

REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

April 11, 1977

MINUTES

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

Bob Cook	Vytautas Klemas
Alexander Doberenz	William McDaniel
William Gaither	Frank Murphey
Billy P. Glass	Billy Ross
Robert Hodson	George Tatum
William Hynick	

Senators excused: Edith Anderson, Val E. Arnsdorf, Eric Brucker, JoAnn Cox, Stephen Finner, Helen Gouldner, Laurence Kalkstein, Edward Kerner, Donald Meyer, Barry Morstain, Lucia Palmer, John Reynolds, Richard Sharf, Robert Warren

II. President Pikulski called for approval of the minutes of March 7, 1977. Secretary Van Camp reported that Senator Pieratt should have had an excused absence for that meeting. There being no other corrections the minutes were approved.

III. President Trabant addressed the Senate, stating that it appears that there will be an approximate cut in operating funds from the present level in state appropriation of about \$500,000 to \$600,000. These reductions derive from a cutback in the DIMER program of about \$300,000 and an indication from Delaware Technical and Community College to drop the contract of the college parallel program at the University totally or in major part. President Trabant stated that in attempting to reduce the operating costs of the University without reducing the educational opportunities, the administration is trying to explore all kinds of ideas and arrangements on a regional basis with institutions both within and outside of the State for new patterns which will broaden and deepen the opportunities of Delawareans. He stated that although he regretted the timing of this announcement because the faculty of the College of Education had not yet been informed, (although the administration and chairs of the College had been told) the administration was asking that College to embark upon a period of self-examination and self study, without regard to departmental lines, with a view to reducing the contractual obligations of the University. President Trabant stated that the search for a new dean had been cancelled. Acting Dean Billy Ross has been asked to head up the self evaluation process. The President stated that this decision was based partially upon statements from the Delaware Department of Public Instruction that it does not turn to the University for guidance, for leadership, for solving a problem. He stated "The College has not been able to achieve a recognition of quality at the national level which is consistent with the other operating colleges and units of our University."

With student enrollment going down as well as the other factors mentioned, President Trabant stated that the College of Education had been chosen as the first major study of re-evaluation and re-programming of its activities.

Provost Campbell commented briefly, stating that there are other units in the University which will be doing program rearrangements and that there will be administrative as well as academic units involved, but that the administration is not yet ready to talk about them. He stated that the College of Education has been asked to have a plan developed for review with the appropriate people around the middle of August, with major reductions to occur by June 30, 1978 and the completed job to be done by June 30, 1979. This will be a two year phase reduction with the bulk being done in the first year.

IV. Announcements

President Pikulski announced that excused absences from Faculty Senate meetings must be called in prior to the meeting rather than after.

VI. New Business

- A. Recommendation from Committee on Undergraduate Studies that there be a decrease in the total credits in Food Nutrition Option II-B.

Professor Toensmeyer introduced the recommendation from the Undergraduate Studies Committee that there be a decrease in the total credits in Food Nutrition Option II-B. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

*Decrease in Total Credits (141 to 131) in Food
Nutrition Option II-B (Coordinated Undergraduate
Program in Dietetics)*

- B. Resolution from Library Committee for allocation of funds for addition to Morris Library.

Professor Craven introduced the resolution. Some discussion followed with Librarian John Dawson stating that the Morris Library is well below national minimum standards for college and university libraries with approximately 1,400 seats, or 10% of the student enrollment when the normal is approximately 25-30% of the student enrollment. He stated that almost a mile of shelving a year is added by the purchase of acquisitions, and that in his opinion the Morris Library has shelving for about two to two and a half more years. Mr. Dawson stated that within four years they will have to be putting books on the floor. The resolution was passed unanimously.

RESOLVED that the Senate wishes to endorse as a high priority, the allocation of funds for an addition to the Morris Library; that the Senate considers this to be a matter of great urgency because the Library building, the major common resource serving the entire University, is no longer adequate to serve students, faculty, staff and the community at large, and that the Senate appreciates the President's and the Provost's favorable disposition toward this matter, as expressed to the Director of Libraries.

- C. Recommendation from the Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Standing for the Institutional Recognition for Acceptance of Transfer Credit.

Prof. Paskewitz answered questions concerning the resolution. When asked if this would affect the University's acceptance of credit from other in-state institutions it was stated that the Kent County Campus of Delaware Technical and Community College is now working towards accreditation, and all other state institutions are already accredited. Transfer of credit from foreign schools would continue as in the past, handled by the assistant director of admissions. After brief discussion the resolution was passed unanimously.

RECOMMENDED that the University discontinue using Report of Credit Given by Educational Institutions as the criterion for accepting transfer credit and instead accept transfer credit only from those institutions fully accredited by the appropriate regional accrediting association.

- D. Recommendation from the Rules Committee to amend, by addition of a sentence, Section I-8, #4 of the bylaws of the University Faculty Senate.

A correction to the resolution from the Rules Committee was inserted and the resolution passed unanimously.

Vacancies created in the Senate for any reason whatsoever shall be filled by an election of the faculty involved. The Rules Committee is authorized to adjust the ending point of such a term in order to assure that adequate overlap of terms required in Section IV, Paragraph 3 of the Constitution is maintained for each unit. That term shall not count against him in subsequent elections to a regular term.

(Note: The italicized section has been added.)

- E. Recommendation from the Rules Committee to change the bylaws in reference to the charge to the Nominating Committee.

A correction to the resolution eliminating the phrase "and the chairperson of the Coordinating Committee on Campus Life" was made, as the Coordinating Committee on Campus Life was eliminated by Senate Action May 4, 1976. There being no further discussion, the resolution was passed, unanimously.

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 *as they become vacant*: 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; and the chairperson of the Coordinating Committee on Education. 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.

(Note: The italicized section has been added.)

- F. Recommendation from the Rules Committee to eliminate the fifth paragraph, Section 3, Standing Committee System of the Faculty and its Senate, Page I-13.

Professor Van Camp read the paragraph from which the resolution stemmed in the Faculty Handbook. The resolution was passed unanimously with no discussion.

RECOMMENDED that the fifth paragraph, Section 3, Standing Committee System of the Faculty and its Senate, Page I-13, be eliminated. It is now obsolete due to actions taken by the Senate in increasing the terms of the Nominating Committee to two years and the replacement of the Judicial Policy Board and Faculty-Student Appellate Court by the new Student Judicial System.

- G. Resolution from the Committee on Committees to revise the charge and name change for the Committee on Faculty Welfare and Privileges.

The resolution was made by the Committee on Committees following earlier action of the Senate regarding student grievance. Considerable discussion followed, with suggestions that if the resolution were passed the entire scope of the committee would change. It was suggested that the two items, name change and charge to the committee be voted separately, with the charge to be voted first. There being no objections this was done, and the change in the charge to the committee was passed unanimously. The motion to change the name of the committee failed with no votes expressed in favor of the change.

- H. Resolution from the Committee on Committees that the Committee on Winterim be dissolved.

President Pikulski stated that there were a number of other committees well adapted to evaluate the Winterim Program. These include: Committee on Adjunct Academic Affairs, Committee on Educational Innovation and Planning, Committee on Graduate Studies and Committee on Undergraduate Studies. There being no further discussion the motion was voted and passed unanimously.

RESOLVED that the Committee on Winterim be dissolved.

- I. Recommendation from the Committee on Student Life to approve the proposed Faculty Philosophy Statement for Student Judicial System.

President Pikulski stated that the word "undergraduate" should be deleted from the title and that "student" rather than "undergraduate student" should appear on page 2 of the statement of philosophy. Professor Sharnoff asked that "their" be changed to "his/her". With these corrections the motion was passed unanimously.

*RECOMMENDED that the Faculty Senate approve
"The Philosophy of the Student Judicial System
at the University of Delaware."*

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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