

REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

September 14, 1981

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order on Monday, September 14, 1981, at 4:00 p.m., with President Hoffecker presiding.

Senators not in attendance were: Donald Crossan Hatem Khalil .
Senators excused were: Edith Anderson Alexander Doberenz .

I. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA.

President Hoffecker presented requests from the Coordinating Committee on Education for a substitute resolution for Item D, and to reverse the order of items D and E, under New Business; the substitute resolution would replace the words "Board of Trustees," in line 2 of the resolution, with "President of the University." There were no objections and the Agenda was adopted with these changes.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.

The Minutes of March 2, April 6, and May 4, 1981 were approved as distributed.

III. REMARKS BY PRESIDENT TRABANT.

President Trabant noted that the University will celebrate its 150th anniversary in 1983, and that a committee, chaired by Ms. Suzanne Moore, Director of University Relations, has been formed to organize that celebration.

He called the Senate's attention to the first issue of "Update," and especially urged that faculty read the article regarding Title VI and its implications with respect to our state and University. He noted that the compliance plan which has been submitted by the State, although not yet accepted at the federal level, applies to many areas of education in Delaware, and is especially significant for the University in two areas. The first of these is enrollment, where the University commits itself to admit annually by 1985 one hundred and thirty-eight new freshman who are black and Delawareans--a 150% increase over 1980-81 enrollments and, although taking a firm position that such numbers are not suitable at the graduate level, has projected a 60% increase for such admissions to graduate programs, from 45 in 1980-81, to 70. The second area is that of new academic programs, where the compliance plan says that if the State requests new programs preference will be given to Delaware State College. President Trabant noted that as we develop new programs on our campus we must take into account the implications of the compliance plan and the Title VI Commission which will monitor it.

President Trabant concluded by calling attention to the responsibility of the University and its faculty to educate students not just to live in the United States or the Western Hemisphere, but to live in the 21st century and as citizens of the world.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

President Hoffecker introduced the Senate Executive Committee and the Senate office staff, and announced that Prof. Maurice Barnhill has agreed to continue to serve as Parliamentarian. She extended an invitation to any interested senators to attend the meeting of the Executive Committee with the Senate committee chairpersons, to be held in the Collins Room of the Student Center on Wednesday, September 16 at 3:30.

President Hoffecker also reported on two items which originated in the Senate and have become University policy, following their approval by the Board of Trustees at its May meeting. The first, to be included in the section on Personnel Policies of the Faculty Handbook, is a statement on Censorship and Surveillance. The second, to replace the present Handbook statement on "Limits on Summer Compensation," provides terms for faculty on academic year contracts to receive additional compensation for all three summer months for work on sponsored research or summer teaching.

President Hoffecker then gave a brief review of the powers and responsibilities of the faculty, as they are presented in the University Charter and detailed in the Trustees' Bylaws. She reminded the Senate that, as the body constituted to represent the faculty, they are directly charged with the care, control, governance and instruction of students, and are additionally granted the right to recommend to the Board and the administration on a number of other broad matters affecting the University.

Regarding significant items sent to committees, President Hoffecker reported that the two resolutions introduced by Senator Waid at the May meeting had been sent to the appropriate committees for study--the resolution on "brown bagging" to the Committee on Beverage Alcohol, and the motion to eliminate the reference to boycotting classes from the Student Grievance Procedure has been sent to the committees on Student Life and on Faculty Welfare and Privileges. She also reported that the Coordinating Committee on Education is considering proposals for a B.S. in Geophysics and a B.S. in Visual Communications, and is reviewing a survey of Winter Session.

Announcement for Challenge.

President Hoffecker called for any challenges to the program, approved by the Committee on Graduate Studies and the Coordinating Committee on Education, and presented in the Agenda, to establish a Specialization in Computer Based Education under the existing M.A. degree in Education. There were no objections and she declared the program approved.

V. OLD BUSINESS.

Item A, a resolution from the Coordinating Committee on Education for provisional approval of a program and a B.A. degree in Technology of Artistic and Historic Objects, was introduced by Prof. O'Neill, who had chaired the committee when the program was considered in the Spring. He noted that, were a student to "test out of" the 12 hours of language proficiency built into the program's 131-134 required credit hours, the student would still have to complete the minimum 124 hours required for any B.A. degree in Arts and Science. President Trabant asked if there had been any discussion on the appropriateness of an A.B. degree in a "technology"; Prof. Brown, director of the program, responded that that had not been discussed, but he felt there was a precedent

in existing courses such as the history of technology and the history of science. The resolution, as follows, was approved by unanimous voice vote:

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate approves the curriculum and the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Technology of Artistic and Historic Objects, on a provisional basis for a four year period, beginning in the fall semester 1981, with review for permanent status to occur in academic year 1984-85.

VI. NEW BUSINESS.

Item A, the election of a chair for the Committee on Committees from among the elected faculty members of the committee, was conducted by President Hoffecker, who announced that Prof. Janet Johnson had withdrawn as a candidate. Ballots were distributed; Prof. James Morrison was elected.

Item B, a resolution from the Coordinating Committee on Education for approval of a revised curriculum leading to a B.S. degree in Physical Education and Health Education, was introduced by Prof. O'Neill, past chair of the committee. He explained that the program was developed to prepare students to teach both physical and health education courses. There was no discussion and the resolution, as follows, was approved by unanimous voice vote:

RESOLVED, that a revised curriculum leading to the Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education and Health Education is approved.

Item C, a resolution from the Coordinating Committee on Education for provisional approval of an M.A. degree in School Psychology, was also introduced by Prof. O'Neill. He explained that the program was designed to meet an increasing need in public and private schools; he added that it was not automatic that graduates of the program would receive the special certificate in school psychology.

In response to a question about "reading retardation" and how this differed from "educational psychology," Prof. Mosberg explained that the former trained students in the diagnosis and assessment of children with learning and behavioral problems and in the development of plans to help such students, and the latter referred to the psychology of instruction and learning as they pertain to an educational program. There was no further discussion and the resolution, as follows, was approved by unanimous voice vote:

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate approves the program and the degree of Master of Arts in School Psychology, on a provisional basis for a four year period, beginning in the fall semester 1981, with review for permanent status to occur in academic year 1984-85.

Item E, a resolution from the Coordinating Committee on Education, with the approval of the Undergraduate Studies and Graduate Studies committees, for changes in course numbering policies, was introduced by Prof. O'Neill. He explained that the present policy that allows the double numbering of courses creates confusion for other institutions, for students, and for the scheduling of courses, and the recommendation to stop double numbering and to better define 500 and 600 level courses would streamline the numbering system.

Senator Geiger said that because the Agenda had been distributed late he had not had an opportunity to discuss this recommendation with his colleagues, and he made a motion, which was seconded, to postpone consideration until the next Senate meeting. At the request of several senators, and with Senator Geiger's agreement, President Hoffecker suspended action on Senator Geiger's motion, to allow discussion of the proposal.

In response to a question about whether the interpretation of "advanced undergraduate" was based on a student's classification or on a student's level of preparation in an area of study, Prof. O'Neill said that the assumption was that juniors or seniors were meant, but in current practice it had come to mean freshman through seniors. Prof. Toensmeyer said he had been on the Undergraduate Studies Committee when the double listing system was devised, and the intent was to allow juniors and seniors to take the courses without paying the then higher graduate rate.

In response to a question about 600 level course requirements, Prof. O'Neill said that although the proposal would allow both advanced undergraduates and graduate students to enroll for 600 level courses for credit, the course requirements would be uniform; Senator R. Murray added that departments could impose conditions on any 600 level course by stating that it was intended for graduate students and required the consent of the instructor.

In response to a question about fees, Mr. Harrison, the University Treasurer, said only part time undergraduate students who take graduate courses now pay at the same rate as graduate students.

Senator Beasley said he was concerned that students entering graduate programs at the University were applying to have 600 level courses counted for graduate credit and there was no way of knowing if they had done graduate level work, and he didn't see anything in the present proposal that would prevent this. He also suggested that senators consult their colleagues about the impact of the proposal on enrollments in their departments.

In response to a question from Senator Palmer about 500 level courses, Senator R. Murray said the present description was very complicated and one purpose of the proposal was to clarify it by reserving graduate credit at the 500 level for graduate students from outside the department offering the course.

President Trabant asked whether the proposed changes would invalidate the already approved plan of study of a graduate student who was presently enrolled; Senator R. Murray responded that he couldn't imagine that we would refuse to graduate a student in those circumstances.

Senator O'Neill noted that no other university has a double numbering arrangement, and said the intent of the proposal was to establish the integrity of the University's course numbering system. Senator Beasley said this suggested that departments do not monitor the courses they offer, but that he thought many courses are appropriate for offering at the 400 and 600 levels, with a requirement for graduate level work at the 600 level. Senator R. Murray said under this arrangement a freshman may sign

up for a 400 level course not knowing that it is double listed and that there will be graduate students in the course; he noted that in some cases the 400 and 600 numbers are not even parallel.

There was no further discussion, and President Hoffecker called for the vote on the motion to postpone action on this item until the next Senate meeting; the motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Item D, a related resolution, was also postponed by consent of the Senate until the next meeting.

President Hoffecker called for new business; none was introduced and, following a motion from the floor, she declared the meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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