

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

May 10, 1970

MINUTES

The meeting was convened at 2:05 p.m. by President Olson. Senators not in attendance:

Julio Acuna	T. Allan Comp	Donald W. Harward
Malthon M. Anapol	Lynn M. Doherty	Franklin P. Kilpatrick
Ruben V. Austin	Alice P. Eyman	Robert W. Stegner

Mr. Denn suggested that the Chair obtain approval of the convened senators for the non-faculty visitors in attendance at the meeting. This was done and there was no objection to the presence of the non-faculty visitors.

Mr. Kerner requested that the respective senators poll their departments and/or college for faculty members who would be willing to act as marshals as the occasion may arise for the remainder of the semester. These names should be transmitted to Mr. Kerner.

The chair recognized Mr. Glenn, who read the following statement:

The University Faculty Senate commends the Student Body of the University of Delaware for the firmness, the constructiveness and the maturity of its actions in the affirmation of its basic beliefs, both in regard to the present situation in Southeast Asia and in regard to the even more fundamental principle of the necessity for dialogue between people with differing views and of the right to a hearing of all opinions, even unpopular ones;

Urges all parts of the University to continue the activities initiated during the Moratorium, and, in particular, to continue the process of mutual education between the University Community and all other groups of the American people, including, in particular, those from which this community is in danger of becoming estranged;

Rejects the idea that a weakening of scholarly standards and of the educational process can usefully serve any social cause, no matter how justified this cause may be.

Further, the University Faculty Senate

Commends the President of the University, Dr. E. Arthur Trabant, and the Provost of the University, Dr. John W. Shirley, for the quality of their leadership during the recent events, and their understanding of the need to keep the University together without sacrificing the need felt by many members of the University Community to voice strongly held opinions of principle.

Motion by Mr. Glenn, second Mr. Liebermann: RESOLVED, That the University Faculty Senate accept the previously read statement. The motion passed with one abstention.

The chair then recognized Mr. Mark McClafferty, President of the SGA. Mr. McClafferty made several comments about the continuing strike activity that was to be carried on by the SGA. The SGA also submitted the following recommendations for the handling of grades for those people who are participating in the SGA strike activity:

RESOLVED, That the University Faculty Senate act to extend the dates of (1) withdrawal from the course without penalty and (2) changing a course from credit to pass/fail; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the University Faculty Senate urge all professors to follow one or more of the following options for students participating in strike activities who consult with them:

1. Adjustments in paper terminal dates.
2. Modifications of final exams such as full or partial take-home.
3. Students may elect to receive a grade of incomplete in June for any course. This grade can be changed to a letter grade on the permanent record by completing course work before the end of the fall term of 1970. Students who elect this procedure can take make-up exams in the fall without any extra fee. Seniors who follow this option in any course will receive their degree after successfully completing the course.
4. Students may elect to take their letter grade as of May 4, 1970.

This was followed by considerable discussion on exactly what course of action should be taken by the Senate regarding the relaxing of academic requirements. Mr. Shirley suggested that perhaps he, Mr. Dilley, Mr. Worthen, and the assembled deans retire from the meeting and draft a statement regarding grading procedures for this semester.

The meeting recessed at 3:05 and reconvened at 3:15.

The deans' recommendation was read by Mr. Lippert:

1. We anticipate that the vast majority of students will complete their academic work by the end of the semester. However, those who desire to continue their moratorium activities to an extent that precludes normal class activities may withdraw without penalty if the instructor certifies that they are passing a course.

2. With the prior approval of the instructor and the appropriate Dean, a student will be permitted to postpone the completion of any spring semester 1970 course including the final examinations until Saturday, September 19, 1970.

September 19, 1970, will be final examination day for those students who have not completed their courses and examinations before that date. Any such course not completed by that date will automatically receive a grade of F.

Arrangements for the students for this option must be completed with the instructor and appropriate Dean by Saturday, May 23, 1970.

This report arrived on the floor of the Senate moved and seconded, and was passed by a vote of 47 for, 0 against, and one abstention. Mr. Lippert agreed to distribute this statement from his office on Monday morning.

The chair recognized Mr. Brown, who made several comments on the rationale and reasons that the black students felt were underlying reasons for their activity on Honors Day.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Henry B. Tingey, Secretary