

REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

September 11, 1978

MINUTES

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:

John Crawford	David Lou	Jerold Schultz
Paul Dragos	Billy Ross	Victor Spinski
Michael King	Blaine Schmidt	Henry Tingey
Peter Leavens	Elliot Schreiber	Ronald Vukelich.

Senators excused were: Edith Anderson, Meribeth Bunch, L. Leon Campbell, Donald Crossan, Richard Garvine, Barbara Kelly, Dene Klinzing, T.W.F. Russell, Mark Sharnoff, Francis Tannian, Edward Trabant, John Worthen.

I. Adoption of the Agenda. President Kleinman announced that Item B of New Business, approval of the program in classics, had been withdrawn because the Coordinating Committee on Education had not yet acted on it. There were no objections and the Agenda was adopted with this change.

II. Approval of the Minutes. Secretary Sasser announced a correction to the Minutes of May 1; under VI-A, Line 2, "Doctor of Letters" should be "Doctor of Laws." There were no further corrections and no objections and with this change the Minutes of April 3 and 10 and May 1, 1978 were approved as distributed.

IV. Announcements.

1. Approval of Minors. President Kleinman announced that the minor in mathematics had already been approved by the Senate in May and should therefore be omitted from the list under consideration. Senator Davidson corrected the description, on Attachment 1 of the Agenda, of the Sociology minor, which should read:

18 credit hours of course work in Sociology, including
a minimum of 9 credit hours at the 300 level or above
SOC 201
SOC 301 or SOC 312 or specified equivalents.

There were no further corrections and no objections and the minors in Sociology, as corrected, and in Biology, History, Philosophy and Women's Studies, as distributed with the Agenda, were approved.

2. Report on the Status of Senate Actions. President Kleinman announced that the Statement on Academic Freedom which was approved by the Faculty Senate last semester had not been approved by the Board of Trustees. In response to a resolution passed by the Board which called for a special committee of the Provost and Trustees to give further study to the issue and to confer with faculty members, an ad hoc committee of Prof. Finner, chair, and Profs. Geiger, Boyer, Shurtleff and Krum has been appointed. Professor Finner reported that a preliminary meeting had been held with the Provost to explore the concerns of both groups, and that they planned to bring the matter to the Senate in October and to the Board of Trustees in December.

President Kleinman called to the Senate's attention the successful outcome of the University's appropriations request to the State legislature, and the University's decision to lower in-state tuition and commended President Trabant and all those who cooperated in these efforts.

President Kleinman requested authority for the Senate Executive Committee to call additional regular meetings of the Senate during this academic year when necessary. There were no objections.

President Kleinman then reported on the status of two resolutions approved by the Senate on April 3 and 10, 1978. He read the first resolution, which requested a change in the Trustee Bylaws to allow faculty access to the Board on matters of urgency, and reminded the Senate that President Trabant had not transmitted this action directly to the Board because the required procedures for proposing a change to the Trustee Bylaws had not been followed. To fulfill this requirement President Kleinman said the Executive Committee had decided to present the resolution in writing to the October General Faculty meeting and to present it a second time, for a vote, at the November Senate meeting. President Kleinman then read the second resolution, which provided for the evaluation of certain administrative officers. He reported that President Trabant had informed the Executive Committee that, regarding the Vice Presidents and Administrative Officers, "the matter of evaluation of their offices is satisfactory as presently handled," and regarding the evaluation of the President, "Dr. Lenher has responded that the Board of Trustees employs the President and that the Board and its Chairman will scrutinize my performance." President Kleinman said that the Executive Committee did not consider the matter closed and would report to the Senate further.

President Kleinman then read the resolution passed by the Senate in December, 1977 regarding financial disclosure by the University and reported that President Trabant had informed the Executive Committee on September 1, 1978 that "the substance of the resolution has been discussed with the President's staff and with the Chairman of the Board of Trustees. I will refer the question of release of budget data and individual salaries to the next meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees for a decision as to how the University will proceed on this matter. The meeting will take place this Fall."

VI. New Business.

Item A, a resolution to change the Bylaws regarding the Faculty Senate Parliamentarian, was introduced by Prof. Sasser, Chair of the Rules Committee. He explained that by eliminating the requirement that the Parliamentarian be a member of the Rules Committee it was intended that the pool from which the Parliamentarian could be chosen would be increased, and the duties of the Parliamentarian could be reduced. After a brief discussion the following was approved by unanimous voice vote:

RESOLVED, that the following Faculty Senate Bylaws be changed by the deletion of the portions given in italics:

I-7, Section H.2.

The President of the Senate shall appoint a Parliamentarian whose function will be to advise and assist the President of the Senate with procedural matters. (*Selection of the Parliamentarian must accord with the procedures noted on Page 3 of the Committee System Document.*)

I-15a, Committee on Rules, paragraph 2

This committee shall consist of the Secretary of the Senate, who shall be its chairman, and two other members chosen by the Senate. *One of the committee members shall serve as parliamentarian to the faculty and its Senate.*

Item C, a request from Provost Campbell for confirmation of appointments to the Council on Program Evaluation (COPE) was introduced. Senator Warter made a motion, which was seconded, that the appointments be approved; there was no discussion and the following were approved by unanimous voice vote:

*Professor Paul P. Burbutis, Entomology and Applied Ecology
Professor Ralph V. Exline, Psychology
Professor Dorothy A. Kennedy, Nursing
Professor Jerold M. Schultz, Chemical Engineering
Ms. Ellen Ciamaricone, Undergraduate Student, Accounting
Ms. Mary Ellen Payne, Graduate Student, MBA program.*

Item D, a request for approval of appointments to Senate committees, was introduced by Prof. Settles, Chair of the Committee on Committees, who made several corrections to the lists which had been distributed with the Agenda. In the absence of objections the appointments were confirmed. (Committee lists will be distributed when they are complete.)

Item E, election by the Senate, from among the members of the Committee, of the chair of the University Review Committee for Academic Complaints, was introduced by Vice President Geiger, who reported that the Committee had recommended the nomination of Prof. Goldstein. Senator Warter nominated Prof. Goldstein; the nomination was seconded, there were no further nominations, and nominations were closed. President Kleinman said that in the absence of objections he would declare the unanimous election of Prof. Goldstein; there were no objections.

Item F, a resolution to change the Senate Bylaws to combine the Speaker's Board Subcommittee and the Visiting Scholars Subcommittee of the Committee on Cultural Activities and Public Events, and to provide for the transition to the new committee, was introduced by Prof. Settles, Chair of the Committee on Committees. There was no discussion and the following was approved by unanimous voice vote:

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate Bylaws be changed by the deletion on p. I-21 in III, Standing Committee System, of Section 3 (Speaker's Board Subcommittee) and Section 4 (Visiting Scholars Subcommittee) to be replaced by the following:

3. Visiting Scholars and Speakers Subcommittee

It shall be the specific objective of the Visiting Scholars and Speakers Subcommittee to foster, coordinate, and sponsor presentations which will contribute to a better understanding of recent events and current issues of general interest and/or contribute to the interchange of scholarly ideas and methods throughout the academic world. Proposals from students, colleges and departments of the University and other members of the University Community will be received.

It shall consist of five faculty members, one of whom shall be designated as chairperson; one appointed by the Provost; one appointed by the Vice President for Student Affairs; two undergraduate students; and one graduate student.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, for 1978-79 only, the Subcommittee on Visiting Scholars and Speakers shall consist of the combined present membership of the Speaker's Board and Visiting Scholars Subcommittees, with E. Nickerson as chairperson.

Item G, such items as may come before the Senate, was called. Senator Schweizer was recognized and made a request that a Senate committee be asked to look into the matter of Walden University and its relationship to the University of Delaware. Senator Schweizer provided some background information about Walden University and noted that there had been problems in the way in which the Morris Library was used by Walden University students. He noted that Senator Boyer was named in the Walden literature and asked if he had any comment. Senator Boyer stated that he was not now, and never had been a member of Walden University, that he had never performed any service for them nor received any money from them, and that his name was listed without his permission. President Kleinman said that the Executive Committee would take note of the concerns expressed and the item would be referred to the appropriate Senate committee.

Senator Warter was recognized and reintroduced the topic of the Senate resolution requesting a change in the Trustee Bylaws which had been reported on earlier by President Kleinman. He requested that there be an opportunity to reopen discussion and to reconsider this issue. A discussion followed regarding the procedures which apply to this resolution. In response to a request by Senator Newman for an indication as to why Senator Warter considered the language of the resolution "ill-advised," Senator Warter said he felt the procedure called for in the resolution seemed very stilted and formal and that he would prefer some mechanism that would allow for more informal communication on a regular basis. President Kleinman said that the Executive Committee would take this concern under advisement.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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