

Education Committee Report
Prudence Moylan, Chair
Faculty Council Meeting
May 11, 2005

In the Fall semester the Education Committee presented a motion requesting clarification from the administration on the process used in the decision to change the use of Sullivan Center from academic purposes to student services. The motion also asked for clarification on the procedures that would be used to transfer the books from the Science Library to Cudahy and the procedure for accessing books in storage.

-At the January meeting the President explained that he makes all decisions regarding space and the use of campus buildings.

-Karla Petersen, Dean of Libraries, responded to the Faculty Council motion with a detailed memo on the plan for the move of the materials from the Science library and the access to stored books.

The Education Committee presented four motions at the May 11 meeting. All four motions passed.

1. Resolved, that in view of remarks attributed to Associate Provost Pelissero in the April 27 issue of the Phoenix, to the effect that Dean Apfelstadt was "responsible" for the curriculum and the selection of faculty for the Rome Center, we appreciate quick work of our faculty colleagues in raising the governance issues with the University Coordinating Committee. We support the decision of the UCC to direct this matter to the Academic Affairs University Policy Committee as detailed in the memo from the Provost sent May 10, 2005.
2. Resolved, that the Provost reinstate the courses recommended by the University Core Curriculum Committee for the values category in the new core or explain his reasons, on a course by course basis, for unilaterally altering the recommendations of the University Core Curriculum Committee, to the Faculty Council, the appropriate Academic Council and the departments and faculty affected by his decision.
3. Resolved that the decision of the Provost to require the C- grade be accepted by all departments as a minimum standard for student achievement violates the faculty's obligation to establish appropriate standards for student progress in academic programs. The Faculty Council requests a review of this policy decision and recommends that the decision on minimum acceptable grades be returned to the individual departments.
4. Resolved, that the decisions in regard to the Rome Center and the decisions of the Provost on curricular recommendations of the University Core Curriculum Committee, and on the C- grade constitute a significant departure from the principles of shared governance and represent a pattern of action that is of deep concern to the Faculty Council.

Calendar Issues

Prudence Moylan represented the Faculty Council at the May 10, 2005 meeting of the Academic Affairs University Policy Committee meeting discussion of the calendar.

The AAUPC in Fall 2005 will establish the general (minimum) criteria for the creation of the calendar in order to address issues of consistency, stability and predictability. The administration will provide the 2006-2207 and 2007-2008 calendars to the AAUPC for review in Fall 2005. No changes will be made in the 2005-2006 calendar since long range plans have already been made based on the existing calendar.