

REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

October 6, 1980

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the University Faculty Senate was called to order on Monday, October 6, 1980 at 4:00 p.m., with President Toensmeyer presiding. Senators not in attendance were:

David Ames	Fred Masterson	Gerald Straka
Donald Crossan	Donald Mogavero	James Thornton
Nicolas Gross	Douglas Ridge	Tom Watkins .
Laurence Kalkstein	David Smith	

Senators excused were: L. Leon Campbell, Maurice Cope, Jeffrey Davidson, Alexander Doberenz, Charles Epifanio, Harrison Hall, Mark Haskell, Hatem Khalil, Joel Morse, Richard Murray, Erwin Saniga, Karen Schaeffer, Norman Schwartz, Mark Sharnoff, E.A. Trabant.

President Toensmeyer opened the meeting with a quorum count; it was determined by a show of hands that a quorum was present.

I. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA. The Agenda was adopted as distributed.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES. There were no corrections or additions and the Minutes of the September 8, 1980 meeting were approved as distributed.

III. REMARKS by President Trabant and/or Provost Campbell. None. President Toensmeyer noted that President Trabant and Provost Campbell were attending a conference away from the campus.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS. President Toensmeyer announced there would be an open hearing on a proposal for a Master's degree in Anthropology on October 20 at 3:00 in room 006 Kirkbride Lecture Hall. He also announced that, as a result of the election conducted at the September meeting, Deborah Kliman was the new chairperson of the Committee on Academic Complaints.

President Toensmeyer read a memo from Prof. Olson, chair of the ad hoc Committee to Review the President, in which he reported that the committee expected to complete its tasks by the end of October and would then forward its report, as directed in its charge, to the University President and the Board of Trustees.

President Toensmeyer then introduced the following people who had been invited to address the Senate:

1. Mr. John Brook, Director of Security, who spoke about the crime rate on campus in general, and sexual offenses in particular, comparing the campus rates with statistics for the Wilmington Metropolitan Area and for some other institutions of higher education. He also described some existing and new measures taken by Security, particularly those measures designed to address the problem of sexual offenses on campus.

2. Mr. David Nelson, the Director of the Division of Physical Education, Athletics and Recreation, who described the various programs in the Division. In response to a question from Vice President Hoffecker he said he did not think the Division, which currently has about 3200 students in its classes and programs, has sufficient facilities to run a required Physical Education program, although he would like to see the required swimming test come back.

3. Mr. Stuart Sharkey, Vice President for Student Affairs, who discussed the University housing program, the problem of overcrowding, and the planning done by his office. He concluded by noting that the Board of Trustees had authorized them to proceed with an application for a \$4.9 million, 3% interest loan from funds newly made available by HUD. In response to a question from Senator Chesson he said private builders had found they could not construct student housing with rental rates that would not be too costly for most students.

V. OLD BUSINESS. None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS.

Item A, a resolution to change the Bylaws to provide for consistent terminology in the Standing Committee section, was introduced by Senate Secretary Reynolds for the Executive Committee. He explained that, because this section had been revised many times the words "chairman," "chairperson" and "chair" were spread throughout it, and the intent of the resolution was not to legislate language but to standardize the Handbook. Senator Mangone said he was not opposed to consistency, but he preferred to do as the Board of Trustees had done and retain "chairman." He argued that that term was like "professor" and "doctor," which had come into the language as masculine words but had been kept as non-gender words. He made a motion, which was seconded, that the resolution be amended to change all occurrences of the words "chair" and "chairperson" to "chairman." Senator Braun said he also thought there should be conformity in the Handbook but he preferred the use of "chair" because "person" at the end of a word tended to designate "woman."

Senator Gaither made a motion, which was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote, to limit debate. President Toensmeyer called for the vote on Senator Mangone's motion to amend; the motion, as follows, was defeated by a hand vote:

Resolved, that the Bylaws of the University Faculty Senate and the Standing Committee Documents be amended so that wherever the words "chair" or "chairperson" appear they be replaced by the word "chairman."

Senator Braun made a motion, which was seconded, to amend the resolution to change it to just "chair" instead of "chairman" or "chairperson." Vice President Hoffecker objected that "chair" refers to a device for sitting in and not the person occupying it, and she found it offensive to refer to people as "chairs." President Toensmeyer called for a hand vote on the motion to amend; the voting resulted in a tie. Senator Braun asked for a recount; as a result of the recount the motion to amend the resolution to read as follows, was approved 17-16:

Resolved, that the Bylaws of the University Faculty Senate and the Standing Committee Documents be amended by replacing all occurrences of the words "chairman" and "chairperson" with the word "chair."

President Toensmeyer then called for a hand vote on the resolution as amended; the vote was 17 for, 11 opposed, and the resolution failed for lack of the 2/3 vote required to change the Bylaws. President Toensmeyer noted that with the failure of this resolution the inconsistencies of the Handbook wording would stand. Senator Braun requested a recount; President Toensmeyer called for a hand vote on the request for a recount and it failed for lack of a majority.

Dean Gaither called for a quorum count; President Toensmeyer, determining that a quorum was no longer present, declared the meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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