

SRU APSCUF Membership Meeting
February 11, 2010 – 12:30 p.m.
SWC 111

MINUTES

President Jace Condravy called the meeting to order at 12:34 pm.

I. Review of December minutes – J. Hathaway/W. Cavill motion to approve; passed unanimously.

II. A moment of silence was observed in honor of Ted Walwik (emeritus – Communications), who died this morning (prompted by A. Walters).

III. Motion to allow Carlis White to substitute for Aaron Cohen on the liberal studies committee for spring semester (Parsons/DePalma motion) passed unanimously

IV. Legislative Assembly – T. Daddesio reports: (1) SSHE opens conversation about a work force planning strategy, APSCUF will listen but not renegotiate the CBA; (2) elections for State APSCUF will occur in late April – candidates for President include S. Hicks and R. Mutchnick; (3) there is a call for abstracts for a PSEA/APSCUF conference on Labor in October; see the APSCUF website/SRU APSCUF Newsletter for details.

V. Status of Negotiations (J. Condravy) – APSCUF will have a three person team – State President and two faculty ratified by the Legislative Assembly; team will receive guidance from the 14 Chapter Presidents, who comprise the Negotiations Committee.

VI. President Smith recently received a review, whose findings are kept in confidence – J. Condravy met with the Council of Trustees and forwarded thoughts; there is interest in reinvigorating an annual review.

VII. Nominations and Elections Committee – (M. Stapleton presenting) The committee is adding the following text to the call for nominations:

(1) For the 2010 election add the following paragraph to the Call for Nominations to be emailed to all faculty on February 13.

We encourage candidates for all positions to submit a brief statement explaining their philosophy of serving on the chosen committee. The submission of these statements is strictly voluntary. Statements should be emailed to _____ by March 5, 2010. Statements received by this date from candidates for “All Faculty” (CBA) positions (open to all faculty) will be emailed to all SRU faculty; those for APSCUF offices and committees (open to APSCUF members only) will be emailed to all SRU APSCUF members.

(2) To encourage greater participation as candidates and voters investigate the following:

Add specific committee restrictions to the above statement.

Collect brief statements about the responsibilities of the various committees to distribute with the above statements.

Investigate the use of electronic voting to encourage greater participation in voting.

VIII. Academic Affairs Budget Committee – The Provost must save \$950k in costs. The following efforts will deliver the savings: (1) the Dean of Lifelong Learning resigned and will not be replaced, (2) 10% of graduate assistantships will be eliminated, (3) a handful of 12-mo secretaries volunteered for 9 or 10-mo contracts, (4) faculty travel will be reduced from \$600 to \$400 per capita, per annum, (5) only 2 of 5 vacant IT positions will be filled, (6) Fund 1000 monies will be reduced by 10%, and (7) individual printers will no longer be supported (APSCUF has made clear that the need exists for better discussion of such changes and that analogous limitations upon Administrators are expected).

IX. Inclement weather policy – there were numerous class cancelations yesterday by faculty who were concerned for the welfare of students and themselves; there is widespread concern for how and when delays and cancellations are called; faculty are making responsible calls individually and at their own personal expense.

X. Sustainability Initiatives (L. Smith and J. Snow presenting) – Indoor thermostat set points will be reduced in winter and raised in summer; faculty will have a number to call if adjustments are needed; a subset of buildings will be used for summer courses; other steps to reduce the institutional carbon footprint were presented.

XI. APSCUF Scholarships (Crafton presenting) Please encourage students to apply by 15 March.

XII. Announcements (1) no candidates for State APSCUF President are anticipated to visit SRU prior to the election, (2) Participation in Healthy U at SRU is currently around 13-16%; beware that failure to participate will cause your premium share to rise from 15 to 25% for next year, the final year of the current CBA; deadline is 30 May, but satisfaction of criteria will require advance planning and completion of check-ups or other performance metrics that must be scheduled, completed and reported by then; participation is encourage to save yourself \$.

Adjournment (Cosgrove) 1:40 PM

Respectfully recorded :
Patrick Burkhart, Negotiations Committee Chair

Respectfully submitted:
Mary Frances Russo, SRU-APSCUF secretary