

REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

May 2, 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:

Edith Anderson	Harry Hutchinson
C. Harold Brown	Peter Leavens
Dale Buckmaster	James Oliver
Donald Crossan	Billy E. Ross
Ivo Dominquez	Judith Runkle
Willard Fletcher	John E. Worthen
T. Stevenson Hansell	

Senators excused: Barry Morstain and Elaine Safer.

(N. B. As this was the last regular meeting of the 1976-77 academic year, newly elected senators were in attendance.)

President Pikulski asked for any objections to adoption of the agenda, and as there were none the meeting proceeded as scheduled. The minutes of March 21, 1977 and April 11, 1977 were approved with the following corrections: Senators Gouldner, Kalkstein and Pieratt had excused absences for the Special Senate meeting of March 21, 1977. President Pikulski welcomed the new Senators and reminded them that it was their responsibility to sign the attendance sheet at each meeting. By Senate action in 1976 Senators having two successive unexcused absences must resign and a new election take place within the unit. Excused absences consist of informing the Faculty Senate office, 2829, prior to the meeting, that one is unable to attend.

President Trabant addressed the Senate on the current status of budget recommendations from the Joint Finance Committee of the State Legislature. He stated that they changed DIMER funding to a line item basis, which will not mean additional funding for that program. As matters now stand the University would receive a 3% increase over last years' funding, Delaware State 8%, and Delaware Technical and Community College 10%. The increase would amount to \$610,000 over last year and would constitute an increase in salaries of 1.2%. President Trabant remarked that State support of Delaware students at other institutions within the State amounts to approximately \$3,000.00 while State support of Delaware students at the University amounts to about \$2,000.00. He also stated that if the University received higher funding from the State it would be happy to lower tuition.

Old Business

- A. Resolution from the Committee on Student Life on the Review and Return of Student Papers.

Senator Miller spoke to some of the problems which the English Department envisions were this resolution passed. He stated that 3,132 students a year take Freshman English (E 110) and that there are from 200 to 300 cases of plagiarism a semester. Students are required to write eight papers during the semester, seven of these are returned to the students for "feedback" and then the papers are returned to the department. Prof. Miller suggested that by holding a student's work for a semester plagiarism would be retarded, but he also suggested that students could photocopy their papers at any point. He also stated that he had tried to find a University policy stating a time limit on when a student could challenge a grade, and finding none, suggested that one should be built into the resolution. Senator Braun offered an amendment that Freshman English be exempted from this resolution. Senator Finner spoke against the amendment, suggesting that if you start making one exception, others would follow. A suggestion was made that each department should make its own rules concerning return of papers. A vote on Senator Braun's motion failed. Senator Sharnoff moved that the two sections of the resolution be voted separately. His motion passed, and in subsequent voting Part 1 passed and Part 2 failed.

*RESOLVED that each student shall have the right to examine his or her work, such as problem sets, papers, examinations, etc., upon which his or her final grade is based, through the second Friday of the next full (fall or spring) term following the deadline for submission of the final grade. Exceptions shall be copyrighted examinations made up by outside testing services.*

New Business

- A. Resolution from the Coordinating Committee on Education and the Committee on Student and Faculty Honors.

Senator Mosberg gave a brief background on this resolution stating that this resolution had originated in the Committee on Student and Faculty Honors, chaired by Professor Rosenberry, that an interim report had been supported by the Faculty Senate, and that this had then gone to the Coordinating Committee on Education for consideration. The report of this Committee was distributed to the Senate with an apology for not having it distributed earlier as an attachment. The primary points of the report were introduced by Senator Mosberg

as follows:

- A. the establishment of a director of Honors Program, a position which might be combined with the present Freshman Honors Program,
- B. the establishment of an advisory board,
- C. the establishment of an honors center,
- D. that the program be accepted as a budget line item,
- E. the establishment of a scholars program and,
- F. that a suitable system be developed to designate certain courses and seminars as Honors throughout the University.

He stated further that some of the recommendations in fact have been going forward since the passage of the earlier resolution in the Senate (February 7, 1977) with honors courses, colloquium. Dean Wenger stated that copies of the whole report are available. He said that there is a need to attract more and better students to the University, as well as to hold the present students from the Freshman Honors Program. Dean Wenger also stated that this is not a new educational experience, but rather an effort to bring to the attention of students a number of alternatives which already exist. Senator Mosberg stated that there are financial implications that are implicit and which cannot be answered at this time such as the director's salary, and the cost of a center and said that his committee recommends the resolution in principle but in terms of the University budget cannot take a stand.

Professor Harward said that of the 149 Freshman Honors Program students enrolled last fall, 103 will be continuing at the University, and that those who are not continuing will be attending prestigious institutions such as Oberlin, Tufts, Harvard, etc. He said that thirty courses will be offered in the fall of 1977, with four interdisciplinary seminars. There will also be a University sponsored seminar on Nature of Power. Senator Sharnoff asked if consideration had been given to the establishment of an Honors dorm. Professor Harward responded that although no formal action has been taken, present students are reserving places in Rodney C and D, which is close to Belmont and other language centers, and also has its own basement classrooms. Senator Lou questioned the advisability of establishing a new program when the University is cutting back on other colleges. Dean Wenger responded that there are ways of doing this without cost, and that much has been done already in this respect by Professor Harward and his staff. He also suggested the possibility of getting "soft funds", and stated that such a program would give the University national visibility. President Pikulski called for the vote and the motion passed.

*Be it RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate endorses, in principle, the Basic Recommendations contained in the Report of the Student Committee on Honors.*

*Be it further RESOLVED, that an in-depth evaluation be conducted within three years of the implementation of the Basic Recommendations to ascertain the advisability of continued support of these recommendations. This evaluation should be initiated by the Office of the Provost and carried out with the cooperation of the Senate Committee on Adjunct Academic Affairs with the final report to be submitted to the Coordinating Committee on Education.*

B. & C. Election of Officers and other Committee Chairpersons and Members

Ballots were passed out for the election of Senate officers, committee chairs and members to serve on the Committee on Committees and Nominating Committee. While ballots were counted the regular meeting proceeded.

D. Report from the Ad Hoc Committee on Academic Honesty.

Associate Provost Halio introduced the Report from the Ad Hoc Committee on Academic Honesty. As the report did not come from a standing committee of the Senate it did not come as a passed resolution. Professor Halio said that originally it had been expected that this would be given to the Committee on Student Life, but that that Committee was back-logged and instead it was sent to the Senate Executive Committee which suggested the current procedure. Senator Finner moved that the report be accepted so that discussion could follow, and his motion was seconded. Senator Finner made a motion that the phrase "and course" be stricken from item 2. under Additional Steps. This was seconded by Senator Sharnoff. After some discussion a vote was taken and the amendment failed.

Senator Finner then moved that item 4. under Additional Steps be amended to include "and faculty" and to eliminate the final phrase of the first sentence "and faculty apathy towards it." After some discussion the amendment was voted and passed. Professor Barnhill voiced concern over item 1. under Additional Steps, concerning the automatic penalty of "F" if a student is found guilty of cheating, and suggested that it should be changed to "premeditated cheating". Considerable discussion followed with Senator Gaertner stating that it abrogates the rights of the faculty to have an automatic University wide penalty, Senator Lou suggesting that an "F" should indicate lack of knowledge, not cheating, Professor Haas saying that the earlier recommendation had been for automatic suspension, and others stating that the adoption of this resolution would make clear to students a University wide condemnation of cheating. Senator Finner moved that item 1. of Additional Steps be changed to include "flagrant" before "instances" and when this failed, moved to eliminate item 1. altogether from this resolution. A vote was taken and failed. After further discussion the word "usual" was submitted for "automatic", and after a call for a quorum, a vote was taken and the resolution was passed with no amendments by a vote of 21 "Yeas" and 8 "Nays".

President Pikulski announced that the following officers and chairpersons were elected:

John J. Pikulski, President  
Byron P. Shurtleff, Vice President  
Judy Van Name, Secretary  
  
Willard Fletcher, Chairperson  
Coordinating Committee on Education  
  
Barbara Settles, Chairperson  
Committee on Committees

The counting of ballots will take place on May 3, 1977 for the other committee positions. (N. B. The elected members of the Committee on Committees is:

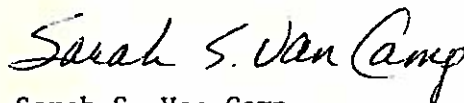
Mark Haskell  
Sheila McMahon

and for the Nominating Committee:

George Cicala  
Richard Davison  
Florence Geis  
Shien-Biau Woo  
Penny Ziegenfuss)

There being no new business the Senate adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Secretary  
University Faculty Senate

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Attachment: Report of Study Committee on Honors