

REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

December 3, 1973

MINUTES

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

Michael Barney	William S. Gaither	Robert L. Nicholls
Robert F. Brown	Mohammed Ilyas	Edward H. Rosenberry
Edmunds Bunkse	James F. Leathrum	Paul H. Sammelwitz
Mary K. Carl	William E. McDaniel	Jonathan E. Taylor
Richard I. Dick	Helen McHugh	Thomas M. Taylor
Ralph V. Exline	John P. McLaughlin	John E. Worthen
W. Bruce Finnie	Allen L. Morehart	

A proposed amendment to a resolution from the Committee on Academic Freedom concerning free communication was added to the agenda. (The resolution was passed by the Senate on November 5, 1973.) The addition of the item to the agenda was approved by general consent.

Item IV-D, Resolution from the Committee on Graduate Studies concerning the change in the MA in Urban Affairs, was withdrawn from the agenda.

The agenda was adopted as amended.

The minutes of November 5 and 12, 1973, were approved by general consent as distributed.

On November 5, 1973, the Senate approved the recommendation that the professional members of the Library be granted academic status including eligibility for electing the option of either the TIAA-CREF or the State retirement program, and eligibility for sabbatical leaves. President Trabant informed the Senate that the General Assembly is now working on a bill for pension eligibility so it would be undesirable for the Trustees to act on it now. Eligibility for sabbatical leaves is under negotiation.

At the meeting of November 5, 1973, the Senate revoked the position on tenure and charged the Committee on Promotion and Tenure to study the matter further. That Committee is holding an open hearing on Monday, December 17, 1:30 PM in 100 Wolf Hall, and invites written comment.

At the same November 5 meeting, the Senate approved a recommendation to establish an Institute for Mathematical Sciences. Trustee approval is needed since it involves a change in the University organization. President Trabant has agreed to transmit this recommendation to the Trustees.

During the fall the College of Marine Studies developed a plan for the creation of a Center for the Study of Marine Policy. The Committee on Research recommended the adoption of the proposal. The Executive Committee of the Senate agreed with Provost Campbell that no action of the Senate was needed since it is directly within the College, no change in curriculum is involved, and money is completely from outside the University.

The Committee on Student and Faculty Honors has begun distribution of nomination forms for Excellence in Teaching awards. Forms are available in the Faculty Senate Office and will be available in the Morris Library, Student Center, and Christiana Towers.

An open hearing will be held by the Committee on Graduate Studies to consider a proposed Ph.D. Program in Political Science on Tuesday, December 4, 4 PM in 118 Purnell Hall.

The proposal for a curriculum in medicine was withdrawn by the Division of Health Sciences for academic and financial reasons.

Prof. John J. Beer, Chairman, Committee on Academic Freedom, reported on amendments to the resolution on academic freedom and freedom of communications passed by the Senate on November 5, 1973. The amended substitute report from the Committee was approved and is attached.

Prof. Charles D. Marler, Chairperson, Committee on Rules, reported on a series of resolutions. Items 1 through 4 required two-thirds vote by the Senate; Items 5 through 7 were in nature of resolutions urging faculty modification of the Constitution at the next faculty meeting. The items were voted on seriatim; items 1 through 6 (excluding item 4) were approved unanimously. On item 7, "Meetings of the Faculty," Prof. E. Schweizer introduced a motion to change the number constituting a quorum from one-quarter to one-third. The motion was seconded and when put to a vote failed. Prof. F. Williams raised a question on the agenda for special meetings being able to include items raised from the floor. It was the consensus of the Senate that this item be referred back to the Committee on Rules for further clarification. (The approved items are attached.)

Prof. J. Mather, Chairman, Committee on Graduate Studies, reported on the resolution on graduate academic substandard status. Two editorial changes were made and the resolution as approved is attached.

Prof. J. Mather reported on a resolution on the proposed Master of Arts Degree in Chemistry. The resolution passed unanimously and reads as follows:

The University Faculty Senate hereby resolves that the Master of Arts Degree Program in Chemistry be approved as submitted.

The requirements for the MA in Chemistry are attached as a part of these minutes.

The question of a quorum was raised from the floor; a count showed the quorum to have been lost, and the meeting adjourned at 5:20 PM.



Charles D. Marler, Secretary
University Faculty Senate

RESOLUTION ON ACADEMIC FREEDOM AND FREEDOM OF COMMUNICATIONS
APPROVED BY THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE ON DECEMBER 3, 1973

Whereas national events in the recent past have made apparent an erosion of privacy and the rights of citizens freely to assemble and communicate; and

Whereas members of the University of Delaware community have voiced fears that a similar erosion of the essential freedom to exchange opinions is possible even on a university campus; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the following statements on academic freedom and on freedom of intra-University communication be adopted by the University Senate and the President's Cabinet and be published in the Faculty Handbook by the University of Delaware as an affirmation of this University's continued dedication to the principles expressed:

"The maintenance of freedom of speech, publication, religion, and assembly (each of which is a component of intellectual freedom) is the breath of life of a democratic society. The need is greatest in fields of higher learning, where the use of reason and the cultivation of the highest forms of human expression are the basic methods. To an increasing extent, society has come to rely upon colleges and universities as a principal means of acquiring new knowledge and new techniques, of conveying the fruits of past and present learning to the community, and of transmitting these results to generations to come. Without freedom to explore, to criticize existing institutions, to exchange ideas, and to advocate solutions to human problems, faculty members and students cannot perform their work, cannot maintain their self-respect. Society suffers correspondingly. The liberty that is needed requires a freedom of thought and expression within colleges and universities, (and) a freedom to carry the results of honest inquiry to the outside."¹

Academic freedom is incompatible with censorship or surveillance of communications both on and off the campus. The monitoring or interference with communications emanating from a member or group of the University community cannot be condoned. Practices such as telephone tapping, University mail surveillance and stoppage, censorship at the Duplicating Center of materials emanating from within the University community, or censorship on bulletin boards designated for general use, are contrary to University policy.

¹"AAUP Policy Documents and Reports," 1973 Edition

RESOLUTIONS CHANGING THE SENATE BYLAWS
AND
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHANGING THE FACULTY CONSTITUTION

Approved by the University Faculty Senate on December 3, 1973

1. Senate Winterim Committee - The action of the Senate on April 5, 1971, which established a standing committee on Winterim programs is reaffirmed. The following entry shall be included in that section of the Standing Committee document which deals with the Coordinating Committee on Education:

Winterim Committee - This committee shall consider matters relating to the operation of Winterim, promote effective information on Winterim, and advise on the allocation of a budget.

This committee shall consist of two appointees of the President; the Director of Winterim; four faculty members, one of whom shall be the chairperson; two undergraduate students; and one graduate student.

2. Senate Executive Committee - The following entry concerning the composition and charge of the Senate Executive Committee shall be included in the Standing Committee document:

Executive Committee - This committee shall include the President of the Senate, the Vice President of the Senate, and the Secretary of the Senate.

This committee is charged with receiving, filing, and considering agenda items for Senate meetings; informing the Faculty of ongoing activities of the Senate and other University committees in order to encourage contributions to projects still in their formative stages; advising the President of the University on the agenda for meetings of the University Faculty and other matters of mutual interest; and bringing to the attention of the Senate such information, recommendations, and resolutions as are deemed necessary for the performance of its constituted duties.

3. Senate Nominating Committee - Article K of the Senate Bylaws shall be revised to read:

Election of Officers of the Senate - In accord with Section IV, Article 7, of the Constitution, a Nominating Committee whose composition and charge are prescribed under the Standing Committee document shall provide for the Senate a slate of nominees at the May meeting. The slate shall have at least two eligible candidates for each office or position. Nominations to the slate from the floor are permitted. In the event that there are three or more nominees to an office, and if in the balloting no individual receives a majority, the subsequent ballot will be between the two nominees receiving the highest plurality.

3. Senate Nominating Committee (Continued)

In addition a standing Nominating Committee shall be established and its composition and charge prescribed in the Standing Committee document:

Nominating Committee - Following a year-long period of observation, evaluation, and consultation, this committee shall present a slate of nominees to the Senate at the May meeting for the following positions: the President, Vice President, and Secretary of the Senate; the second and third members of the Committee on Rules; the three Senate-designated members of the Committee on Committees, including its chairperson; the Chairperson of the Coordinating Committee on Education; and the Chairperson of the Coordinating Committee on Campus Life. In addition, it will present a slate of nominees for the new Nominating Committee. The slates shall have at least two eligible candidates for each office or position. Nominations from the floor are permitted.

Membership on this committee shall be restricted to five elected faculty senators, who upon election will designate one of their members as chairperson. Each shall be elected to a one-year term with the possibility of re-election to one additional term. No member of this committee may serve for more than two consecutive terms.

Vacancies in this committee will be filled by the Committee on Committees, on approval of the Senate, for the unexpired terms thereof.

The fifth paragraph of the Standing Committee document shall be revised to read as follows:

Exceptions to these procedures shall be the standing Nominating Committee, the Judicial Policy Board, and Faculty-Student Appellate Court, whose nominations and elections are provided for elsewhere in this document.

4. Tenure of Senate Committee Chairpersons - (The Senate expressed its confidence in the Rules Committee's position that no additional legislation was appropriate at this time, though any question of reappointment ought to be considered most carefully by the Nominating Committee and the Committee on Committees.)
5. Parliamentary Authority for Meetings of the Faculty Senate - Section IV, Article 13, of the Faculty Constitution shall be revised to read as follows:

Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, 1970, shall be followed by the Senate in the conduct of its business in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with this Constitution and any special rules of order the Senate may adopt.

Section H, Paragraph 1 of the present Senate Bylaws and Regulations shall be replaced by this revised statement.

6. Tenure of Senate Officers - Section IV, Article 7 of the Constitution shall be revised to read as follows (added sentence underlined):

At the regular May meeting the Senate shall elect a President, a Vice President, and a Secretary from the elected faculty senators to serve for one year and to conduct the election of their successors. Senate officers may be reelected for one additional term, but may serve no more than two consecutive terms. The Secretary of the Senate shall also serve as Secretary of the University Faculty.

7. Meetings of the University Faculty - (Item sent back to Committee on Rules for further clarification.)

(Items 5 and 6 are recommendations for the general faculty.)

GRADUATE ACADEMIC SUBSTANDARD STATUS

APPROVED BY THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE ON DECEMBER 3, 1973

The index shall be computed after the first nine hours or semester's credit, whichever is larger, and for every nine-hour increment thereafter. The following degrees of substandard cumulative indexes will obtain:

2.50 - 2.99 = warning
2.00 - 2.49 = probation
2.00 = drop

If the index is not raised to the next higher category by the next semester's work or by the following 9-hour increment, the student is placed in the next lower category (warning to probation, probation to drop).

If the index places the student on probation and that index of 2.00 - 2.49 is not raised after one 9-hour increment, the student is terminated. If the index places the student on warning and that index of 2.49 - 2.99 is not raised after one 9-hour increment the student is placed on probation for one semester. If the student fails to achieve a 3.00 after one 9-hour increment on warning and one 9-hour increment on probation, he is then terminated.

In the case of Graduate Teaching Assistants on a 6-hour per semester course load, the increment shall consist of six hours as long as the Graduate Teaching Assistantship is in force.

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December 17, 1973

MEMORANDUM

TO: Deans, Directors, and Department Chairmen

FROM: University Faculty Senate *F. Loren Smith*
F. Loren Smith, President

SUBJECT: Academic Substandard Status for Graduate Students

At its December meeting, the Senate adopted changes in the existing regulations concerning academic standards for graduate students. The resolution as presented to the Senate by the Committee on Graduate Studies required editing better to clarify the procedures for the evaluation of full-time and part-time students.

The edited version, as approved in substance by the Senate and revised by the Committee on Graduate Studies, is attached, and supersedes the version attached to the minutes of the December Senate Meeting.

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Attachment

ACADEMIC SUBSTANDARD STATUS FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

The University Faculty Senate hereby resolves that the policy on academic substandard status (as stated on pages 45 and 46, Graduate Catalog 1971-73) be changed to read as follows:

For full-time students, the index shall be computed after the first semester and for every semester increment thereafter with the qualification that to be classified as a full-time student there must be a minimum of nine hours in each semester. The following degrees of substandard cumulative indices will obtain:

2.50 - 2.99 cumulative -- warning
2.00 - 2.49 cumulative -- probation
Below 2.00 cumulative -- drop

If the index is not raised by the following semester, the student is placed in the next lower category (warning to probation -- probation to drop). If the index places the student on probation and that index of 2.00 - 2.49 is not raised after one additional semester, the student is terminated. If the index places the student on warning and that index of 2.49 - 2.99 is not raised to the next higher category after an additional semester increment, the student is placed on probation for one semester. If the student fails to achieve a 3.00 after one semester on warning and one semester on probation, he is terminated.

In the case of graduate teaching assistants, a six-hour semester course load is the minimum although graduate teaching assistants may take more hours per semester if they wish to do so and are permitted by their adviser.

If a student does not take a minimum of nine hours a semester or six hours as a graduate teaching assistant, he becomes part-time and the following rules apply:

The index shall be computed after the first nine hours and for every nine-hour increment thereafter. The following degrees of substandard cumulative indices will obtain:

2.50 - 2.99 -- warning
2.00 - 2.49 -- probation
2.00 -- drop

If the index is not raised by the following nine-hour increment, the student is placed in the next lower category (warning to probation, probation to drop).

If the index places the student on probation and that index of 2.00 - 2.49 is not raised after one nine-hour increment, the student is terminated. If the index places the student on warning and that index of 2.49 - 2.99 is not raised to the next higher category after one nine-hour increment, the student is placed on probation for one semester. If the student fails to achieve a

3.00 after one nine-hour increment on warning and one nine-hour increment on probation, he is then terminated.

In the case of graduate teaching assistants on a six-hour per semester course load, the increment shall consist of six hours as long as the graduate teaching assistantship is in force.

University Faculty Senate
December 17, 1973

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MA IN CHEMISTRY
APPROVED BY THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE ON DECEMBER 3, 1973

- A. A minimum of 30 credit hours of graduate level courses including research credit with an overall of at least a B. A maximum of 12 credit hours may be taken in other departments. No thesis is required.
- B. Six of the Ph.D. core courses in chemistry must be included in the 30 hours of credit.
- C. Passage of the Ph.D. Cumulative examination administered by the Chemistry Department.
- D. Passage of the Ph.D. language examination, as defined by the area committee concerned.

Requirement (C) in this proposal has been slightly reworded to reflect the fact that the cumulative examinations are no longer limited to a single field. This degree provides the disenchanting Ph.D. candidate with an alternative course of action. In effect, it allows him to substitute the academic requirements for the Ph.D. and his research credits for the normal thesis that is required for the MS degree.