

ACADEMIC SENATE REPORT

April 6, 2010

Engineering Room 371

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Meetings

The Senate holds meetings every other week in the small faculty dining room, from 12:30 to 1:50 pm. This schedule is available online at <http://www.prattsenate.org/2010SP-sen-calendar.pdf>. Unless otherwise indicated, Senate meetings are open to the community in accordance with the Senate's guest policy. In Fall 2009, regular Senate meetings are scheduled as follows: January 26, February 9, February 23, March 9, March 23 and April 20.

Under the provision to call special meetings, special Senate meetings were called:

(1) on December 8, 2009 to allow the Senate to meet with Board of Trustees Chair Mike Pratt: (2) on December 14 to discuss and vote on the AGOC request to roll-over 6 members of the APPC into the IWCC: and (3) on March 2, 2010 to direct Senate President on the March 5, 2010 meeting with Mike Pratt and President Schutte.

Minutes

The Senate records minutes of its regular meetings and posts them online, upon approval of the Senate. They are available at <http://www.prattsenate.org/minutes>

Senate Actions

The Academic Senate makes decisions by discussion and adoption of Resolutions during regular meetings. Senate actions are available online at www.prattsenate.org/actions

The following are actions of the Academic Senate since the November 3, 2009 Senate Report:

November 17, 2009

1. Endorsed the actions of the Academic Programs and Procedures Committee (APPC) on October 27, 2009 on two minor programs in Architecture.
2. Resolved to prepare a response to the report of the Academic Governance Oversight Committee (AGOC).
3. Adopted a procedure to disseminate the Senate's response to the faculty, President and to the Board of Trustees.

December 8, 2010

1. Adopted the schedule for the Senate elections in Spring 2010.
2. Ratified the actions of the APPC in approving four programs reviewed in the Math and Science Department.
3. Resolved to invite the Board and the administration to join the faculty in requesting that the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) initiate a review of the state of shared governance in Pratt Institute and called upon the Board and the Administration to delay the implementation of the AGOC Final Report pending such a review.

December 15, 2010

1. Resolved to appoint members of the APPC to serve on the IWCC for the period of six months at the request of the AGOC.
2. Requested that the institute timeline for the IWCC be modified to respect the Institute's Academic Calendar.
3. Determined to provide a list of concerns that should be discussed and resolved during the process of instituting the IWCC.
4. Directed the Senate's Executive Committee and members of the APPC to articulate questions and concerns related to curricular review and governance.

January 26, 2010

1. Held an extensive discussion on issues of shared governance, the process of the AAUP evaluation and the efforts that should be taken to include the Pratt administration and Board.
2. Resolved to proceed with requesting officially an evaluation by the AAUP and, at the conclusion of the evaluation process and opinion, the Senate reassess the situation before taking further action.

February 9, 2010

1. Reiterated the resolution to proceed with requesting that the AAPU proceed with an evaluation of shared governance at Pratt adding that, at the end of this process, the Senate reassess the situation and decide how to proceed.
2. Resolved to move the election start date from February 12 to February 23 citing delays in the election process.
3. Nominated and elected Prof. John Shapiro as the faculty representative to the Strategic Planning Committee. Prof. Sameetah Agha was appointed to represent faculty at a Board – Administration – Faculty Meeting.
4. Confirmed the APPC Chair and five of its members to serve on the IWCC for a period of 6 months.

February 23, 2010

1. Resolved to consult the AAUP legal department for its advice.
2. Voted to allow President Lee to continue meeting with Chair Mike Pratt and President Schutte as long as legal counsel is not present and not to permit such meetings in the presence of legal counsel.
3. Requested that the bylaws of the IWCC be presented to the Senate for review, comment and approval.

March 2, 2010

1. Discussed the nature of shared governance at Pratt and the changes that the AGOC final report proposed to effect to shared governance.
2. Adopted formally the AAUP's principles of shared governance.
3. Resolved to invite Pratt's Administration and Board of Trustees to join the faculty in adopting these principles.

March 9, 2010

1. Nominated and elected Faculty Trustee Candidates: Sara vanOuwkerk, Sameetah Agha, Kristoff Kumpesch and Kathleen Filla.
2. Adopted a resolution to contact the AAUP immediately to request an evaluation of governance at Pratt.
3. Resolved to restore the APPC to its role in the conduct of Senate business and to withdraw APPC members from the IWCC.

March 23, 2010

1. Elected faculty representatives and observers to the Board of Trustees non-standing committees.
2. Received reports on the March 11th Board of Trustees meeting from faculty board representatives and President Lee.
3. Issued a statement of support for the General Education Initiative.
4. Resolved to authorize Senate officers to take any steps necessary to publish and implement Senate resolutions.

Respectfully submitted,

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