

REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

February 7, 1977

The regular meeting of the University Faculty Senate was called to order at 4:00 p.m. with Vice President Shurtleff presiding for Items I and II; President Pikulski presided for the remainder of the meeting. Senators not in attendance were:

L. Leon Campbell
Bob Cook
William Gaither
Irwin G. Greenfield
Robert C. Hogenson
Larry W. Holmes

Edward H. Kerner
William E. McDaniel
Frank J. Murphey
Daniel C. Neale
Judith A. Runkle

Senators Excused: Robert H. Hill, Robert M. Stark, Victor Spinski

I. Adoption of the Agenda. There were no objections and the Agenda was adopted as distributed.

II. Approval of the Minutes. The minutes of December 6, 1976 were approved. Secretary Van Camp made a correction to the minutes of October 4, 1976. Through error in presentation the Faculty Senate voted a constitutional change to I-2, Section IV-2 (Faculty Handbook) concerning election of Graduate Students to the Faculty Senate in the absence of a Graduate Student Association. This should have been a by-law change, becoming a 5th paragraph to Section 3 of I-17 in the Faculty Handbook, (charge to the Committee on Graduate Studies). The minutes of October 4, 1976 were approved as corrected.

As President Trabant was not present during the initial phase of the meeting, Vice President Shurtleff proceeded to Item IV of the agenda.

IV. Announcements. Vice President Shurtleff announced the newly elected Graduate Senators.

Mr. John Kilman, Department of English
Mr. Hershel Elliott, Department of Civil Engineering

He then introduced Professor Harold Kwart who gave a report from the Graduate Studies Committee.

Progress Report - Graduate Studies Committee

Professor Kwart presented a brief progress report of the Interim Governing Board. The Interim Governing Board has been meeting regularly during the past semester and continuing during this semester. The category of activities are

1. As an administrative body
2. As a report study panel consisting of four task forces:

- Task Force One: The Criteria and Procedures for Appointing Faculty to the College of Graduate Studies
- Task Force Two: Recruitment and Enrollment of Graduate Students in Departments and Colleges
- Task Force Three: Admission to Graduate Study and Advancement to Graduate Degrees
- Task Force Four: Functions and Responsibilities of the Graduate College and its Administrative Structure

The chairman of the Interim Governing Board, Professor Gerard Mangone, has met with each of the college deans during the past semester. He is planning to convene a full meeting of Graduate Faculty in early March. The Interim Governing Board has supervised admission to Graduate Students to the University. They have conferred appointments to the Graduate Faculty, and have been involved with the distribution of graduate fellowships. These activities will continue until the Interim Governing Board disbands in May.

In answer to Senator Braun's question concerning the COPE evaluation of the College, Professor Kwart stated that any problems which have developed will be discussed at the full Graduate Faculty Meeting in March. The COPE investigation is a separate functioning group which reports directly to the Provost. Their report would be released by Provost Campbell when completed.

(President Pikulski presiding)

President Pikulski announced that there will be an Open Hearing on PLATO on Wednesday, February 9, 1977 - Kirkbride Hall.

III. Remarks by President Trabant. President Trabant addressed the Senate on the Joint Finance Committee Meeting in Dover, from which he, President Pikulski and Tony Graziano, Special Assistant to the President and Director of Institutional Research and Financial Planning had just returned. Governor Carvel had planned to be with them but was ill. President Trabant stated to the Joint Finance Committee that the University was part of the solution to the problem of the state and not part of the problem. In recent years the Joint Finance Committee had been consistent in the ordering of priorities of appropriation, i.e., giving higher percentage increases to the other institutions of higher education in the state than they have to the University of Delaware. Although the University has more than one half of the Delaware students in higher education, it receives less than half the amount appropriated to higher education.

In November before the Director of Budget, Mr. Dryden, a request was made for operating funds that amounted to a little more than 4.8 million. This has now been reduced to 3.5 million approximately a third decrease in the amount asked for in November. Salary percentage increases have not been reduced. Occupational Teacher Education has no increase. The request for reimbursement for free tuition for public school teachers amounting to \$280,000 has also been eliminated.

President Trabant also referred to an anticipated saving of about \$190,000 through a new agreement with the City of Newark on the electric rate. He commented on other possible sources of funding for the University; stating that another tuition increase is out of the question and the only other alternative, should the state reduce the appropriation by 20% of the current level would be eliminating an entire unit of the University. President Trabant felt that the presentation to the Joint Finance Committee was well received.

V. Old Business - None

VI. New Business. President Pikulski introduced Item A from the Coordinating Committee. Professor Mosberg made a correction to Item A - page one - "minor change" should be "minor program." This recommendation comes from the Coordinating Committee and Undergraduate Study Committee. A question was raised concerning the reflection of a minor in the student's transcript. The cost of doing that at this time would be exorbitant and would involve reprogramming the entire student record system. There is a plan to revise the student record system within eighteen to twenty-four months. If minors are recommended by the Senate, for the next eighteen to twenty-four months departments offering minors would be responsible for keeping their own records. After the student record system is revised, minors will be part of the record system. There are no budgetary implications for establishing minors.

Professor Toensmeyer stated that by establishing a minor the unit would then have some control over particular programs that students would like to take that are less than a major requirement. Departments will administer minors programs which have received Senate approval. Advisement procedures will be an integral part of the success of this program.

Professor Braun asked if it would be possible for a program which doesn't offer a major to offer a minor, giving the example of comparative literature which does not offer a major. Professor Mosberg responded that this would be possible and added that each minor must be approved by the Undergraduate Studies Committee. The recommendation was passed by unanimous voice vote:

RECOMMENDED that the Faculty Senate approve the establishment of minors as options within undergraduate degree programs with the condition that specific minor programs must be approved by the Undergraduate Studies Committee and must meet the following criteria:

- 1. A minimum of 15 credit hours is required for a minor change.*
- 2. A department offering a minor must specify all required courses and options.*
- 3. A student must obtain permission before declaring a minor from the chairperson or his designee in the department offering a minor.*
- 4. Advisement procedure must be specified by the department offering the minor.*

President Pikulski introduced Item B, a recommendation from the Coordinating Committee on Education that the Faculty Senate approve the establishment of a minor in Business Administration as proposed by the College of Business and Economics. After some discussion the following was approved by unanimous voice vote:

RECOMMENDED that the Faculty Senate approve the establishment of a minor in Business Administration as proposed by the College of Business and Economics.

Item C, resolutions from the Coordinating Committee on Education resulting from a report from the Study Committee on Honors. After discussion the following was approved by a unanimous voice vote:

"WHEREAS, there is a need to expand and coordinate efforts to foster academic programs which challenge and enrich the academic life of our outstanding undergraduate students;

Be it RESOLVED that the recommendations contained in the report of the Student Committee on Honors be considered by the appropriate committees of the University Faculty Senate and that these committees report in a timely manner such recommendations as required to implement the aims set forth in the Report of the Study Committee on Honors.

Be it further RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate endorses, in principle, the implementation of the interim recommendations set forth in the report."

Item D-1, recommendations from Committee on Committees for approval of the following appointments to Senate Committees. There was no discussion and the following slate was approved by unanimous voice vote:

1. *Appointments to Committee Vacancies*

- a) Rodney Gray, Food and Nutrition, to fill unexpired term of Ronald Martin on Graduate Studies Committee.*
- b) Charles Marler, Educational Foundations, to fill unexpired term of Jack Robinson on Committee on Student Life.*
- c) David Haslett, Philosophy, to Parking Appeals Board.*
- d) Harvey Blanch, Chemical Engineering, as alternate member of Parking Appeals Board.*

Item D-2, recommendations for appointments to the Budgetary Review Committee. Professor Sandler introduced the subject of the final report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Retrenchment which called for the establishment and the appointment of a Budgetary Review Committee with five faculty members for staggered terms. This was approved by the Senate at the December 6, 1976 meeting. (In addition, two members will be appointed by the Provost and President.) Professor Sandler asked for Senate approval of the slate. Professor Finner objected to the proposed slate, saying that three people came from one college; that only three colleges are represented on the slate and that four of the five are full professors. He suggested that they should have at least one non-tenured person on the Committee. Professor Braun asked that the slate be examined item by item. After considerable discussion, Professor Finner moved that the slate of candidates be returned to the Committee on Committees for further consideration. A vote of 22 to 22 was recorded and the motion was therefore defeated. Professor Braun moved that the slate be considered seriatim. This motion was also defeated. President Pikulski then called for a vote on the confirmation of the slate. This was defeated. As a result, the slate was returned to the Committee on Committees for further consideration and revision.

Item E, recommendations from Committee on Committees for a change in the charges to the Nominating Committee. The change to five full time faculty members, two of whom shall be elected senators rather than five elected senators reflects the fact that so many faculty have served as senators it is no longer necessary to look hard for faculty with senate experience to serve on this Committee. After brief discussion, this change passed unanimously.

Replace paragraph 2 (Page I-15 of Faculty Handbook)

CURRENT: "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 reelection to one additional term. No member of this Committee may serve for more than two consecutive terms."

APPROVED: "Membership on this Committee shall consist of five full time faculty members, at least two of whom shall be elected faculty senators. Each year the Committee will designate one of its members as Chairperson. Term shall be for a two year period, staggered so that in any given year at least two members carry over to the next year. No member shall serve consecutive terms."

Item F, the report from the Committee on Academic Freedom was presented. Professor Safer moved that the report be adopted. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

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A motion for adjournment was made, seconded and approved, and the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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