

REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

November 3, 1975

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the University Faculty Senate was called to order at 4:00 p.m. Senators not in attendance were:

Joseph T. Bockrath	Dene G. Klinzing
J. Douglas Campbell	William E. McDaniel
William S. Gaither	Robert N. McDonough
Andrew Hepburn	Helen F. McHugh
Robert C. Hodson	Franklin B. Newman
Larry W. Holmes ✓	Asa B. Pieratt
Svend Holsoe	Marjorie Recke
Steve Kavanaugh	Richard W. Tarpley
Vytatutas Klemas	Roger S. Ulrich

President Braun opened the meeting with a request that item V-C, the recommendation from the Committee on Committees concerning the Svec proposal to abolish the University Promotion and Tenure Committee, be dropped from the Agenda. Vice President Catts explained that, because it is necessary to prepare the agenda well in advance of the Senate meetings, this item was entered when it was anticipated that the Committee on Committees would have completed their review and recommendations. Prof. Catts read a memo from Prof. Scarpitti, Chairperson of the Committee on Committees, indicating that the matter was still under discussion in the Committee and that they would report at the December Senate meeting. No objection was voiced and the item was dropped from the Agenda.

The minutes of the October 6, 1975 meeting were approved as written.

Prof. Braun announced that during the illness of the Senate Secretary, Prof. Marjorie Recke, Prof. Sheila McMahon had agreed to serve as Secretary pro tem.

President Braun reminded the Senators of the times and locations of the series of University budget reviews to be given by Provost Campbell and Assistant Provost Graziano, and urged the Senators to attend.

President Braun announced that the listing of University Faculty Senate committees and their members is currently complete except for the names of graduate and undergraduate student members, and will be distributed to the faculty by mid-November. Meanwhile, questions regarding the listings may be directed to the Faculty Senate office.

A conference "Toward an Uncertain Future: Graduate Education at the University of Delaware" will be held in Clayton Hall on Friday, November 14 from 9:15 to 12:15 and from 2:00 to 5:00. Further information may be obtained from Provost Halio (2101). Prof. Halio informed the Senate that copies of the draft reports of the Conference study groups will be available in University departments and divisions, and in the library, prior to the Conference.

President Braun called to the Senate's attention the fact that, because of the new judicial policy approved by the Faculty Senate and the University Board of Trustees, two Senate committees--the Judicial Policy Board and the Student-Faculty Appellate Court--have become inoperative. These committees have been omitted from the Faculty Handbook and the Senate committee listings because of the de facto situation, but since they still exist (it requires a 2/3 vote of the Senate to remove them) the matter has been referred by the Rules Committee to the Senate Committee on Committees for their recommendations.

President Braun introduced Mr. J. R. Harrison, University Treasurer, the first in a series of University administrators who have been invited to address the Senate at consecutive meetings, first to describe their office and, at the next meeting, to answer questions from the senators. Because of scheduling problems Mr. Harrison combined the two and made his presentation and answered questions in this single appearance.

Mr. Harrison distributed copies of the 1973-74 University Financial Report to the senators, and discussed the background to the creation of his office in 1973. He described his office as acting in a service capacity to carry out the decisions of the Provost's office, and listed the various duties and responsibilities of his office, one of which is the preparation of the annual Financial Report. Mr. Harrison explained various aspects of the Report, including the Auditor's report, the role of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants in providing guidelines, the Fund Accounting system, and the statement of current funds, revenues and expenditures. He also discussed the categories of restricted and unrestricted funds and of mandatory transfers.

Prof. Finner asked whether any comparative studies had been done for similar institutions of what funds go into the various categories of the University budget, or of the percentages of the total funds allocated to each category. Mr. Harrison responded that the auditors supply the definitions of the categories, but that there are no studies of the percentages allocated to them. Provost Campbell added that guidelines are also provided by HEW in its annual Hegis Report, which is available in the University library.

Prof. Sandler asked for an explanation of the "Other Transfers" category on the budget sheet which compared the 1974-75 budget to the actual expenditures. Mr. Harrison explained that the amount referred to reflected in part a transfer to endowment funds due to a fund set aside years ago by the Trustees in the event of the failure of the then bi-annual state legislature to pass the budget before adjournment. He cited also the annual problem of obtaining budgets from research grant administrators. Provost Campbell added that the budget is actually revised daily, and functions as a planning document, with the planning parameters supplied by the Trustees; income from grants, gifts and tuition are always variable items in the budget.

Prof. Mosberg asked whether the guidelines from the Institute of Certified Public Accountants determine what goes into the budget categories and whether they check to see that the budget is in conformity with the guidelines. Mr. Harrison replied that there is pressure from the Institute for the University to conform with the practices of other Universities.

Prof. Mosberg then asked whether the endowment funds listed on the balance sheet were at cost or market value; Mr. Harrison replied that they were listed at cost value on that sheet, but that the market value was given on page 16 in the report.

President Braun then introduced the proposal from the Division of Urban Affairs and the Department of Political Science for a Master's Degree in Public Administration. The proposal has been approved by both the Senate Committee on Graduate Studies and the Coordinating Committee on Education, and Prof. Callahan, Chairperson of the Committee on Graduate Studies, gave the background of the committee reviews of the proposal. Dean Brucker of the College of Business and Economics expressed concern about the impact the proposed program would have on that College, particularly in the area of staffing, citing the nine courses from the College which were listed in the proposal. Prof. Lewis of the Division of Urban Affairs stated that the problems of staffing would be approached by joint appointments and through augmented offerings in the Department of Political Science. Prof. Ingersoll, Chairperson of the Department of Political Science, stressed the interdisciplinary nature of the program. Prof. Callahan noted the large core of duplicated courses, and added that the matter of course offerings and staffing was intended to be the subject of continued discussion.

Prof. Mosberg asked Prof. Pikulski, Chairperson of the Coordinating Committee on Education, whether his Committee had developed any priorities for the establishment of the various programs considered by his Committee, adding that he thought that some faculty group should do so. Prof. Pikulski responded that his Committee did not do it, and that it would be a difficult task.

Dean Greenfield asked who would define and supervise the Internship portion of the proposed program. Prof. Lewis responded that the faculty advisor and a faculty committee would do this, making use of their past experience with the various state agencies where interns might be assigned.

Prof. Sharnoff inquired about the purpose and number of stipends listed in the budget, and Prof. Lewis explained that they represented tuition and fellowship costs for four students; the budget was given for one year only, and represented costs to the University. In addition, the departments were applying for grants, most of which are contingent on approval of the program.

A question was raised about the relationship between the proposed internships and the traditional thesis requirement. It was explained that they were regarded as options, and that the report required from the intern would be equivalent to a thesis. Because the program is intended as a terminal, professional degree program the field experience represented by the internships is particularly important. Students who enter the program with extensive experience will be encouraged to do research.

In response to a question about the admission requirements for the program Prof. Callahan stressed that the Graduate Committee had felt very strongly that the standard criteria should continue to apply, with no departures from current practice, and this was accepted by the drafting committee.

A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to call the question; President Braun then called the question, and the proposed program for a Master's Degree in Public Administration was approved by the Senate with one dissension.

President Braun then introduced the proposed revision of the Faculty Bylaws concerning faculty engagement in political activity, from the Faculty Welfare and Privileges Committee. Prof. Geiger, Chairperson of that Committee, discussed the intent of the Committee to remove the "fuzzy" language of the existing statement. President Trabant agreed with this intent, but moved that the words "engage in political activities, for example" be inserted so that the sentence beginning at the end of line 7 of the proposed revision would read:

Faculty members proposing to engage in political activities, for example to run for election or accept an appointment to a public office or position in a political party, are expected to notify the President of the University in advance.

The motion was seconded.

Prof. Finner felt that this raised the question of prior restraint, and urged that it be defeated. Prof. Soles cited his recent personal experience and expressed the opinion that the previous language did provide guidelines, but he felt that if the kinds of political activity were spelled out it would be clearer which activities required notification to the President. Prof. Palmer asked whether it was primarily a matter of the kind of political activity or of the time required of the faculty member who engaged in the activity. President Trabant responded that it was primarily a matter of time, but that there are places where individuals can take actions that will affect the University, some of which--such as managing a political campaign or campaign fund--could be of a sensitive nature. He felt there should be guidelines for political activity that is sensitive and would have impact on the University. Prof. Finner felt that any behaviour of a faculty member might take time or oppose University interests, and that there was no need for special provisions for political activity.

A motion was made and seconded to return the proposed revision of the Faculty Bylaws concerning faculty engagement in political activity to the Senate Committee on Faculty Welfare and Privileges, and to request that that Committee meet with Prof. Soles, President Trabant and others, and then report the matter back to the Senate. The motion carried.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

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