

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

November 27, 1972

MINUTES

The special meeting of the University Faculty Senate was called to order at 4:05 PM. Senators not in attendance were:

John L. Burmeister	John W. Gould	James O'Mara
Steve Ceci	James R. Krum	Joe Osborne
Edward W. Comings	Charles D. Marker	Leon Siroto
William D. DeColigny	Kevin Mitchell	Edward A. Trabant
Ralph V. Exline	Robert M. Nielsen	

The special meeting was called to consider the following:

At the present moment in University affairs the goals, priorities, and aspirations of the University are being examined with mounting concern and anxiety. In the opinion of many of its members, the University appears to be headed for serious crisis: internal relationships are strained; questions of how priorities are to be decided are being asked with increasing urgency; the sense of community, which all of us recognize as the very foundation of the academic enterprise, is threatened. Grave differences of opinion exist among faculty, students, and administrators. Believing that free and informed discussion and study among these people remains the best method yet discovered for the resolution of such differences of opinion; believing equally that, in spite of differences, we share common goals; therefore be it

"RESOLVED that the University Faculty Senate recommends to the entire University community the adoption of Friday, December 1, 1972, as a day for study and debate of the above issues, with the suspension of classes and the scheduling of and participation in such workshops, colloquia, and other activities which concerned faculty, students, and administrators shall devise."

Mr. Smith gave the background of the resolution and the explanation for submitting it to the Faculty Senate. He had previously been invited to attend a meeting with several University faculty members, who were also members of the AAUP Steering Committee, to discuss the concerns and anxieties of the University to see whether the Faculty Senate should concern itself with a day of discussion and debate of

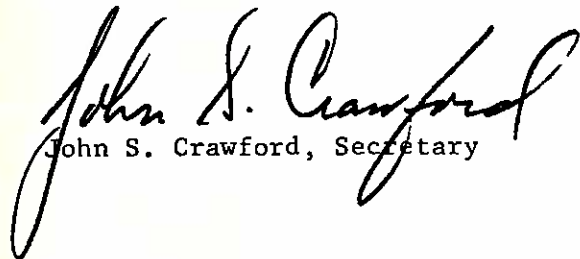
these concerns. After long deliberation in several meetings, the Executive Committee decided that the question of whether Senate involvement in such a moratorium was appropriate (and if so its content) should be answered by the Senate itself. The Executive Committee drafted the resolution and preamble as they appear in the agenda as a way of bringing the matter to the Senate for its debate and action.

Mr. Schweizer proposed to amend the resolution by changing "Friday, December 1" to "sometime in the Spring" and to let the Executive Committee decide the date. The motion was seconded.

Discussion first centered around the date on which a day for study and debate would be held. Several senators requested information on the content of the agenda, were such a day recommended, before making a decision on a certain date. Mr. Schweizer withdrew his motion temporarily to allow for discussion of the substance of the resolution. He obtained a ruling of the chair that the Senate would first decide if the Senate wanted a day for study and debate; then to decide on the date. Following a lengthy discussion, the "open-date" resolution was passed 24 to 22. Upon a call for a paper ballot, the results then were 26-22-1. The motion carried.

Mr. Schweizer made a motion that "this one-day study and debate be held in early Spring and that the Senate officers decide on the date and the agenda." The motion was seconded, and passed by voice vote after brief discussion. It was the consensus of the Senate that the officers of the Senate appoint a committee to prepare the agenda, having input from the faculty, administration, and students. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 PM.


John S. Crawford, Secretary