

2005/2006 Academic Senate

**MINUTES
March 13, 2006**

- I. The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. and attendance was taken. Forty-one Senators were present.**

Ex Officio:

Present: Veregge, Nellen, Van Selst,
Sabalius, McNeil, Kassing

CASA Representatives:

Present: David, Fee, Perry, Hooper

B. From the President of the University –

President Kassing said that the WASC visit went very well. He congratulated the WASC team, and everyone else involved.

The President said that we are moving into the budget season. UPC work will be very important over the next couple of weeks. This is only our second UPC cycle. VP Lee will be working on our financial forecast based on the Governor's budget and enrollment targets.

Questions:

Senator Sabalius said, "You made transparency one of your goals, and you've gone a long way in making the procedures of the university more transparent. However, transparency becomes a hollow shell when not backed up with accountability and rationality. At the last meeting, you said that the Athletics Division is not intending to pay back a loan that they got from the university of \$1.8 million. That is transparency but it aggravates the faculty when there is no good rationale provided, or no systematic deliverance of those generous gifts. You argued that they had a new regime, or new leadership. In our department when we get a new chair that doesn't affect our budget, not even when we get a new dean. Even if the Athletic Division paid back the \$1.8 million, the predicted expenditures would still increase from \$13.3 million this year to \$16.7 million next year. It looks like a 20% increase in expenditures. How do you think departments and colleges feel that have to deal with stagnation in their budget, or have to get by with increases of a few percent? When I look at the Athletic budget it looks like for 2005/2006 they balanced their budget with \$1.8 million left over. There doesn't seem to be a necessity for them not to have pay that money back."

President Kassing said, "A couple of comments. A question that wasn't in your comments today, but was asked at the last meeting, had to do with the Athletic Division deficit that occurred most recently. That deficit was paid out of trust funds and not the general fund. A couple of comments about your questions today. In that \$1.8 million is the half million dollars for the Read-to-Lead Classic." Senator Sabalius said, "The footnote indicates that the \$1.8 million doesn't include the Read-to-Lead Classic." President Kassing said, "Then I misunderstood what VP Lee has done. The other thing it does include is a loan from a donor to complete the renovation of the locker rooms that Tom Bowen wanted to

largely due to the increase in student fees. Coupled with that student fee increase was your promise that the general fund money given to the Athletic Division would be reduced. If you give them that \$1.8 million, you will be increasing the percentage from 2.4% to over 3%. If you add the \$1.8 million of debt forgiveness to the general fund contribution, it brings it way over 3%. So, we are not decreasing the general fund contribution, but massively increasing it."

President Kassing said, "All I can tell you is that we took \$750,000 out of the general fund budget for 2005/2006, and moved it to the Academic Division. Our commitment to the Senate was that by 2007/2008 we would be at 2%. I'll have to go back and verify that with the policy. We counted the \$1.8 million against the year before not 2005/2006. I measure it at a different point in time than you do."

C. Presentation on Supporting Student Success:

Senator Nellen and AVP for Student Affairs, Sharon Willey, gave a presentation on "Supporting Student Success." Senator Nellen sa

voted and the Peter amendment passed. The Senate voted and AS 1314 passed as amended.

C. Instruction and Student Affairs (I&SA) Committee -- None

D. University Library Board -- None

E. Professional Standards (PS) Committee --

Senator Bros presented *AS 1316, Sense of the Senate Resolution, Performance Review Cycle (Final Reading)*. Senator Van Selst presented a friendly amendment to strike the remainder of the sentence after "reviewing bodies" in the fourth whereas clause. **The Senate voted and AS 1316 passed as amended.**

Senator Bros presented *AS 1317, Sense of the Senate Resolution, Adding Promotion Review to RTP Committee Responsibilities and Rename as the University Retention, Tenure, and Promotion Committee (Final Reading)*. Senator Norton made a friendly amendment to delete the last whereas clause. **The Senate voted and AS 1317 passed as amended.**

Senator Bros presented *AS 1318, Sense of the Senate Resolution, Professional Development Plans (Final Reading)*. Senator Van Selst made a friendly amendment to change the 3rd Whereas clause to a Resolved clause.

VII. Special Committee Reports – None nme

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