

DIGEST OF THE REGULAR MEETING

June 8, 1970

CONVENED: 4:13 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS: Announcements, adoption of the agenda.

REPORTS: Background of Committee on Publications report was made by Mr. Libera.

BILLS REPORTED:

Winterim

- S. 22 (Kerner), to provide for formal Senate consideration of calendar changes such as Winterim which affect the instructional program of the University. Passed 18 ayes, 13 nays.
- S. 23, Suggested revisions in the Winterim proposal and amendments thereto (attachment to agenda).
Amendment to Item 2 changing 1 credit to up to 3 credits.
Defeated 9 ayes, 27 nays.
Item (2) passed 27 ayes, 8 nays, 1 abstention.
Item (3) passed unanimously.
Substitution of "encouraged" for "required" in Item (4).
Defeated 15 ayes, 21 nays.
Item (4) passed 29 ayes, 4 nays.
Item (8) modified and passed by voice vote.
Item (9) passed by voice vote.
- S. Res. 24 (Anapol), referring Halyo Amendment on Winterim to Winterim Committee. Passed 32 ayes, 7 nays.

ADJOURNED: 5:00 p.m.

Agenda for the Regular Meeting
June 8

- I. Announcements
- II. Adoption of the Agenda
- III. Unfinished Business
- (1) Winterim Proposal
- IV. Proposals
- (1) With respect to the Student Judicial System document, which was approved by the faculty February 9, 1970, Section II C.1. (on page 3 of the document), add the words "or his designee" after the word "affairs.": This would make II C.1. read as follows: "The Vice-President for Student Affairs, or his designee." (From Mr. Worthen; see attachment 2 for rationale.)
- (2) Reports from standing committees as available.
- (3) Proposed amendments to the Constitution.
 - (a) Section VIII, Sentence 2 of Paragraph 1: "One-sixth" for "One-third." The provision would then read: "One-sixth of the voting membership of the University Faculty shall constitute a quorum."
 - (b) The same paragraph of the same section shall have added to it the sentence: "In the absence of a quorum, the business on the agenda of the University Faculty shall be transacted by the University Senate at its next meeting."
 - (c) Section IX shall be stricken and replaced by the following: "This Constitution may be amended only by mail ballot of the voting members of the University Faculty. Proposed amendments may be submitted to the Secretary of the University Senate by an individual faculty member or groups of faculty members. In order to be submitted to the University Faculty, an amendment must be endorsed by a majority of the University Senate or signed by 25 voting members of the University Faculty. No proposals shall be voted on between May 15 and September 15.* Amendments receiving a majority of the votes returned will be adopted.

*Perhaps the winter recess period should also be excluded.

Attachment 2 Rationale

This change is requested in order to make it possible for the Vice-President for Student Affairs to appoint a member of the Student Affairs staff as a member to the Judicial Policy Board. It is anticipated that the Dean of Men would be appointed to this position and that he would sit on the board as a permanent member. Because of the time required of members of the Judicial Policy Board and the fact that the Vice-President has a variety of other responsibilities, it is desirable to assign this responsibility to a staff member who is most knowledgeable about disciplinary matters and who can devote the necessary time to this important task.

There does not seem to be sufficient reason to require the Vice-President for Student Affairs and no other person on the Student Affairs staff to sit on this particular policy board. In addition, it should be noted that the President of the Student Government Association may appoint another member of the SGA as his designee to sit on this board.

Finally, the Vice-President's designee can certainly represent him and the thinking of the Vice-President on all policy matters that come before the board since there is constant communication between the senior staff members and the Vice-President for Student Affairs.

Attachment 3

I hope that the intent of these amendments is clear. Obviously, it is very difficult for us to obtain a quorum of one-third of the members of the University Faculty. Secondly, the present wording of the Constitution does not make clear whether a scheduled meeting of the University Faculty must be called again, if a quorum is not present at the stated time. Finally, in view of the difficulty of obtaining a quorum at meetings of the University Faculty, it is extremely difficult to amend the Constitution at the present time.

My intention in sending this to you is to give the Senate a specific proposal to discuss and, if it so desires, to pass on, with any modifications it deems desirable, to the University Faculty for action.

The following is the text of a resolution submitted to the officers of the Senate by Mr. Jay Halio:

Whereas, the Faculty Senate expressed many serious doubts and reservations about the proposed Winterim plan, especially to the effect of voting only to implement it for one year; and

Whereas, the two-week period actually recommended and voted is only half the time period originally envisaged for a true, on-going Winterim, hence prejudicing the results of the voted Winterim period for 1971 even on an experimental basis;

Be it resolved: that the Faculty Senate recommends that the Winterim for 1971 be devoted in whole or in part to the intensive study of present and future academic policy of the University of Delaware in all of its areas of interest, using as vehicles for this study the report of the Community Design Commission (if it is available), special faculty-student-administration forums and colloquia, invited speakers serving in symposia, and so forth, to this end, that not only will the feasibility and thus the future of the Winterim (or any other special term) be deliberated, but such other major adjustments in course structures, curricula, and other teaching-learning media may also be considered and recommended for full implementation, to this body and therefrom to all appropriate channels of the administration.

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Suggested revisions in the Winterim proposal:

(2) That student participation shall be voluntary in 1971; that students who participate shall receive one academic credit on a pass/no credit basis; and that if Winterim is continued and made a requirement for graduation, students who participate in 1970-1971 shall be considered to have met that requirement.

(3) No change.

(4) That faculty participation be required to the extent necessary to ensure a workable program.

(5), (6), (7) No change. These are administrative items that do not call for Senate action.

(8), (9) No change.