

REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

January 5, 1981

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order on Monday, January 5, 1981 at 4:00 p.m., with President Toensmeyer presiding. Senators not in attendance were:

Edith Anderson

Fred Masterson

James Story

Donald Crossan

David Stixrude

Tom Watkins

Alexander Doberenz

Senators excused were: David Ames, Charles Epifanio, Mark Haskell, Carol Hoffecker, Laurence Kalkstein, Hatem Khalil, Nancy King, Stuart McGee, Donald Mogavero, Joel Morse, Daniel Neale, Stuart Sharkey, Gerald Straka, Frederick Swain, John Zikakis.

I. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA. President Toensmeyer reported a request from a group of faculty members to postpone consideration of Item VI-D of the Agenda until they had had time to respond to it; he said the sponsoring committee had no objections and the Executive Committee was therefore recommending that the request be granted and the Item postponed until the February meeting. In the absence of objections the Agenda was adopted, with this postponement.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES. The Minutes of the November 3 and December 1, 1980 meetings were approved as distributed.

III. REMARKS.

President Trabant spoke to the Senate about his thoughts on the future of relations between the federal government and education. He said he thought nothing would be done just for education's sake, and that if education were affected it would be as a part of some other national or political goal. In the context of political goals he thought there could be increased funding for the humanities and social sciences, because this would both make a lot of people happy and do something for higher education. He also said he thought there would be fewer grants and more would be done on a contract basis, and he thought the government would require a connection between the universities and business or industry. He noted that this would be a different way of going about federal support of higher education, and concluded by urging the faculty to think about how they may wish to respond to this new way of doing research in partnership with other units of our society.

Provost Campbell introduced Dr. Eudora Pettigrew, whose appointment as Associate Provost for Instruction and Professor of Urban Affairs became effective January 1. On behalf of the faculty President Toensmeyer welcomed Dr. Pettigrew to the University of Delaware.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS. None.

V. OLD BUSINESS. None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS.

Item A, a resolution from the Committee on Graduate Studies, was introduced by Prof. Stetson, chair of the Committee. There was no discussion, and the following was approved by unanimous voice vote:

*RESOLVED, that Graduate Policy PCON-3
is eliminated.*

Item B, a resolution from the Committee on Graduate Studies, to amend Graduate Policy PRE-2, was also introduced by Prof. Stetson. Senator Mangone noted that, in eliminating some registration requirements, the proposed change would involve a loss of revenue to the University; he also asked what the status would be of a person who was working on a research contract but was not a registered student. Prof. Stetson pointed out that this resolution affected only graduate students not on contract. Dr. R. Murray, University Coordinator for Graduate Studies, responding to the first concern, said that the revenue involved was a very small amount, and in any case the present policy could not be enforced by any central administrative office and was in fact enforced by only a few of the units. To the question about student status Dr. Murray replied that if a person held a contract they would be considered an employee; if they did not hold a contract and were not registered they might or might not be a student, and the status would have to be determined for a particular case. He added that he had been assured that the University's liability would be insured in either case, although the unregistered student might or might not be covered. Senator Warter said a student might also be considered a graduate research assistant in the summer, if he had a similar status in either the preceding or following academic term.

Provost Campbell noted that the recommendation only affected the University-wide status of the policy, and individual units could institute their own policies if they wished. Prof. Stetson noted that to do this the units would have to amend their program policy statements.

There was no further discussion and the following was approved by unanimous voice vote:

*RESOLVED, that the last sentence in Graduate
Policy PRE-2 is amended to read:*

*This rule does not apply during summer
or winter sessions.*

Item C, a resolution from the Coordinating Committee on Education to exclude courses numbered below 100 from student index calculations, was introduced by the Committee chairperson, Prof. O'Neill. There was no discussion and the following was approved by unanimous voice vote:

WHEREAS the Faculty Senate approved in April, 1980 that no course numbered 001-099 taken after June 1, 1980 may be counted toward the baccalaureate degree, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that also effective June 1, 1980 courses numbered below 100 will be excluded from the index calculations.

Item D was postponed, by earlier Senate action, until the February meeting.

Item E, a resolution from the Coordinating Committee on Education regarding the Honors Program, was also introduced by Prof. O'Neill. He briefly reviewed the various components of the Honors Program and the Senate's action on them, and pointed out that the present resolution was in response only to a May, 1977 Senate resolution which directed that an evaluation be made of the implementation of the six recommendations of the Study Committee on Honors.

President Trabant asked what the word "support" meant as it was used in the resolution, and Senator Waid asked if it meant continued financial support. Prof. Neikirk, chair of the Adjunct Academic Affairs Committee which had performed the evaluation, pointed out that the 1977 resolution had directed them to "ascertain the advisability of continued support of these recommendations." President Toensmeyer added that the present resolution recommended such support "pending the Senate's review and final approval of the Honors degree," and noted that that review would take place next year.

In response to a question from Senator Mangone about Honors courses required for an Honors degree, Prof. Harward, director of the Honors Program, commented briefly on the units which have established Honors courses, and noted that the first candidate for an Honors degree was expected to graduate this year.

Senator Waid asked that it be made clear in the Minutes that the word "support" in the present resolution was being used in the context of the 1977 resolution. There was no further discussion and the following was approved by unanimous voice vote:

WHEREAS in its action of May 2, 1977, the Faculty Senate directed that an in-depth evaluation be conducted within three years of the implementation of the Basic Recommendations of the Study Committee on Honors, to ascertain the advisability of continued support of these recommendations, and

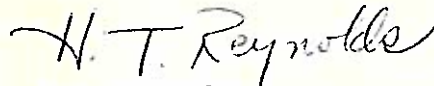
WHEREAS such an evaluation has been conducted by the Committee

on Adjunct Academic Affairs, and that committee has reported they are satisfied that the six recommendations have been implemented, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate recommends continued support of the Honors Program, pending the Senate's review and final approval of the Honors Degree.

No further business was introduced and President Toensmeyer declared the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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