

REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

October 2, 1978

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

Alexander Doberenz	Michael King	Francis Tannian
Helen Gouldner	David Lou	Henry Tingey
Billy Ross	William Moody	

Senators excused were: L. Leon Campbell, John S. Crawford, Harrison Hall, Charles Marler, Anne McCourt, Franklin Newman, Mark Sharnoff.

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

II. Approval of the Minutes. There were no objections and the Minutes of the September 11, 1978 Regular Senate Meeting were approved as written.

III. Remarks by President Trabant. President Trabant opened his remarks by reading the enrollment statistics for the Fall semester, noting that a comparison with the figures for a year ago showed an over-all decrease of 1.7% in the total number of full- and part-time University undergraduates enrolled state-wide. Within that total, the 13,347 full- and part-time undergraduates on the campus this year represent a decrease of 0.6% from the comparable figure for last year. He prefaced his reading of portions of the Treasurer's report by cautioning against taking the figures as indicating a trend, since they were one-year figures, and recommended that the faculty read the Treasurer's reports when they are issued. He then reported the increase or decrease in the total amounts and in the percent of the total budget of the various categories of University revenues and expenditures for 1977-78.

President Trabant then discussed the public relations problem which has developed between the University and some citizens of Newark who have protested about large, outdoor fraternity parties. He reported on various meetings with city and fraternity officials and the attempts to resolve the problem, and stressed that although the University would be attentive to the situation he felt that the University must manage itself and not be dictated to on how to solve its problems.

IV. Announcements. President Kleinman announced his appointment of Prof. F. Lauren Smith as Senate Parliamentarian for 1978-79.

V. Old Business.

Item A, the election of one member of the Nominating Committee, was introduced by Senate Secretary Sasser. Senator Sasser presented the names of Profs. Steve Crawford and Richard Garvine; there were no nominations from the floor, and Pres. Kleinman declared the nominations closed. Ballots were distributed and Prof. Crawford was elected.

Item B, a recommendation from the Coordinating Committee on Education for approval of a major and a minor in classics, was introduced by Prof. Toensmeyer, chair of the Committee. There was no discussion and the following was approved by unanimous voice vote:

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate approves the establishment of a major and a minor in Classics.

Requirements for the major are as follows:

30 credit hours of course work in Latin, Greek, Ancient Languages and Literature, and Arts and Science courses, to be distributed as follows:

GR 101 and 102;

12 credit hours of Latin and Greek at the 200 level, with 6 credit hours at the 300 level or above, and with at least 3 credit hours from each language;

AS 360, and ALL 316;

6 credits of hours of ALL work at the 200 level, to be chosen from ALL 213/214/215/216;

15 credit hours of related work in specified correlative departments, including History, Philosophy, Art History, Modern Languages and Geography.

Requirements for the minor are as follows:

18 credit hours of course work, including

*12 credit hours of Latin or Greek at or above 200 level
(If all 12 in one language, at least 6 credit hours
at 300 level or above)*

6 credit hours of Ancient Languages and Literature, and at least 3 of those at 300 level or above.

VI. New Business

Item A, a request from the Committee on Committees for confirmation of appointments of Senate committee members and chairs, was introduced by Prof. Hyatt, a member of the Committee. She added the following names to those published on the Agenda: to the Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Standing: J. O'Neill - member (to replace Udall); A. Rasmussen - member; M. Paulaitis - chair. Senator Warter asked whether there was a possible conflict of interest in the nomination of Prof. Hofstetter to chair the Computer Committee. Prof. Hyatt said she did not remember if that had been discussed by the Committee. President Trabant asked if the concern were that, as a big user of computers, Prof. Hofstetter would be overly critical or overly favorable, and Senator Warter responded that he considered him in a management role in relation to PLATO. After further discussion Senator Finner made a motion, which was seconded, that Prof. Hofstetter's nomination be returned to the Committee on Committees for further consideration. President Kleinman called for a hand vote, and declared the motion passed. There was no further discussion and the following list, as amended, was then approved by unanimous voice vote:

*Adjunct Academic Affairs
Budget Review
Promotions and Tenure*

Student & Faculty Honors

Student Life

*P. Pelosi, member
M. Palley, chair
F.L. Smith, chair
R. Hunsperger, member (replaces Wolters)
D. Black, chair
R. Hamlin, member (replaces Van Name)
V. James, member (Nursing)
D. Buckmaster, member*

Undergraduate Admissions & Standing

M. Paulaitis, chair

J. O'Neill, member (replaces Udall)

A. Rasmussen, member

Undergraduate Studies

J. Thornton, member (replaces Paretta)

Item B, a report to the Senate on the University Honors Program, was presented by Prof. Harward, Director of the Program. Prof. Harward reviewed the activities, since its establishment by the Senate in April 1977, of the Honors Program and the Honors Advisory Board. These activities included : 75 seminars with Honors designation being offered by various colleges this term; 3 interdisciplinary seminars planned for the Spring term; two on-going lecture series ("The Use and Abuse of Reason" and "The Shaping of the Modern Mind"); plans to integrate interests and resources in a unit on "The Great Wars" in the Fall of 1979; plans to integrate undergraduate science curricula under an NSF grant; the establishment of an interdisciplinary faculty seminar; and the administration, with Arts and Science, of a UNIDEL grant to provide merit scholarships. He also briefly discussed the Freshman Early Admissions Honors Program. Prof. Harward concluded his remarks with references to the proposal for an Honors Degree Program which is currently being studied by various University committees, and to the study report on the Freshman Honors Program which has been prepared by the Senate Adjunct Academic Affairs Committee for presentation to the Senate.

Senator Schweizer asked how the academic performance of Early Admission Honors students now on the main campus compared to similarly qualified students who had not gone through the Honors Program, and Prof. Harward responded that, although he was aware that some students had experienced difficulty in making the transition to the University campus, not enough time had expired to make accurate comparisons. President Trabant suggested that it was important to look at both sides of the problem and to see what was needed to help the students who were not adapting.

Item C, a recommendation from the Executive Committee for adoption of the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Early Retirement, was introduced by Pres. Kleinman. He reviewed the background, in the Collective Bargaining Agreement, to the creation of the Committee whose members are: Prof. Gordon Bonner, Business Administration; John Marrazzo, Institutional Research & Financial Planning; Helen Morgan, Benefits Office; Prof. Robert Stark, Statistics & Computer Science; and Prof. John Wriston, Chemistry, Chairperson. Prof. Wriston called the Senate's attention to some unresolved areas of concern: the effect of the Federal law changing the mandatory retirement age to 70; the question of life and health insurance coverage for those who retire before 65; the impact of any future decision by the State of Delaware to drop Social Security coverage; and the inequality between State and TIAA pensioners with regard to post-retirement, part-time University employment which results from the law limiting State pensioners to earning \$3,000 per year from State employment.

In response to questions about the dual criteria of age 60 and 15 years of service which were used in the Committee's model, Prof. Wriston explained that the model in the report represented only one of many possibilities. Senator Finner noted, and Prof. Wriston agreed, that the report was intended to form a basis for negotiations between the AAUP and the administration. Prof. Baxter, AAUP President, added that Senate action would be regarded as advice to the AAUP during negotiations. After further discussion Senator Fletcher made a motion, which was seconded, that discussion of the report's proposals and Senate action be deferred until the November Senate meeting. Pres. Kleinman requested a showing of hands, and the motion carried.

Item D, discussion of a resolution to propose a change in the Trustee Bylaws, was introduced by Pres. Kleinman, who reviewed the background and the scheduled future considerations of the resolution. Senator Warter made a motion, which was seconded, that the discussion be postponed until the November Senate meeting; the motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

A motion was made and seconded for adjournment; the meeting was declared adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted



Myron Sasser
Secretary
University Faculty Senate