

The Faculty Senate at the University of Virginia
January 28, 2009 – 3:00-5:00 p.m.
Newcomb Hall Art Gallery

Meeting Minutes

Edmund Kitch, Chair of the Faculty Senate, called the meeting to order.

Report from **John T. Casteen, President**:

- President Casteen gave the Senators an update on the current budget crisis. He said the University is managing this economic downturn, making cuts through positions that are not being filled, attrition through retirement, and no new hires. He stressed that the University has not had to implement any layoffs.
- Discussions on the kinds of reductions to be made and where cuts can be made are ongoing.
- The President also gave updates on the current legislative session.
- The President asked for faculty input to identify new sources of revenue.
- The Capital Campaign is still on target.
- The deans are involved in the planning process and are working very hard, President Casteen said.
- There will be a 9% to 10% tuition increase.
- Update on the Endowment and its loss of equity.

Edmund Kitch updated the group on the meeting on Monday, which was a joint meeting with the Faculty Senate and the Commission on the Future of the University. The Senators had a follow-up discussion of this meeting, which primarily dealt with the six initiatives of the Commission. These initiatives are Faculty Advancement, Advanced Study of Teaching and Learning, Computation-Intense Research and Scholarship, the Jefferson Public Citizen's Initiative, International Programs, and Science and Research. Additional information on these initiatives can be found on the Faculty Senate website.

Arthur Garson, Executive Vice President and Provost, talked about faculty excellence, technical advancement, growing the faculty, and CASTL (a faculty development program to study how to teach better). Dr. Garson also discussed the International Programs strategy and the Science and Research strategy.

A discussion, comments, and questions followed.

The Senators broke out into six groups to continue the discussions on the initiatives.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by David Kovacs, Secretary of the Faculty Senate.