

REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

January 7, 1980

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the University Faculty Senate was called to order on January 7, 1980 at 4:00 with President Smith presiding. Senators not in attendance were:

Richard Agnello	James Leathrum	Frederick Swain
Maurice Cope	Anne McCourt	Francis Tannian
Alexander Doberenz	John Pikulski	Frank Valenti
Chris Facciolo	Saroja Reddy	Stephen Woodward
Robert Gilbert	Mark Sharnoff	John Zikakis
Arthur Hoerl		

Senators excused were: William Boyer, Merton Christensen, Anne Graham, Harrison Hall, Charles Marler, Karen Schaeffer, James Summerton, Sarah Van Camp, Walter Vincent, Robert Warren, Peter Warter, Thomas Watson.

Senate President Smith determined that a quorum was not yet present, but President Trabant expressed his willingness to present his remarks, in the hope of achieving a quorum in the interim.

President Trabant reported on a meeting of the Council of Presidents of State University and Land Grant Institutions which he had recently attended. He summarized the remarks of the four university presidents, from a variety of institutions, who had been invited to address the group on the issues they saw confronting higher education in the 1980s. The issues, as these speakers perceived them, included: 1) greater student unrest, motivated by economic restraints; 2) the rise of "statism"--similar to the "federalism" of the past 20 years, and greater state intervention in higher education; 3) a "steady state" for personnel; 4) a possible growth in unionism among students as students seek to determine what they will receive in the classroom; 5) the possibility that symbols and "isms" could become more important than reality itself; 6) new forms of training and higher education programs, provided by business and industry and outside the traditional institutions; 7) less room for error in decision making, due to budget constraints and steady state conditions; 8) a growth in the percentage of people in higher education who will have to change academic specialities; 9) a concern with the relationship between the availability of many educational opportunities and the actual freedom of students to choose them; 10) frequent and rapid shifts in students' educational interests; 11) challenges to the concept of academic excellence and to the traditional degree requirements; 12) a demand for some evaluation of the social impacts of research; 13) challenges to the continued domination of higher education by white males; and 14) demands for more leadership from the universities on all issues.

President Trabant also mentioned the meeting of the group with Ms. Harris, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare and the discussion of Title IX legislation. He concluded his remarks with a report of the presentation to the group, by a

representative from the U.S. Department of Energy, of two proposals. One, which the speaker said the Department favored, was for the creation of Energy Grant Universities, modeled on the Sea Grant program. The other, proposed by the Association of American Universities, would establish 10 to 15 energy centers that would be goal oriented, in an attempt to fill the gap between research and technological development.

At the conclusion of President Trabant's remarks a hand count of the elected senators determined that a quorum was not present. Senate President Smith adjourned the meeting with the statement that the items on the Agenda would come before the Senate at its February meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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