

# MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

Tuesday, October 17, 2006

Small Faculty Dining Room

12 to 1:50 pm

## AGENDA

PRESIDING: Jenny Lee

- 1 CALL TO ORDER<sup>1</sup> Roll call
- 2 MINUTES Sean Sullivan, Secretary  
by 12:25 pm
- 3 UPDATES Tony White, vice-president
  - Senate Executive Committee meeting, Friday, October 13
  - BoT Academic Affairs Committee meetingIona Fromboluti and Deb Meehan, Faculty Trustees, BoT meeting  
Jenny Lee, President
  - Updates on Searches (VP Development and Director of Institutional Research & Planning)by 12:40 pm
- 4 DISCUSSION/ ACTION Senate Nominations and Elections (Appendix 01: SILS/SLAS PT Faculty)  
Topics and format for guest
- 5 GUEST Michael Pratt, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Trustees  
1:00 to 1:50
- 6 ADJOURN Next meeting, October 31  
Senate Report, Alumni Reading Room, Library

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<sup>1</sup> **ACADEMIC SENATE ATTENDANCE POLICY:** Senators are expected to use their best efforts to attend meetings of the Senate, including the Senate Report. A Senator who will be absent from several meetings must notify the Secretary, so that the Alternate for that position may be asked to attend in place of the absent Senator. If there is no Alternate, the Nomination and Election Committee will appoint an Interim Alternate from the Senator's constituency.

If a Senator misses three consecutive meetings and does not inform the Secretary, the Committee will immediately replace the Senator with the Alternate. If there is no Alternate, the Committee will hold a new election for that position.

*Adopted by the Academic Senate, 23 March, 2004; Revised, 6 September, 2005.*

## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO OCT 3 RESOLUTIONS

For senate consideration, are the following amendments to Resolutions of October 3, 2006

### SENATE CONSTITUENTS

It was noted that Nominations definitions and eligibility criteria, which qualify only teachers of "credit-bearing" courses, do not provide for Librarians who do not teach credit-bearing classes as part of their faculty duties. Almost all of Librarians' instruction and teaching is not for credit but done in the course of their jobs.

It is therefore recommended that the following definitions and eligibility criteria be amended, as follows (strikeouts indicate deletions):

#### DEFINITIONS, 1. SENATE CONSTITUENTS

Senate constituents include all persons that teach ~~credit-bearing courses~~ in the four schools and the Library at Pratt Institute.

#### 2 A. ELIGIBILITY TO RUN FOR SENATE SEAT AND SENATE PRESIDENT POSITION SENATOR CANDIDATES

Persons that are employed during the nomination process and teach ~~credit-bearing courses~~ in the four schools and the Library, are eligible to be nominated within his/her academic category

#### B. ELIGIBILITY TO NOMINATE AND ELECT SENATORS

Persons that are employed during the nomination period and teach ~~credit-bearing courses~~ in the four schools and the Library are eligible to nominate within his/her academic category.

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### SILS and SLAS PT FACULTY CATEGORY

The resolution to separate SLAS, SILS and LIBRARY, previously categorized as "Other Schools," and considered together as academic categories, has created a problem for "PT faculty, SLAS and SILS." The "SLAS Chair" category cannot belong in SILS and SLAS, combined - so as currently drafted, that Nomination form does not provide SLAS PT faculty a say in SLAS Chair nomination (and subsequent election).

The following are, therefore, proposed (select A or B):

#### PROPOSED MOTION TO AMEND CATEGORY of SILS/SLAS PT FACULTY

**A.** MOVED, that for the 2007-2010 nomination and election process, "PT faculty and Chair" will combine the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the School of Information and Library Science; and it is further

MOVED, that eligibilty for this category will be as follows:

Who May Nominate: All persons, including staff/administrators that teach PT in SLAS & SILS  
Who May Be Nominated: All Chairs and PT faculty in SLAS and SILS

**B.** MOVED, that for the 2007-2010 nomination and election process, SLAS and SILS will have their own, separate PT faculty categories, as follows:

- SLAS, Chair and PT faculty
- SILS, PT faculty