

Remaining Spring 2008 College Senate Topics

Introduction (for Action in May)

- **Discussion:** Transfer students with A.A. or A.S. may waive non-trustee General Education requirements for GE2K students. Extend this to the B.A. or B.S. degrees. (Motion brought forward by Academic Appeals Committee; Standards for Students, Elizabeth Stevens, Chair)
- **Discussion By-Laws revisions** (By-Laws and Elections, John DeNisco, chair)

Action (introduced in March)

- **Action:** Representation of graduate students and graduate faculty on the College Senate (Ad Hoc Graduate Issues Committee, Greg Wadsworth, chair)
- **Action:** Academic Calendar (4 year plan) (Instruction & Research, Heather Maldonado, Chair)
- **Action:** Service Learning designation on transcript (Instruction & Research, Heather Maldonado, Chair)

ITEMS FOR MAY:

Informational:

- **Final reports: All committees and ad hoc committees**
- **Results of elections (By-Laws and Elections committee, John DeNisco, chair)**
- **Informational (Administrative and Academic Plan):** Course Redesign
- **Informational:** Review of the Assistant Dean of Intellectual Foundations (SIFOC as Review Committee, as per SIFOC By-Laws); co-chairs Nancy Chicola, Chair, Curriculum and ex-officio member of SIFOC; Senator Gary Solar, member, Curriculum)
- **Informational:** Budget Analysis, implications and recommendations (Budget and Staff Allocations -- BSAC, Ted Schmidt, chair)
- **Informational:** Bookstore issues: Referral to Committee Feb. 2008 (Faculty/Staff Welfare, Michelle Bonn, Chair and Student Welfare, Dominique Gabriel, Chair)
- **Informational (Administrative):** Advisement issues (referred to Standards for Students, Elizabeth Stevens, chair)
- **Informational:** Report on impact of Health Fee increase (as per Senate-approved recommendation in 2006-7; Budget and Staff Allocations Committee, Ted Schmidt, Chair)

Introduction for continuation in Sept. 2008 (*Tentative*)

Re-defining the writing requirement (Instruction & Research, Heather Maldonado, chair)

Action

- **Action:** By-Laws revisions (By-Laws and Elections, John DeNisco, chair)
- **Action:** Transfer students with A.A. or A.S. may waive non-trustee General Education requirements. Extend this to the B.A. or B.S. degrees. (Motion brought forward by Academic Appeals Committee; to be introduced to the body by committee to which it has been referred, Standards for Students, Elizabeth Stevens, Chair)

Defer until 2008-9

- Campus Alcohol Policy (Faculty/Staff Welfare, Michele Bonn, chair, and Gabrielle Dominique, chair, Student Welfare)
- Students on probation cannot exceed a specific credit limit (Motion brought forward by Steve Schwartz; to be introduced to the body, and referred to Standards for Students, Elizabeth Stevens, chair)
- *Student Welfare issues*
(Dominique Gabriel, Chair, Student Welfare)
- **Informational:** *Establishment of appropriate mechanism for monitoring VSA implementation* (College Senate Chair Sharon Cramer and SUNY Senators John DeNisco and David Carson)
- **Informational:** *Putting the "R" (Research) back in Instruction and Research* (Sub-committee established, Chair, Greg Wadsworth)

Elections and By-Laws Referendum

Voting Group: Eligible Campus-wide voters:

- Elections of At Large Senators (2 with terms 2008-2011, 1 with term 2008-2010, in keeping with recommendation approved by the College Senate and the campus community, and approved by the President in 2006, to achieve the faculty-majority of the College Senate by 2008) and one additional (due to resignation prior to end of term; term TBD)
- Election of one University Faculty (SUNY) Senator (term 2008-2011)
- Elections within units as needed, with multiple senators, some of whom have terms that are ending in 2008 (e.g., 4 Academic Schools, Professional Staff Caucus, student senators); both Library Faculty and Support Staff have Senators whose terms end later than 2008.
- By-Laws Referendum of recommended changes

*Voting Group: 2008-9 College Senators*¹ (following caucus to be held on May 9, 2008)

- Election of Officers
 - Chair
 - Vice Chair

- Committee Chairs (and Vice Chair of Student Welfare) of the Senate:
 - Academic Plan: Chair
 - Budget & Staff Allocations Committee (BSAC): Chair
 - By-Laws & Elections: Chair
 - Curriculum: Chair
 - Faculty/Staff Welfare: Chair
 - Instruction and Research (I&R): Chair
 - Standards for Students: Chair
 - Student Welfare: Chair²
 - Vice Chair

¹ Note 3: Only Senators who will be members of the College Senate in 2008-9 are eligible to run for, or vote in, these elections. All elections of units should be completed in advance of this date, and nominations (including self-nominations) for all positions should be forwarded to the Chair of the By-Laws and Elections Committee (or designee) by the Caucus. Uncontested elections will be resolved at the May 9, 2008 meeting, and contested elections (including student senators, if they are officially identified by May 9, 2008) will be held via electronic ballot within the month of May. Note that all terms of office are one year, with no limitations on re-election.

² Note 4: As per By-Laws, the Chair of Student Welfare must be a student senator. As per By-Laws, the Vice-Chair of Student Welfare must be a non-student senator.