

## COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Minutes of the Collegial Assembly  
December 13, 2000

**Louis Raymon** called the meeting to order at 3:20 PM. The following were present:

<b>Biology</b>	<b>CIS</b>	<b>Geology</b>	<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>Physics</b>	<b>College Administration</b>
Hillman, N.	Aiken	Anderson	Conrad, B.	Dubeck	Gatsoulas
Hillman, R.	Friedman	Myer	Grinberg	Forster	Hanna
	Garrett	Nyquist	Mendoza	Gawlinski	Platsoucas
<b>Chemistry</b>	Korsh	Terry	Nathan	Intemann	
	Wolfgang		Raymon		
Jansen			Reich		
			Szyld		
			Zitarelli		

### Approval of Minutes

The Chair noted that the portions of the minutes of May 4 and May 8 pertaining to the Bylaws were approved on November 29. In sequence, the remaining portions of the May 4 and May 8 minutes, and the minutes of the special meetings on November 13 and November 29, were approved by voice votes. **Garrett** suggested that in the future, the minutes be distributed in advance of the meeting so that they might be perused before a vote for approval would be taken. In response, the Chair said that the minutes were posted on the college website ([www.temple.edu/CST](http://www.temple.edu/CST)) in advance.

### Dean's Report

The Dean presented statistics showing that the tuition revenue generated by CST courses had increased by more than \$2.2 million per year for the past two years. The chart that was displayed is attached to the official copy of these minutes. The Dean further reported that the College was not invited to share in the revenues. In fact, we were told to accommodate every student, and no additional money was allocated to cover the cost of opening additional sections.

**Forster** asked how the revenue was computed. The Dean explained that the University's method was followed: statistics supplied by the Office of the Provost give the average amount of revenue \$  $K(y)$  generated per credit hour in year  $y$ . Let  $N(y)$  be the total number of credit hours of CST courses taken by students in year  $y$ . Then the University computes the tuition revenue as the product \$  $K(y) \times N(y)$ . **Garrett** noted that this computation did not take the state support of Temple into account.

The Dean next presented statistics showing that annual total costs on grants in CST had increased from \$2.5 million in 1998 – 99 to the level of \$12.5 million

for this fiscal year. While there have been new awards on all fronts, the Dean noted that the Center for NeuroVirology and Cancer Biology was responsible for \$4.5 million in annual total costs, and that the Office of the Dean had secured \$2 million in funding.

The Dean presented tables<sup>1</sup> that showed dramatic increases in new student enrollment in CST, and in total enrollment. The figures show that the College's enrollment is increasing at a much greater rate than the University as a whole. **Forster** inquired about the reason for this increase. The Dean cited demographics and the basketball team, but noted that these effects should benefit all colleges to the same degree. Part of our increase must be attributed to our recruitment strategy. We focus on admitted students, and contact all of them by telephone. The calls are made by CST students. We have achieved a high rate of return by this method — an unusually large number of admitted students actually matriculate. Our success has caused us problems, since we have been forced to add more than 12 sections so far, without additional funds being allocated to pay for the instruction. **Intemann** asked what majors were increasing. The Dean replied that the largest increases have been in Biology and CIS.

The Dean showed a table that classified the nature of support for all of our graduate students as Research Assistant (RA), Teaching Assistant (TA), Graduate Assistant (GA) or "other" (meaning self- or employer supported). RA's are funded externally, while TA's and GA's are supported with institutional funds. The Dean expressed hope that the number of RA's would increase. In response to a question, it was noted that the number in RA's was low in the Biology Department because the graduate student population had declined in recent years. Next year there will be a major campaign to improve graduate programs.

The Dean reported on the current status of the proposed degree programs in Information Science and Technology. The Provost has put recruitment in these programs on hold recently, citing a conflict with Management Information Sciences in the Business School.

### Committee Reports

**Leroy Dubeck** reported for the **Budget & Planning Committee** (BPC). He reiterated that the failure of the University to provide adequate enrollment contingency funds will lead to increased workloads. The College badly needs additional money to support its administrative and advising functions, and the BPC has endorsed a College request for a \$500,000 budget increase for these purposes. This request was denied. Dr. Dubeck has received the report of the Treasurer on external audits. These indicate that the Health System lost \$60 million last year. These losses were offset by \$39 million in interest and investment income realized by the Health System, and a one-time \$45 million windfall from Medicare "for the prior year's disproportionate share." This more than makes up for the loss, but is troubling. In the previous year, the Health

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<sup>1</sup>attached to the official copy of these minutes.

System lost \$16 million. In response to a question of **Jansen**, Dubeck said that some of the losses were due to construction projects and to the Health System's VERP — which cost \$12 – 14 million. Tuition money goes into a central pool, and while the University Administration recognizes that we have done better than others in generating tuition and overhead income, it is unwilling to reward us at this time.

There were no reports from the **Undergraduate** and **Graduate Committees**. The chair reported that the **Executive Committee** had prepared the first ballot on the Bylaws, which was due on Monday, Dec. 18<sup>2</sup>.

**Bill Nathan** reported for the **Faculty Senate Steering Committee** (FSSC). The FSSC has met twice with David Adamany, and found him to be open and accommodating. The issue was dean searches, which had been governed by a policy enunciated in 1983 by President Liacouras, and then approved by the Board of Trustees. This policy has now been rescinded. President Adamany had a policy statement envisioning a dean search committee with a reduced faculty role — no more than one faculty member would be appointed to a dean search committee. The president was flexible, and agreed to revisions that were ultimately endorsed by the FSSC and the Board of Trustees. The document will be reviewed by the University Faculty Senate at its meeting on Friday, December 15, 2000. The FSSC has also been informed that the Senate Personnel Committee is reviewing several disciplinary cases. Orin Chein will resume his post as the CST representative on the FSSC in the January.

### Old Business

The following motion from the Undergraduate Committee had its first reading on November 29:

Re-admitted students in CST who have not matriculated for more than 5 years are required to satisfy the current college and departmental requirements rather than the original college and departmental requirements that existed when they matriculated. However, re-admitted students can satisfy their original university (core) requirements.

The Undergraduate Committee proposed an amendment to this motion, removing the last sentence. Speaking for the Committee, **Gawlinski** explained that the CST assembly does not have the authority to set core requirements. There was unanimous consent to consider the motion, in its modified form, as a second reading.

**Nathan** asked if the motion, as modified, was in conflict with University policy — had anyone checked? **Gawlinski** said that the Committee had examined the policies of other colleges. In CLA and FSBM, students who return after 10 years have elapsed are subject to current requirements. In SCAT, the parameter is 5 years. **Forster** commented that the bulletin year is recorded

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<sup>2</sup>The deadline was since extended to Dec. 22 at noon, due to an undervote problem of Floridian proportion

on ISIS. **Szyld** said that the bulletin year is used to determine the relevant core requirements. The **Chair** ruled that core requirements are irrelevant to this motion. **Friedman** called the question, which was passed unanimously by voice vote.

### **Old Business**

**Mendoza** asked if there was any news about the provost search. **Forster** said the the search committee had been reconstituted, and that a new provost would be appointed on June 30, 2001. The **Chair** added that the Executive Committee had nominated two members to serve on the Search Committee: Gawlinski and N. Hillman.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 4:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Conrad