case. It will be a very integrated program. There was one area of concern about what the financial arrangements will be.

This proposal will go forward to the Senate at its next meeting.

## Report of the Research Committee

Chair Carol Musil said that her committee, working with the Office of Research Administration, has been reviewing and updating sections of the Faculty Handbook. They are now presenting the section on Custody of Research Data. These revisions more clearly state the responsibilities of a faculty member serving as the responsible investigator on student-conducted human subjects research, propose that students who are not PIs may accept custodial responsibility of their original data when they leave the University, and specify the necessary written agreements about the custody of research data when students or faculty leave the University. It was acknowledged that much work and thought has been going into this review.

This was approved for the next Senate agenda.

## Report from the Deputy Provost

Dr. Lynn Singer brought two items forward, a proposed change to the university's nondiscrimination policy to add text on "... gender identify/expression," and a proposal to make automatic pre-tenure extensions for childbirth or adoption. The text of the first item will be checked with the Office of Counsel, including wording on Vietnam era and veteran status. This text or similar versions appears in several places as well as in Chapter 4 of the Faculty Handbook. Dr. Singer is asking for a resolution of support rather than a motion of approval.

The second item on pre-tenure extensions was to be sent to the Faculty Personnel Committee for their review.

## Recommendation on Air Force ROTC Transfer Credit

Vice Provost Don Feke outlined the background on this issue. The UUF has reviewed and recommended that eight of a possible 24 credits are transferrable as generic transfer credit from the AFROTC program at Kent State University which our scholarship student are required to take. The remaining barrier is a resolution by the Faculty Senate and the Case Assembly from 1970 prohibiting this action.

Chair Wright stated that this should go forward to the Senate as a motion to rescind the old resolutions and a motion to approve accepting the recommendation on transferability of some credit.

## Report of the UUF Executive Committee

UUF Executive Committee chair Larry Parker reviewed his written statement of activity for the first semester on all UUF standing committees, and the Executive Committee's work toward establishing a process for reporting on the institutional impact of SAGES, as required by the SAGES Phase II Task Force.

## **Other Business**

Chair Wright reported progress in re-establishing the University Budget Committee; they are meeting now and plan to make a report to the Senate in late Spring.

To a question on representation of the deans on the committee, Professor Bo Carlsson said that while all deans should have the opportunity to give their input, perhaps only a representative from the Deans' Council need participate.

The committee will take a role in reviewing last year's budget and discuss early presumptions; pass these along in May, which may require an extra meeting. [check this text]

## Approval of the Agenda

The agenda for the February 27<sup>th</sup> Faculty Senate meeting was approved.

The meeting adjourned at the appointed hour of 11 a.m.

Zynne H. Ford

Secretary of the Faculty Senate