DIGEST OF THE REGULAR MEETING

April 6, 1970

CONVENE D: 4:13 p.m. Room 108 Memorial Hall.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS: Announcements, adoption of the agenda, and approval of the minutes.

REPORTS:

Faculty Organization and Rules Committee. Clarification by the President of certain procedural matters, including S. 13 (roll call vote) introduced at the last meeting.

Committee on Committees. Brief report from Mr. Kerner requesting comments from the faculty on the committee structure.

BILLS INTRODUCED:

S. Res. 2 (Denn), to discuss arrangements for the special meeting on April 7. (Outline provided by Executive Committee.)

S. Res. 3 (Moszynski), to discuss the new examination schedule. (Disposed of by requesting the Director of Admissions and Records to meet with interested senators.)

S. 14 (Williams), resolution proposing that the degree with high honors be determined by index alone.

BILLS REPORTED:

Amendments to Constitution

S. Res. 4 (Tingey), resolution to transmit the proposed Tingey Amendment dealing with Section IX (S. 15) to the next General Faculty meeting. Passed.

S. Res. 5 (Osborne), resolution to transmit the proposed Osborne Amendment dealing with Section IV, Paragraph 11 (S. 12) to the next General Faculty meeting. Passed Amendment to Osborne Amendment (by Mr. Kerner) allowing for certain limited meetings. Passed 29 ayes, 13 nays.

Faculty Residence Hall Committee

S. Res. 6 (Committee), to endorse the Revised Visitation Program. Approved unanimously.

ADJOURNED: 5:46 p.m.
TO: Members of the University of Delaware Faculty

FROM: John C. Wriston, Vice-President, University Senate

The next regular meeting of the University Senate will be held on Monday, April 6, at 4:10 p.m. in Room 108, Memorial Hall. There will also be a special meeting on Tuesday, April 7, same time, same place. The agenda for these two meetings follows.

Regular Meeting, April 6

I. Adoption of the Agenda
II. Unfinished Business
   1. Resolution of Mr. Ferd Williams dealing with Student Honors; see attachment
III. Proposals
   1. An amendment to Section IX of the constitution, offered by Mr. Tingey; see attachment
   2. An amendment to Section IV-11 of the constitution, offered by Mr. Osborne; see attachment
   3. A resolution to adopt the substance of the amendment described immediately above as a temporary operating rule, offered by Mr. Osborne.
   4. Dormitory Visitation Policy, presented by Mr. Worthen
IV. New Business

Attachment I, resolution of Mr. Ferd Williams

Be it resolved: that the degree with high honors be determined by index alone, the specific level to be established by the Committee on Student Honors.

Attachment 2, proposed amendment of Mr. Tingey

The proposed amendment involves inserting the phrase "only at a general meeting of the University faculty" after the word "amended" in the first sentence of Section IX. The revised Section IX would then read (with changes underlined):

This constitution may be amended only at a meeting of the University faculty by a 2/3 vote of those voting members present, assuming a quorum. Any amendment presented at one meeting shall not be acted upon until the next meeting. Written notice of intent to amend the constitution must be transmitted to the faculty prior to its initial presentation.

This amendment is offered for the sake of internal consistency (the phrase "to the faculty" appears in the last sentence of present Section IX);
because, according to Mr. Willard Baxter, chairman of the Organization and Rules Committee, this was the intent of the framers; and because it would be unusual to allow a Senate, representing the whole faculty, to amend the constitution under which it was created.

Attachment 3, proposed amendment of Mr. Osborne

The proposed amendment involves deleting the word "faculty" and inserting the phrase "University Community" in Section IV, Paragraph 11. The revised section would then read (with new material underlined, and deleted material in parentheses):

"Meetings of the Senate shall be open to all members of the (Faculty) University Community as observers. Others may be invited to observe or to be heard in accordance with rules to be established by the Senate."

The purpose of this amendment is threefold: (1) if adopted, it would permit full implementation of Section VI of the Constitution, which states "Proposals may be made to the Senate or any committee of the University Faculty by any member of the University Community"; (2) if adopted, it would agree with a recommendation made by the Board of Trustees at their November 13, 1969 meeting, i.e., "It be suggested that broader communication between students, faculty and administration be encouraged"; (3) if adopted, it would comply with a request made by the Student Gov't Association Senate by way of Senate Bill #12, which states: "Whereas, General Faculty meetings are not open to students; and Whereas, opening these meetings would open the channels for better communication between the Faculty and Students in this area, therefore, Resolved, that the SGA requests the Faculty to open their meetings in the interest of better relations between students and faculty."