



Academic and Student Affairs Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 10, 2008

Chairman Armand Grossman convened the meeting with the following committee members present: Vice Chair, Robert Stilley; William Bryant; David Feder, Lalita Janke; Sherry Plymale, and Eric Shaw.

Other trustees participating in the meeting included: BOT Chair, Nancy Blosser; Scott Adams, Abraham Cohen; Tom Workman.

The following university officials participated: Frank T. Brogan, President; Charles Brown, Vice President for Student Affairs; Terry Mena, Interim Dean of Students; Rivka Felsher, Director of Student Government; David Kian, General Counsel.

ASA-M. Approval of the Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2008 meeting. **The motion passed unanimously.**

ASA: A-1. Approval of the Amendments to the Student Government Constitution

Dr. Charles Brown presented the amendments to the Student Government Constitution noting that a revised Constitution was brought to the Board two years prior with notice that there may be future amendments brought to the Board for approval. The proposed amendments were prepared to address certain procedural issues as defined in the Constitution and were vetted and ratified by a vote of the student body.

He introduced and acknowledged the efforts of Ms. Rivka Felsher, Director of Student Government and Mr. Terry Mena, Interim Dean of Students in the process.

Student Government President, Abraham (Abe) Cohen further acknowledged the efforts of Student Government President of the Senate, Ed Fulton, and presented the four amendments which were as follows: 1) Date of installation was changed from a fixed date to actual date of installation; 2) Veto power limited to five (5) days from the date it is presented to the President of the SGA; 3) Student Government President now has veto power; 4) Grammar, punctuation, and spelling issues were addressed.

President Brogan commended the Student Government and its officials as well as Student Affairs staff for their collaborative and comprehensive efforts.

Committee Chair, Armand Grossman asked for a clarification on the definition of a student relative to credit hours enrolled. Vice President Brown indicated that a student was defined as anyone taking as little as three credit hours; however, those students who wished to run for office were subject to the criteria established in the statutes which include criteria on number of hours enrolled; minimum grade point average; etc.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend approval of the Amendments to the Student Government Constitution as presented.

Adjournment

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. **The motion passed unanimously.**

The meeting was adjourned.

(Prepared by M. Mertz)