



UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE RECORD

The October 2007 meetings of the University Faculty will be held on Tuesday, October 2, 2007 and, if needed, on Tuesday, October 9, 2007 in the Langone Center Forum beginning at 12:00 p.m. and running until 12:52 p.m. or the conclusion of business, whichever comes first. Professor Martin Ligare, Chairperson of the Faculty, will preside. Any corrections to the September 2007 minutes should be sent to Faculty Secretary Philippe Dubois prior to the meeting.

AGENDA

1. Amendments to and approval of September 2007 minutes

2. Announcements and remarks by the President

--Question for the President and his Staff:

Question from Ben Marsh, directed to President Brian Mitchell: The external review team on faculty governance at Bucknell stated in their final report: 'It is our assessment that the primary problems facing Bucknell are that internal communication is flawed and that the degree of trust between the president and the faculty is inadequate.' What are the president's thoughts about this section of the governance review report, and what specific actions have the board and senior administration taken in response to it?

3. Announcements and remarks by the Chair of the Faculty

--Nominations from the Faculty Council for the Provost Search Committee appear in the Appendix to this agenda. The floor will be open for additional nominations.

4. Committee Reports:

a. Committee on Planning and Budget

--The written report of the Committee on Planning and Budget appears in the Appendix to this agenda.

b. Committee on Honorary Degrees

--The written report of the Committee on Honorary Degrees appears in the Appendix to this agenda.

c. Committee on Instruction

- d. Faculty and Academic Personnel Committee**
 - e. Committee on Staff Planning**
 - f. Committee on Faculty Development**
 - g. Committee on Complementary Activities**
 - h. University Review Committee**
 - i. Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure**
- 5. Announcement and remarks by members of the President's staff**
 - 6. Announcement from Bucknell Student Government**
 - 7. Unfinished business**
 - 8. New business**
 - 9. Adjournment**

APPENDIX

Report from the Committee on Planning and Budget, September 2007

Report on Fiscal Year ending June 2007 (FY2006-07): The University realized a \$1.5 million surplus for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007, which includes \$.5m of unrestricted funds and \$1.0m of donor restricted funds. The unrestricted funds have historically been placed in quasi-endowment to generate additional operating income for the future. The restricted funds will remain available to be used as directed by the donor during the FY2007-08 fiscal year.

Much of this surplus is due to:

- greater average on-campus enrollment than budget (45 students),
- below-budget spending for the Comprehensive Campaign,
- short-term investment income greater than expected, and
- health care insurance premiums below budget.

These variances were partially offset by the following one-time expenses:

- recruitment of faculty and administrative staff,
- assessment of current communication and technology capabilities,
- handicapped accessibility improvements,
- enhanced on-campus programming, and
- renovation of Swartz Hall and other facilities related projects.

Health care increases for calendar year 2008: The University's overall health care costs for calendar year 2008 are less than originally expected. For some parts of the health care plan, calendar year 2008 rates are actually lower than calendar year 2007. While reduced health care insurance costs are very good news, long-term reductions are not expected.

CPB schedule: CPB will devote this semester to development of Comprehensive Fee and Compensation recommendations to the Trustees, and budgeting for Fiscal Year 2009.

Report from the Faculty Committee on Honorary Degrees, September 2007

The 2006-2007 academic year was the second for the Faculty Committee on Honorary Degrees after many years of inactivity. This year was the first during which the timetable, nomination process, criteria for selection, and voting procedures agreed to by the Faculty Committee and the Trustee Sub-committee on Honorary Degrees were implemented.

There were twenty-three nominees received for consideration by the Faculty and Trustee committees. From this list, five nominees were agreed to by the two committees. Their names

were forwarded to the President for his review and recommendations to the Committee on Educational Policy of the Board of Trustees for its approval and recommendations to the Board. At Commencement in May, Richard Garman and Alan Leshner were awarded honorary degrees from Bucknell University, the first awarded since 1985. The three other approved nominees and one approved nominee from 2005-2006 remain eligible for honorary degrees. The eighteen nominees not approved in 2006-2007 will be reconsidered for one additional year along with new nominees.

A web page with information about honorary degrees at Bucknell University, including the procedures for making nominations, was developed during the Spring semester and can be accessed from Bucknell's Home Page under About Bucknell>Offices and Resources>Provost>Honorary Degrees.

Members of the Faculty Committee on Honorary Degrees for 2007-2008 and the years their terms expire are:

Greg Krohn, 2008
Jim Van Fleet, 2008
Alice Poust, 2009
Margot Vigeant, 2009
Maria Antonaccio, 2010
Howard Smith, 2010

Nominations from the Faculty Council for the Provost Search Committee, September 2007

- Engineering:
 - Mike Prince
 - Ron Ziemian

- Humanities:
 - Maria Antonaccio
 - Elisabeth Guerrero

- Natural Sciences and Math:
 - Sally Koutsoliotas
 - Jeff Trop

- Social Science:
 - Andrea Halpern
 - Tony Massoud

- Untenured:
 - Nina Banks
 - Ken Field