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## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

1. Ms. Spiggle, Moderator, called the regular meeting of the University Senate of February 10, 2003 to order at 4:02 p.m. in Room 7, Bishop Center.
2. The Minutes of the regular meeting of December 9, 2002 were approved as distributed.
3. Report of the President.

Reporting for the President, Chancellor Peterson addressed the on-going uncertainty in the current year and next biennium budgets. He reported on the planning process conducted with the Deans with the objective of streamlining operations and economizing wherever possible while preserving the mission of the University. He will continue to look at non-academic areas; however, current and previous reductions are threatening the very core of the institution.

Chancellor Peterson announced a tentative settlement with the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) and introduced AAUP Executive Director Ed Marth to present the details of the settlement.

Mr. Marth outlined the key features of the plan, commented on on-going negotiations and answered questions.

4. Mr. Faustman presented the Report of the Senate Executive Committee.  
(See Attachment #21)

Mr. Maryanski presented the following resolution:

**Whereas** Professor Thomas Tighe joined the University of Connecticut in July 1988 as Provost and Professor of Psychology;

**Whereas** Provost Tighe served with distinction under Presidents Casteen and Hartley;

**Whereas** Provost Tighe guided the Division of Academic Affairs through the difficult financial times of the early 90's while maintaining the University's academic reputation and stature;

**Whereas** Provost Tighe demonstrated his commitment to scholarship by securing support for the Critical Technologies Research Program, the recruitment of faculty of the highest quality, and the attainment of Carnegie I Research status during his tenure;

**Whereas** Provost Tighe demonstrated his commitment to diversity through the creation of the Institute for African-American Studies, the Institute for Asian-American Studies, and the Puerto Rican Latino Studies Institute;

**Whereas** Provost Tighe executed his duties with extraordinary dedication and commitment, with the highest sense of academic integrity, and an unyielding commitment to principle;

**Whereas** those who had the great fortune to work closely with Provost Tighe marveled at his intellect, work ethic, and sly sense of humor;

**It is hereby resolved** that the University Senate officially state its recognition and appreciation of the numerous contributions of Thomas Tighe to the University of Connecticut.

**Be it further resolved** that this motion be spread upon the minutes with a copy provided to his widow, Dr. Louise Tighe.

The resolution passed and will be forwarded to Dr. Louise Tigh by Vice Chancellor Maryanski.

5. Unfinished Business

None

6. New Business

Ms. Hiskes presented the Report of the Nominating Committee.

(See Attachment #22)

She **moved** the appointment of Undergraduate Student Michael Tremmel to membership on the Scholastic Standards Committee, replacing Jason Purzycki.

The motion carried.

7. The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Jordan, Co-Secretary

Several members were prevented from attending by inclement weather. The following members and alternates were absent from the February 10, 2003 meeting:

Alissi, Albert  
Aronson, Lorraine  
Austin, Philip  
Bansal, Rajeev  
Bowman, Larry  
Bramble, Pamela  
Bravo-Ureta, Boris  
Bushmich, Sandra  
Cusson, Rita  
Cutlip, Michael  
Dreyfuss, Dale  
English, Gary  
Finkelstein, Adam  
Flanery, Trudy  
Gianutsos, Gerald

Givens, Jean  
Goodwin, Paul  
Gramling, Lawrence  
Greger, Janet  
Hallwood, Paul  
Hightower, Larry  
Householder, George  
Hussein, Mohamed  
Kelly, Judith  
Kendall, Debra  
Korbelt, Donna  
Kupperman, Joel  
Luh, Peter  
Maresh, Carl  
Marsden, Jean

Meyer, Judith  
Miniutti, Peter  
Nichols, Michael  
O'Donnell, James  
Olson, Sherri  
Palmer, David  
Paul, Jeremy  
Phillips, Jerry  
Purzycki, Jason  
Ross, Stephen  
Schulster, Jerome  
Stephens, Robert  
Triponey, Vicky  
Wagner, David  
Yeagle, Philip

## ATTACHMENT #21

**Report of the Senate Executive Committee**

Presented at a regular meeting of the University of Connecticut Senate  
February 10, 2003

The SEC has met on 4 different occasions since the last regular meeting of the University Senate. One of these was to discuss a successor to the SEC Chair following Professor Halvorson's resignation from that position, one was a special meeting to meet with Vice Chancellor Greger, and two regularly scheduled meetings to carry out the normal business of the SEC.

Vice-Chancellor Greger met with the SEC on January 24<sup>th</sup> and reported on the alleged academic misconduct by 2 scientists at Environmental Research Institute (ERI). The University Policy for investigating these matters is available at the Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP) website ([www.osp.uconn.edu/general.html](http://www.osp.uconn.edu/general.html)) and her office has been following the protocol outlined there. An Inquiry Committee comprised of 4 faculty members, and whose deliberations were unencumbered by any administrative intervention, reported that there is reason to suspect that the alleged misconduct may have occurred. The next step in the process involves the appointment of an Ad Hoc Investigation Committee by the Research Advisory Council (RAC).

Drs. Karla Fox and Richard Brown, Co-Chairs of the University Academic Plan Task Force, attended the most recent SEC meeting and provided an update of their committee's progress. Faculty are encouraged to consult the Task Force's website to view the Draft Document outlining 'Areas of Emphasis' and to contact the co-chairs with concerns and/or suggestions. In the recent past, some faculty have expressed concern to SEC members that the Task Force's charge might be adapted to respond directly to the University's response for meeting the current budget challenges. On several occasions this has been denied emphatically; the Task Force remains focused on its original charge.

The SEC asked Vice-Chancellor Fred Maryanski to write a resolution honoring former Provost, Thomas Tighe, who passed away on January 15, 2003. This resolution will be presented for adoption at today's meeting.

The most pressing issue for the SEC this semester is the hiring of a replacement of the SEC's administrative assistant, Ms. Arlene Michaud. Ms. Michaud has announced her intent to retire no later than June 1, 2003. Discussions with the Administration have resulted in an agreement to have overlap with Ms. Michaud so that training in Senate activities can occur. The new AA will also have responsibility for GEOC tasks as well; commencement activities traditionally carried out by Ms. Michaud will be the responsibility of a different individual on the Administration's staff.

SEC membership. CF pulled the short straw. Two new additions, Jane Goldman replaced Irene Brown (sabbatical leave), Pam Bramble replaced Peter Halvorson.

As Chairman of the SEC Cameron Faustman has been asked to participate in a site visit on April 2, 2003. The Carnegie Corporation will be sending a team as part of the process for evaluation of a School of Education/CLAS grant initiative entitled, "Teachers for a New Era".

SEC members, Ernie Zirakzadeh and Cameron Faustman attended the monthly Student Leader's Dinner in January.

Finally, the SEC wishes to express its gratitude to Dr. Irene Brown for her untiring service to its mission. Dr. Brown is on sabbatical leave this semester and thus completed her 3-year term on the SEC this past December.

Respectfully submitted,

Cameron Faustman  
SEC Chair  
Gregory J. Anderson  
Rajeev Bansal  
Pamela C. Bramble  
John T. DeWolf  
Jane Goldman

Scott E. Kennedy  
Jason Purzycki  
Sally M. Reis  
C. Ernesto Zirakzadeh

ATTACHMENT #22

REPORT

UNIVERSITY SENATE NOMINATING COMMITTEE  
February 10, 2003

We move the appointment of Undergraduate Student Michael Tremmel to membership on the Scholastic Standards Committee, replacing Jason Purzycki.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory J. Anderson  
Scott W. Brown  
Harry Frank  
Anne Hiskes  
Suman Singha  
David D. Palmer, Chair