

REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

October 7, 1974

MINUTES

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

Julio Acunha	Harry D. Hutchinson	Stanley I. Sandler
Denise Barbieri	Mohammed Ilyas	Barbara Stafford
Mary K. Carl	Kenneth Lewis	Robert M. Stark
Richard I. Dick	Allen L. Morehart	Richard W. Tarpley
Ivo Dominguez	Ernest J. Moyne	Edward A. Trabant
Jack D. Ellis	Daniel C. Neale	Raymond Wolters
George F. W. Haenlein	Arlette I. Rasmussen	John C. Wriston
Svend E. Holsoe	Henry T. Reynolds	

The agenda, as distributed, was adopted by general consent, as were the minutes of the regular meeting of September 9, 1974.

Professor Mosberg announced that he had contacted the Library and they have agreed on placing two copies of all Senate transactions in the Library, i.e. agendas and minutes. Senators were asked to inform their constituents.

The Committee on Committees is fully constituted and consists of the following:

Madelynn F. Oglesby, Chairperson	John O'Neill, Physical Education
Stephen L. Finner, Sociology	Michael F. Pohlen, Business Admin.
John F. Gaynor, Education	Robert L. Salsbury, Agriculture
Robert N. McDonough, Elec. Engg.	Barbara H. Settles, Home Economics
John P. McLaughlin, Psychology	Hsiang Wang, Marine Studies
Dorothy Moser, Nursing	Shien-Biau Woo, Physics

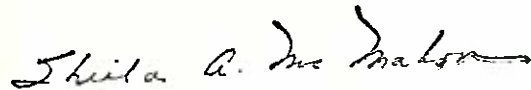
The nominees submitted by the Nominating Committee to serve on the Committee on Committees were: Stephen L. Finner, Byron P. Shurtleff, Francis X. Tannian, and Shien-Biau Woo. Stephen Finner and Shien-Bien Woo were elected.

During Governor Sherman W. Tribbitt's gubernatorial campaign in 1972, he promised to appoint a faculty member of the University of Delaware as a full member to the Board of Trustees. It is the understanding of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee that at least two Governor-appointed positions will become vacant in 1975. Their proposed resolution asks Governor Tribbitt to fulfill his campaign promise by appointing a faculty member to the Board. After discussion, the resolution passed. There were eight abstentions. Professor Mosberg will send the resolution to the Governor with a full list of the University Faculty, and will offer assistance in any way possible in the selection of a faculty member. (Resolution attached.)

Professor John Pikulski, Chairperson, Coordinating Committee on Education, introduced the proposal to establish the Institute for the Neurosciences and Behavior. The proposal had been approved by both the Committee on Research and by the Coordinating Committee on Education. The proposal was approved by the Senate and will be forwarded to President Trabant for transmission to the Board of Trustees. (Proposal attached.)

Several senators raised questions as to the status of the Council on Program Evaluation (COPE). Newspapers had stated that all of its members had resigned from the Council. COPE is not a Senate committee, but is an administrative one appointed by the Provost with the concurrence of the Senate. COPE was initially directed to the Senate from the Coordinating Committee on Education, and provided for the evaluation of the entire University. The Coordinating Committee on Education held an open hearing with good attendance to discuss its implications. Professor Edward E. Schweizer, former Chairperson of COPE had no comment to make in addition to what was stated in the newspapers. Provost L. Leon Campbell stated he had not yet accepted the resignations from the Council.

The meeting adjourned at 4:22 PM.



Sheila A. McMahon, Secretary
University Faculty Senate

Attachments:

- (1) Resolution concerning Faculty Appointment to the University of Delaware Board of Trustees
- (2) Resolution for the Establishment of an Institute for the Neurosciences and Behavior
- (3) Minutes, Executive Committee and Committee Chairpersons, September 16, 1974

RESOLUTION CONCERNING FACULTY APPOINTMENT TO THE
UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Submitted by

Faculty Senate Executive Committee

WHEREAS there are several vacancies pending on the University of Delaware Board of Trustees to be filled by persons appointed by the Governor of the Delaware State,

AND WHEREAS, during his gubernatorial campaign (November 2, 1972) Governor Sherman W. Tribbitt promised to appoint a faculty member of the University of Delaware as a full member of the Board of Trustees,

AND WHEREAS Governor Tribbitt publicly reaffirmed his position on this matter November 26, 1973,

BE IT RESOLVED that the University of Delaware Faculty Senate request the Governor to appoint a faculty member to fill one of the pending vacancies of the University of Delaware Board of Trustees.

Bill/Res. No. S.R. 88

Approved by

UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

Date October 7, 1974

Trustee Approval Needed

Yes

No

INSTITUTE FOR THE NEUROSCIENCES AND BEHAVIOR

Introduction

An Institute for the Neurosciences and Behavior is proposed, to be established within the University for the purpose of coordinating research projects and activities directed to studies of the brain and its functional display in behavior.

The proposal is in keeping with the announced intent of the University to support interdisciplinary research programs in terms of the coordination of research efforts across the several departments and colleges, as well as the encouragement of interdisciplinary efforts through sponsored university seminars and visiting scientist programs.

Background

Since the early 1960's, there has been a concerted effort to pool information from a variety of disciplines, all sharing a deep commitment to a clearer understanding of human behavior and the nature of man as a cognitive individual. Current investigations into the physical bases of learning, memory and thought processes, the neural control of aggression and fear, hunger and thirst, the biochemical bases of mental disorders and brain pathology, all involve contributions and knowledge from such disparate disciplines as chemistry, mathematics, biology, physics, engineering, psychology, ethology, and computer science. The success of disciplinary partnerships devoted to these problems is reflected in hybrid organizations already formed in several research centers and universities. The more fertile contributions have come from research endeavors characterized by easy communication and cooperation among investigators from diverse backgrounds.

These interdisciplinary efforts have resulted in the formation of a national organization, The Society for Neuroscience, an organization that has grown enormously over the past few years. The Society provides an annual forum for the communication of new research. An international, interuniversity group known as the Neurosciences Research Program, sponsored by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and heavily and continuously funded by Federal grants has also been formed. This group works to bring together eminent scientists in a variety of disciplines ranging from mathematics, physics and computer science through chemistry, neurology and psychology. The Neurosciences Research Program publishes work reports at frequent intervals apprising investigators of the new work and ideas about the nervous system.

Recently formed also at several universities are neurosciences groups that function both as research institutes (e.g., Princeton University, Florida State University, Yale University, Harvard University, The Universities of Virginia and North Carolina), and as individual departments in their own right (e.g., The Universities of California at both Irvine and San Diego, The University of Florida, The University of Pennsylvania, The University of Rochester).

Organization

In its formative stage the Institute is viewed as an investigative center providing the structure to attract research monies and provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and contributions in the neurosciences. Granting agencies favor interdisciplinary efforts and afford a line of support otherwise unavailable through individual effort.

Another utility is to provide funds to bring to the University research investigators and visitors who can lecture in their disciplines and offer seminars to interested members of the University community.

The Institute would also serve as a holding organization for young promising neuroscientists who wish to locate temporarily at an institution offering them facilities. The number here would be few. Their support would be entirely from outside funds and of limited duration.

The Institute would not function as a degree granting unit. Students associated with research projects carried on under Institute auspices would be matriculated within the graduate training programs of their respective departments.

Funding

Sources of income for the Institute would come eventually from overhead monies supplied by grants and contracts awarded to its members. An initial period of three years is estimated for establishing a self-sustaining unit. During that initial period a grant of \$20,000, for each of three years is requested to be apportioned as follows:

Colloquium speakers and visiting investigators	\$4,000
Public Relations Costs and Office Supplies	2,000
Travel and Consulting	2,500
Secretary	6,500
Special seminars	5,000

The sources of monies presently available through grants' overhead of Institute members should remain as assigned to the grantee's department. As of September 1, 1975, it is requested that income from overhead monies received after that date be divided in the ratio of 3/12 to the Institute and 1/12 to the departments of the principal investigators, apportioned according to their affiliations. Grant requests initiated by members of the Institute will be forwarded through the departments concerned in accord with current practice.

Personnel

The affairs of the Institute will be conducted by a Director elected by the membership and approved by the Associate Provost for Research, to whom he is responsible. The term shall be for three years, subject to renewal. The Director's responsibilities will be largely concerned with funding and the attraction of personnel. Release time when appropriate will be negotiated with the department of affiliation.

A full-time secretary is required to handle inquiries, correspondence, typing and coordination of grant requests, budgeting of relevant funds, and protocol supervision of visiting scientists and personnel.

Bill/Res. No. S.B. 124

Approved by
UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

Date October 7, 1974

Trustee Approval Needed Yes
 No

MINUTES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

The Executive Committee of the University Faculty Senate met with the chairmen of the committees on Monday, September 16, 1974, to review the policies concerning Senate committee organization and operation.

Clarification was made that all Senate committees are responsible to the Senate. If a committee is requested by the administration to perform a duty or is asked for advice, the chairman should contact the Executive Committee to find out if the responsibility actually lies with the committee or the entire Senate body.

Most committees carry out policies approved by the Senate. In the day-to-day operations of a committee in carrying out its charge, committees tend to either explicitly or implicitly institute new policies or change existing policies. Such substantive changes may require approval of the Senate. Thus, chairmen were asked to be alert to such policy considerations and to consult with the Executive Committee as to whether such matters should be acted upon by the Senate.

Some items have come up over the summer that require Senate action; Professor Mosberg will distribute these items to the appropriate committees. He also reminded the chairmen that it is within their charges to generate business.

Professor Mosberg asked all committee chairmen to re-evaluate their committee's charge and where appropriate to recommend changes. In addition, committee chairmen were asked to review the role of their committee in reference to the continued need of their committee and their functional relationship to other Senate and University committees.

Professor Catts asked all chairmen to please be at Senate meetings when an item is on the agenda concerning their committees. The Constitution of the Faculty of the University of Delaware, Section IV, 15, states:

"The chairman of each standing committee of the University Faculty, unless he be an elected faculty senator, shall attend or delegate a member of his committee to attend ex officio."

Section VI of the Faculty Constitution states that "proposals may be made to the Senate or any other committee of the University Faculty by any member of the University Community." If a proposal is sent directly to your committee, please send a copy of the proposal to the Senate Office. If your committee consistently sends agendas and minutes to the Senate Office, that is sufficient.

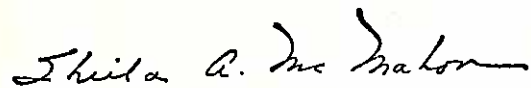
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All chairmen were requested to send a copy to the Senate Office of:
(1) new proposals; (2) agendas of all future meetings; and (3) minutes
signed by the chairman of all meetings.

The secretary in the Senate Office (Patsy Erisman) is available to
help all committee chairmen.



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