

REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

November 2, 1981

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order on Monday, November 2, 1981 at 4:00 p.m., with President Hoffecker presiding. Senators not in attendance were:

Gary Christopherson
Barbara Gates

Hatem Khalil
Donald Mogavero .

Senators excused were: Julio da Cunha, Alexander Doberenz, Charles Epifanio, Billy Glass, Laurence Kalkstein, Lucia Palmer, David Smith.

I. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA. President Hoffecker presented a request from Prof. Homer, of the Faculty-Trustee Committee on Honorary Degrees and Awards, to alter the Agenda by adding an item from his committee for Senate action, under VI: Announcements. The request was approved by unanimous voice vote, and the Agenda was adopted with this addition.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES. The minutes of the September 14 and October 5, 1981 Senate meetings were approved as distributed.

III. REMARKS BY PRESIDENT TRABANT. Referring to the recent establishment by the AAUP of a Washington office to try to enhance faculty participation in college and university governance, President Trabant noted that they did not plan to use faculty senates because the AAUP felt that, in general, they are ineffective instruments. He said he felt that did not apply at Delaware, where the Senate was created so the faculty could be a meaningful voice, and he wanted to say again how effectively we can and do work together at the University.

President Trabant reported that the University is now able to offer 13 full scholarships for students coming to the University from Delaware who are black. He noted that the scholarships, which will be awarded on the basis of the students' academic backgrounds and which are renewable for 4 years, are part of the University's effort to comply with Title VI and the goal of enrolling 138 black Delaware residents as new students by the Fall of 1985, and are a major addition to the University's ability to attract such students.

President Trabant also announced that the number of University merit scholarships, which are awarded to both resident and non-resident students, has been expanded from 6 to 20, and they have been increased to cover the full cost of either resident or non-resident tuition. He concluded by urging anyone who knew of students who might be eligible for the scholarships to send the students' names to Dean McConkey.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Prof. Homer presented a recommendation from the Faculty-Trustee Committee on Honorary Degrees and Awards for faculty approval of a candidate for the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws. There was no discussion. After reminding those present

that the names of candidates for honorary degrees are traditionally kept confidential, President Hoffecker called for a vote and the recommendation was approved by voice vote.

President Hoffecker called attention to the Committee Activities Report attached to the Agenda, and reminded the senators that the purpose of the report was to make possible greater interaction between the senators and the committees; she urged the senators to get in touch with committees which were discussing issues about which they had strong feelings.

A Minor in Civil Engineering was presented as an announcement for challenge. In the absence of objections the minor (Attachment 1 of the Agenda) was approved. President Trabant commented that the proposal for the minor included only those things which the degree program wouldn't do, and he asked what the program's advantages were. Dean Greenfield responded that the proposal's wording was intended to point out that the minor would not allow professional licensing, but the advantage was that the minor provided the first opportunity for students from outside the college to take engineering courses. It was agreed, as the sense of the Senate, that this information should also be included in the program description.

V. OLD BUSINESS.

Item A, a request for confirmation of Senate committee appointments, was presented by Prof. Morrison, chair of the Committee on Committees. There were no objections, and the following was approved by unanimous voice vote:

*RESOLVED, that the following appointments to
Senate committees are hereby confirmed:*

*Richard B. Herr
Val E. Arnsdorf
Mary E. Shull
Hans Peter Breuer
Ludwig Mosberg
William J. Frawley*

*Member, Nominating Committee
Chair, Committee on Undergraduate Studies
Member, Committee on Undergraduate Studies
Chair, Fine Arts and Exhibitions Subcommittee
Chair, Committee on Academic Freedom
Member (3 year term, expiring 1984) Committee
on Graduate Studies
Chair, Committee on Promotions and Tenure .*

Frank R. Scarpitti

Item B, a recommendation from the Committee on Committees for a change in the title and charge to the Committee on Academic Freedom, was also presented by Prof. Morrison. Senator Mosberg reviewed the points he had raised in opposition to the change when the item was briefly discussed at the October meeting: he said 1) it is important not to dilute the concept of academic freedom or to confuse issues of civil liberties and academic freedom; 2) the Senate committee structure is presently better able to handle questions of civil liberties within the context in which they occur; 3) because the Executive Committee in the past has assigned some issues involving civil liberty questions to the Committee on Academic Freedom, it did not necessarily follow that the best solution was to change the charge to that committee to include civil liberties.

Senator Kingsbury noted that last year's Academic Freedom committee had approved the change, and asked whether this year's committee remained in favor of it; Senator

Wood, a continuing member of the committee, said he still favored the change because it was often very hard to separate academic freedom and civil liberty issues.

Prof. Morrison said the Committee on Committees had felt that the impact of civil liberty issues on faculty and students was such that responsibility for those issues should be assigned to a specific committee. Senator Geiger asked whether there were instances where the change would remove jurisdiction for such issues from committees which were handling them under the present structure. Senator Mosberg responded that he thought issues of due process within the judicial system, as one example, were more appropriate for the Committee on Student Life. Prof. Toensmeyer noted that the Student Life and Academic Freedom committees had worked together on the problem of campus movies, and they had not felt there was any duplication of effort or difficulty in separating their responsibilities, but that they had benefitted from working together.

Dean Gaither asked if any thought had been given to creating a separate committee on civil liberties; Prof. Morrison said it had been discussed, but the consensus had been to avoid forming another committee because the Executive Committee can assign issues to committees, and the report to his committee was that it wouldn't burden the Academic Freedom committee to take on this charge.

Dean Murray questioned whether the faculty had the competence to adjudicate matters of civil liberties, or the means to redress perceived violations. Dean Ames asked if there was an example of a civil liberties issue which was referred to the Academic Freedom Committee, and President Hoffecker suggested, as a hypothetical example, a charge of telephone tapping. Senator Warter noted that that would also be a violation of the University's academic freedom policy.

Senator Morrison said the Committee on Committees had felt that there should be an alternative to seeking redress through the legal system when civil liberty issues arose, in order to provide an opportunity for faculty input and advice.

Dean Gouldner moved the question; there were no objections, and President Hoffecker called for a hand vote. The resolution was defeated, 18 for, 29 opposed.

VI. NEW BUSINESS.

Item A, the election of a chair of the University Review Committee for Academic Complaints, was conducted by President Hoffecker. Professor Deborah Kliman's name was placed in nomination from the committee; in the absence of other nominations, Prof. Kliman was declared elected.

Item B, a recommendation from the Committee on Committees for a faculty appointment to the University Athletic Governing Board, was approved without discussion by unanimous voice vote:

*RESOLVED, that the appointment of John Burmeister
to the University Athletic Governing Board is
hereby approved.*

Item C, a recommendation for final approval of the B.S. degree in Geophysics, was introduced by Prof. Callahan, chair of the Coordinating Committee on Education. There was no discussion and the resolution, as follows, was approved by unanimous voice vote:

RESOLVED, that as of this date the Bachelor of Science degree in Geophysics is recommended for permanent status.

Item D, a recommendation for approval of a change in curriculum and name for a degree in the Art Department, was also presented for the Coordinating Committee by Prof. Callahan. There was no discussion and the resolution, as follows, was approved by unanimous voice vote:

RESOLVED, that the curriculum for and the degree of Bachelor of Science in Visual Communications are approved, effective September, 1982, to replace the present Bachelor of Science in Graphics and Advertising Design.

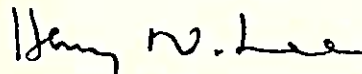
Item E, a resolution by Senator Waid to recommend a change in the beverage alcohol policy to the Board of Trustees, was reported out of the Beverage Alcohol Committee by Prof. Hastings, with a recommendation from the committee that the resolution not be approved. Professor Hastings said the committee opposed the resolution because it would not solve the problems; it would be difficult, if not impossible to enforce, and it would create a conflict with the present University policy and the City of Newark Code. Speaking to questions on the last point, Lt. Armitage of the University Office of Public Safety explained that the city code presently allows the University to establish where people can consume alcoholic beverages on campus, and the University policy had made the stadium parking lot an exception to its own general ban on public consumption of alcohol on University property. He also supported the argument that a ban on such drinking would be impossible to enforce with the available manpower, since the officers were needed to enforce the ban on alcohol in the stadium itself.

Senator Beasley said he agreed with Senator Waid's original argument that, in addition to addressing the problems of the disruption and disorder caused by the alcohol consumption, the University should be consistent in its policy and should not make an exception for one campus area. Prof. Toensmeyer said he had seen people driving out of the parking lot onto the highway after games who shouldn't be behind the wheel of a car, and he felt permitting the consumption of alcohol contributed to this potentially dangerous situation. Lt. Armitage agreed that the abuse of alcohol was a problem, but he said what was occurring at the stadium parking lot was not as bad as some of the other places on campus where the use of alcohol is also condoned.

President Hoffecker called for a hand vote; the resolution was defeated, 17 for and 32 opposed.

President Hoffecker called for new business; none was introduced, and she declared the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Secretary
University Faculty Senate