

APSCUF MEMBERSHIP MEETING

April 9, 2009 – 12:30 p.m.

SWC Auditorium

Minutes

President Jace Condravy called the meeting to order at 12:33

- I. **Review of 2/12/09 minutes** - Parsons/Cavill motion to approve; passed unanimously.
- II. **SRU APSCUF Scholarship Award** – Bob Crafton, chair of the committee, presented the award to Megan Rice.
- III. **Approval of Susan Lubinski as Human Institutions Representative to Liberal Studies Committee** – Powell/Parsons motion to approve; passed unanimously.
- IV. **Election of Nominations & Elections Committee** – Dr. Condravy announced that there are two nominees from each college with the exception of BISS with only one. Cavill/Wilson motion to approve that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for these candidates; motion passed unanimously.
- V. **Priority Scheduling for Athletes** – George Mihalik, Matt Meredith – Dr. Condravy announced that APSCUF Executive Committee was bringing forth a positive recommendation to membership for this proposal. George Mihalik and Matt Meredith explained to membership that student athletes and student athletic trainers experience difficulties that result from having to schedule classes at times that interfere with practice and games. Therefore they requested priority scheduling for student athletes and athletic training students. Student athletes and trainers will be given priority scheduling during both spring and fall as every sport is year round due to off-season practice sessions. Approximately 275-300 extra students per semester will be allowed to register for classes on the first day of registration. Cavill/ Boliver motion to approve; motion passed with 2 nay votes, 1 abstention.
- VI. **Distance Education Peer Observation form** – Dr. Condravy presented the current peer observation form as well as two alternative forms for observation of a distance education class (one developed by an ad hoc committee comprised of Brian Danielson, Cindi Dillon, David Champion, and Suzanne Rose and a revision of that by APSCUF Executive Committee). Dr. Condravy explained that the current form for the traditional classroom is not appropriate for a distance education class; the form

developed by the committee seemed to evaluate the whole course rather than one class; and the revision parallels the traditional form while allowing for specificity to a distance education class.

Powell/ Silva motion to approve. Questions were raised as to the ability of the observer to assess student participation; whether the observer has some expertise in online education; accessibility of information disseminated at the beginning of the course. Motion passed unanimously with two editorial changes (change “classroom” to “class”, change “clear to students” to “clear”).

VII. Legislative Assembly – Tom Daddesio and others – Highlights from LA included:

- Wellness program update –The deadline for phase II is 5/15 for entering the date of a physical exam, 6/1 for completion of the exam. Statewide participation rate is 82% - those who are not participating can still enroll and complete phases I and II.
- Dues increase vote 4/14-15 – revenues are not keeping up with expenses; the increase is necessary to avoid further budget cuts. Budget cuts will affect APSCUF ability to negotiate effectively and will result in a weakened position for the union. Personnel cuts may follow as a next step after severe budget cuts if the dues increase is not approved.
- Bylaw changes were approved that may produce more effective negotiations.
- Badly flawed dual enrollment programs at SSHE institutions will improve with respect to quality control with a recent proposal being developed at state M & D.

VIII. CAP – Brad Wilson announced that our stance as #1 in CAP contributions among SSHE institutions is currently surpassed by Edinboro University. Membership was encouraged to increase contributions to CAP in effort to regain our status as first in meeting our CAP contribution.

IX. Announcements

- a. Semi-annual Retiree Farewell – April 24 – Deb Cohen
- b. Dues Increase Vote – April 14 & 15

Meeting adjourned at 1:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Frances Russo, SRU-APSCUF Secretary