UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE DIGEST OF SPECIAL MEETING MARCH 27, 1972

CONVENED:

4:10 PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Special meeting was called to discuss the various aspects and problems associated with the proposals for reorganizing the University and to act upon resolutions presented.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED:

S. Res. 55 - College of Arts and Science - Resclution re University Reorganization.

S. Res. 56 - College of Home Economics - Endorsement of a philosophy re academic reorganization and development.

ADJOURNED:

5 PM.

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March 22, 1972

Memorandum to:

Dr. Donald W. Harward, Secretary

University Faculty Senate

From:

Henry N. Lee, Secretary

Faculty Senate of the College of Arts and Science

Subject:

Resolution adopted by the Faculty on

Provost John W. Shirley's Memorandum of February 28, 1972 on Academic Structure.

At the duly called meeting of the Faculty of the College of Arts and Science held on Monday, March 20, 1972 the Faculty of the College of Arts and Science adopted the following resolution:

The faculty of the College of Arts and Science condemns the proposal of Provost John W. Shirley on the reorganization of the academic structure of this College as stated in his memorandum of 28 February 1972, and requests the University Faculty Senate to instruct the President that:

WHEREAS, Provost Shirley has not demonstrated that "it is inevitable that some division will be made;" and

WHEREAS, Provost Shirley has neither demonstrated any educationally defensible rationale for the changes which he has proposed, nor made evident any such rationale save the administrative convenience served thereby; and

WHEREAS, Provost Shirley has not in any case come to grips with some of the more substantial proposals of the majority report of the McDaniel Commission, particularly with respect to the fiscal decentralization of the University;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty of the College of Arts and Science, upon serious consideration of the sundry proposals for the reorganization of the academic structure of this University, overwhelmingly supports the retention of a strong and unified College of Arts and Science as a central feature of this campus.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

March 27, 1972

MINUTES

The special meeting of the University Faculty Senate was called to order at 4:10 PM. Senators not in attendance were:

Irma Ayers Raymond N. Carr William G. De Coligny Dorothy H. Moser Lynn M. Doherty Jay L. Halio Kathryn R. Hallman Joseph W. Hunt, Jr. Ray E. Keesey

Francis J. Merceret Jerzy R. Moszynski Richard B. Murray Daniel C. Neale Robert M. Nielsen Jon H. Olson Peter W. Rees

Ernest N. Scarborough John W. Shirley Robert W. Stegner Edward A. Trabant Peter M. Weil Laszlo Zsoldos George Nocito James Omara

This special meeting of the Senate was called to discuss the various aspects and problems associated with the proposals for reorganizing the University and to act upon resolutions presented.

Mr. Bonner read a letter addressed to members of the University academic community from Provost Shirley, dated March 24, in which Provost Shirley has asked President Trabant for an extension of time for further study in depth of the possible effects of department realignment on academic programs.

The Senate received the resolution passed by the College of Arts and Science (S. Res. 55). Several motions were made changing the first paragraph of the resolution from the Arts and Science Senate, but all motions failed.

Mr. Smith made a motion to amend the first paragraph of the resolution by deleting the phrase following "1972," and by adding the introductory phrase: "The University Faculty Senate wishes to inform the President that:..." This amendment carried by voice vote. document to be forwarded is attached.

The Senate then considered a resolution presented by the faculty of the College of Home Economics (S. Res. 56):

'Whereas: The University Commission on Structure at no time studied the structure, organization or any part of the College of Home Economics and therefore, lacked any accurate basis for making recommendations concerning the College of Home Economics in its report.

"Whereas: The Minority Report of the University Commission on Structure recommended fragmentation of the College of Home Economics based on superficial knowledge of the College and its programs.

"Whereas: The faculty of the College of Home Economics deplores and rejects the crisis philosophy and hasty procedures used by Provost John W. Shirley in the current investigation of the College of

Home Economics.

"Whereas: The rationale for this precipitant action is not

consistent with the report on the College of Home Economics by Academic Design Commission I:

now therefore, be it resolved that

"The faculty of the College of Home Economics endorses a philosophy of academic reorganization and development which recognizes 1) the rights of the faculty, students and administrators directly involved, to participate actively in the decision making process; and 2) which recognizes that such serious matters be approached in a systematic and deliberate manner."

Ms. Eyman strongly urged that the Senate endorse this resolution from the College of Home Economics.

The following motion was made: "The University Faculty Senate forwards and endorses the following resolution from the College of Home Economics."

Mr. Smith moved to amend motion by deleting "and endorses," to read as follows: "The University Faculty Senate forwards the following resolution from the College of Home Economics."

The amendment carried by voice vote and with no further debate, the amended resolution passed.

The meeting adjourned at 5 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald W. Harward, Secretary

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S. Res. 55 - AMENDED RESOLUTION FROM COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCE RE UNIVERSITY REORGANIZATION

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