

## Faculty Senate Minutes

The Faculty Senate met on Monday, 10/20/03

**Senators present for the meeting:** Bruce Kelley, Larry Daily, Jason Best, David Wing, Joyce Webb, Robert Willgoos, Douglas Horner, JW Thatcher, Kathleen Reid, Karen Pugsley, Denis Woods, Robert Warburton, Sylvia Bailey Shurbutt, Robin Good

Senators not present: Sonya Evanisko, Meg Galligan, Tom Patterson, Kit Romano, Nick Martin, Rick Gibson, Liam Kennedy

**Guests:** Gordon DeMeritt (representing Bus/Adm), Ed Fincham (representing HPERs), Anders Henriksson, Dan Starliper, Dave Dunlop

### AGENDA

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion: *Change date on last meeting's minutes from 9/8/03 to 10/6/03 (mPugsley, sHorner), motion approved.*

Motion: *Approve minutes as amended (mShurbutt, sWing), motion approved.*

Motion: *Adjust Senate agenda to allow discussion of the name change of Shepherd College to Shepherd University to occur before committee reports. (mPugsley, sHorner), motion approved.*

**Name change to "Shepherd University"**, Andy Henriksson, Faculty Representative to BOG, President Dunlop

Dr. Henriksson indicated that the Board of Governors has considered this issue, and generally feel that three issues favor the change. First, the terms "college" and "university", especially in the United States, have no set meaning, and therefore there is no semantic difficulty in changing the name. Second, there seems to many advantages from an image and marketing standpoint, since many colleges have changed their names to "university", and many community colleges are dropping any associative word to "community" and just becoming colleges. Therefore, there is a rising expectation that "colleges" award two-year degrees, while "universities" award four-year degrees. The third reason is in respect to internal state politics. Many of Shepherd's peer institutions are moving to university, and there is a fear that if we do not move with them we will lose political clout and funding.

President Dunlop indicated, when asked, that there has been no significant opposition to the idea of the name change, and that the change has already been favorably endorsed by the Classified Employees Council, the Student Life Council, the Foundation, the Alumni Association, and the Student Government.

Dr. DeMeritt, representing Bus/Ad, indicated that his department was in favor of the name Shepherd State University, to avoid being confused with a private, Christian institution.

The senators from English, Environmental Science, and Chemistry all indicated that their departments, given the political realities at this time, were unanimous in their support of a name change to Shepherd University.

Motion: *The Shepherd College Senate resolves to the Board of Governors that we support the name change from Shepherd College to Shepherd University.* (mWillgoos, sPugsley) motion approved.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a) Admissions & Credits (Warburton) A number of petitions have been considered, and the committee is also exploring the computer literacy requirement.
- b) Curriculum & Instruction (Shurbutt) MATH 314 changed its prerequisite and also its content. General Studies will now begin to make a report at each C&I meeting, items of interest from this report will then be presented to the Senate by the C&I chair. The New General Studies brochure is out, and there have been several changes in the General Studies, including the “Fitness For Life” GSPE course, the multiple course creations in English, and the new HIST 100.
- c) Affirmative Action (Galligan) No report.
- d) By-laws (Shurbutt) No report.
- e) Honors Board (Daily) Will meet Friday, 10/24/03.
- f) Ethics (Willgoos) Nothing has been brought before the committee.
- g) Library (Evanisko) No report.
- i) Professional Development, Faculty Salary and Welfare (Horner) First meeting will be Wednesday, October 22. They will deal with release time, minigrants, and the mast teaching position.

j) Research Ethics (Best) The committee has been reconstituted. A website has been created at [www.shepherd.edu/IRBweb](http://www.shepherd.edu/IRBweb). This site contains information on and forms for the application process. The committee is expecting at least three proposals shortly.

k) Scholarship & Awards (Gibson) No report.

l) Washington Gateway.(Pugsley) No report.

### **Senate reports from representatives to**

TOC (Pugsley) The committee met last Friday, and approved \$4000 for consultants to work with the committee and create a round table to begin to develop a vision for using technology to enhance learning within the college community.

Assessment (Kelley) Next meeting will be Monday October 27.

### **Old business**

Membership of Merit Pay Committee (Warburton)

The School of Business and Social Sciences has elected the following members to serve on the Merit Pay Committee: Roger Hamood, Irving Tucker, and Mark Patton.

### **New Business:**

ACF Report (Shurbutt)

The document identifying the legislative agenda of the ACF has been refined and voted on. The agenda will consist of the following issues:

Restoration of Higher Education Budget

Annual Experience Incremental Pay for Faculty, WV Code 5-5-2

Minimum 10% Salary Increase upon Faculty Promotion

Contribution Rates for TIAA-CREF

Legislative Enactment of the Role and Function of Faculty Senate

Representation of Faculty Point of View in Higher Education Policy-Making

Adjunct Staffing Issue

Motion: *The Shepherd College Senate endorses the legislative agenda of the ACF.*

(mKelley, sWillgoos)

Discussion: There was concern that senators did not have enough time to take these issues back to their faculty for consultation. Motion: *Postpone motion until November 3<sup>rd</sup> senate meeting.* (mPugsley, sWebb) *motion failed.*

Original motion then approved.

**Future Business:**

Senate will meet in the Cumberland room on November 3, or another location as the senate president indicates.

Senator Good informed the senate that a representative from AFT would come to present information on unionization to the senate on November 3. All faculty are urged to attend.

Motion: Adjourn. (mThatcher, sShurbutt) motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20.

BCK, secretary.