

REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

April 12, 1982

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the University Faculty Senate was called to order on Monday, April 12, 1982 at 4:00 p.m., with President Hoffecker presiding. Senators not in attendance were:

Thomas Angell	Peter Hill	Claire Nanis
Charles Epifanio	Barbara Kelly	James Soles.

Senators excused were: Donald Crossan, Araya Debassay, Alexander Doberenz, Anne Mooney, David Nelson, Norman Schwartz.

I. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA.

At the request of the sponsoring committee a deletion was made from the resolution in Item VI.E, 2, so that it reads:

RESOLVED, that department chairs shall inform the Senate, through its Committee on Graduate Studies, of the means by which this Senate policy is implemented in their departments.

The Agenda was adopted with this change.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.

In the absence of objections the Minutes of the meeting of March 1, 1982 were declared approved as written.

III. REMARKS BY PRESIDENT TRABANT.

President Trabant announced that he had asked Mr. Bruce Rogers, President of the Delaware Undergraduate Student Congress, to speak at the General Faculty meeting on April 19.

Reporting on admissions for Fall, 1982, President Trabant said at the present time we may have more students applying to Delaware than ever before, including a larger percentage of the Delaware high school college-bound group--even though that group has gotten smaller. In terms of quality, he reported that the applicants were slightly better than last year. He also reported that at the moment we are on schedule for minority enrollments, with some acceptances of the special scholarships, and it looks as though we will have the scholarships filled and meet our enrollment expectations for September.

President Trabant also reported on his recent visits to Washington, D.C.; he said that, although he thought there would be some reduction in federal funding for student aid he did not think it would be as much as the federal administration had requested, and the final allocation may turn out to be about the same as this year. With regard to research funding, he said he expected to see some shifting of funds from defense research back into the National Science Foundation, with the final amount again about the same as last year. He added that he thought the Sea Grant funding would also be at last year's level, or perhaps just a little bit more.

On a final topic, the proposed abolition of the Departments of Energy and Education, he said he thought both departments were likely to continue, particularly the Department of Education, since the several legislative committees involved had been too busy to schedule the necessary hearings.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

President Hoffecker announced that Ms. Lorraine Driscoll has resigned from the Senate Office, where she has worked since January 1979, effective at the end of April. President Hoffecker's expression of best wishes to Ms. Driscoll was joined by applause from the Senate.

President Hoffecker welcomed Mr. William "Chip" Taylor as the new undergraduate student senator, replacing Mr. Gregg Wilson.

V. OLD BUSINESS.

Item A, a report on the selection of chairs for Senate committees and a recommendation to change the method of designating the chair of the Academic Complaints Committee, was presented for the Rules Committee by its chair, Senate Secretary Lee. He noted that when the same recommendation had been presented to the Senate in December it had been returned to the Rules Committee for study of its application to other committees. He reported that the Rules Committee had made such a study, and he presented a summary of their findings regarding the present methods of designation and their conclusion that, with the exception of the Academic Complaints Committee, the mechanisms in the Bylaws had worked well and it was inappropriate to recommend any general revision. There was no further discussion and the following resolution was approved by unanimous voice vote:

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate Bylaws III: Standing Committee System of the Faculty and its Senate, University Review Committee for Academic Complaints (p. I-14 of the present Faculty Handbook), last line, is changed to read:

The committee shall, each year, designate a chairperson of the committee for the following year from among the committee's continuing members.

VI. NEW BUSINESS.

Item A, a recommendation for an addition to the Faculty Senate Policy on Beverage Alcohol, was introduced by Prof. Hastings, chair of the Committee to Regulate the Use of Beverage Alcohol. He explained that it had been brought to the attention of his committee that this section of the Newark Code was the one most frequently violated by

students and the committee felt it was appropriate to add it to the other relevant city and state codes already cited in the Senate policy. There was no discussion and the following resolution was approved by unanimous voice vote:

RESOLVED, that the following sentence is added as Section II b. of the "Explanation of Regulation" (page 1) of the Faculty Senate Policy Concerning use of Alcoholic Beverages; the present Section II b. becomes II c.:

- b. *Newark City Code, Chapter 19, Section 5 makes it unlawful for a minor to possess or consume any alcoholic beverage within the city except when the possession or consumption is a part of a religious service or for medicinal purposes.*

Item B, a recommendation from the Coordinating Committee on Education for approval of a curriculum and Ph.D. degree in Oceanography, was introduced by Prof. R. Callahan, chair of the committee. Prof. Callahan reported that the committee, after reviewing a lengthy, detailed, and positive report from outside evaluators, and meeting with Dr. Thoroughgood, Associate Dean of Marine Studies, had voted unanimously to place the resolution for approval before the Senate. There was no further discussion and the resolution, as follows, was approved by unanimous voice vote:

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate approves the curriculum for and the establishment of the degree of Ph.D. in Oceanography, effective September, 1982, on a four-year provisional basis, with review for final approval to take place in the Fall of 1986; the curriculum is presented in Attachment 1 of the April, 1982 Agenda.

Item C, a recommendation from the Committee on Committees regarding faculty representation on the Board of Trustees, was presented by Prof. J. Morrison, chair of the committee; he reported that the resolution came from the committee with a 10-0 vote for approval. He noted that the committee had spent considerable time on the pros and cons of faculty representation on the Board, and had concluded that it was apparent there was an advantage to providing input to the governor's choice, since he had requested it. Senator Schweizer asked why the Executive Committee, rather than the Committee on Committees which has broader representation, was being asked to assemble the nominations. Prof. Morrison responded that the Committee on Committees already has a very heavy workload, and Senator Mangone, a member of the Committee on Committees, added that that committee is charged with making nominations for committees of the Senate and they had felt the Executive Committee would be the proper body to nominate for the Board of Trustees. There was no further discussion and the following resolution was approved by voice vote, with 5 abstentions:

WHEREAS the Committee on Committees believes it is desirable to retain faculty representation on the Board of Trustees, and

WHEREAS the term of the faculty member presently serving on the Board expires on September 29, 1982, and

WHEREAS the Governor has expressed an interest in obtaining faculty input into his decision regarding his appointment to fill this vacancy, therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate, acting as a nominating committee, shall:

- 1. Solicit and receive faculty nominations, accompanied by a vita and supporting statement, of tenured faculty members willing to serve on the Board if appointed;*
- 2. Review the nominations, using as criteria for candidacy such qualifications as familiarity with the University and its operations, involvement in faculty activities, ability to represent a broad range of faculty and University concerns, and length of service at the University; and*
- 3. Forward to the Governor within one month of passage of this resolution no more than 10 names, listed in alphabetical order.*

President Hoffecker reported that, prior to its presentation to the Senate, she had communicated with Governor duPont regarding this proposal and a probable timetable for its implementation if it were approved. She then read the Governor's response, which included the following: "I must add one cautionary note. Because various constitutional and statutory provisions give the Governor authority to make various appointments, I have been advised by counsel that I may not restrict the exercise of this authority by binding myself to the selection of a nominee from a list prepared by an advisory group." President Hoffecker said that as a first step in implementing the resolution she would send a memo to all faculty requesting nominations and vitae of people willing to serve on the Board; she added that she regarded the preparation of nominations as a faculty responsibility which would be channeled through the Executive Committee.

Item D, a recommendation for a definition of 500 numbered courses, was introduced by Prof. R. Callahan, chair of the Coordinating Committee on Education. President Hoffecker reviewed the Senate's actions since September on the proposed changes in course numbering.

September 12: A resolution for a definition of 500 level courses and a resolution prohibiting double numbering of courses and containing a definition of 600 numbered courses were introduced in the Senate; action was postponed one month, pending consultation by senators with their departments.

October 5: Both resolutions were reintroduced and were approved by the Senate.

- December 7: A resolution to delay implementation of these policies for one year, until September 1983, and pending a review and report by March 1, 1982 by the Coordinating Committee on Education, was approved by the Senate.
- February 15: An open hearing on the proposed changes was held and the report and recommendations which appear on the present agenda were subsequently prepared by the Coordinating Committee.

In the discussion of Item D Senator Smith asked where the new definition of 500 numbered courses would appear, and Senator R. Murray, Coordinator for Graduate Studies and a member of the Coordinating Committee, said it was the committee's intention that it would replace the present opaque description in the catalog. Parliamentarian Barnhill noted that since this resolution had already been approved by the Senate in October and the Senate's action of December 7 had merely postponed its implementation, approval at this meeting would reinstate the September, 1982 date and rejection would just postpone that date. There was no further discussion and the resolution, as follows, was approved by a hand vote:

RESOLVED, effective September, 1982 the course number description for 500 level courses shall read as follows:

*500-599 Graduate courses for the non-specialist.
May not be taken for graduate credit in a student's major. With approval of a graduate student's major department, 500-level courses taken outside the student's major may be counted toward a graduate degree.*

Item E, a series of resolutions regarding the definition of 600 numbered courses and providing guidelines for the double numbering of courses, was introduced by Prof. R. Callahan for the Coordinating Committee on Education. In the discussion which followed on whether the resolutions should be voted on separately or as a unit, Prof. Callahan said that his committee had tried to put together resolutions that would deal with the difficulties of double numbering while retaining the option for those departments who felt it was important in their instructional programs, and he thought it was the committee's intent that it should be dealt with as a package. It was also noted that if the resolutions were dealt with individually the result might be inconsistent with the Senate's October 5 action. In the absence of objections President Hoffecker ruled that Item E would be dealt with in its entirety.

A discussion on procedural matters followed, and Senator Warter asked what the effect would be on the October Senate action if Item E were approved; Parliamentarian Barnhill said that where they were in conflict the more recent action would prevail. Senator Warter then asked whether the policy referred to in the phrase "stated policy" in Resolution 1 was the one approved in October and which was the one technically "on the books." Senator R. Murray said he thought the Coordinating Committee intended to refer back to the February 1975 policy, which had been in place for some years. It was noted that the policies contained different descriptions of 600 numbered courses

and it was suggested that the matter should be clarified, either by a separate resolution to repeal the Senate's October action or by inserting a phrase in Item E, Resolution 1, to show what was meant by "stated policy." A motion by Senator Mosberg to repeal the October 5 action was not seconded, and a discussion followed on the correct procedure for repealing a Senate action. Senator Geiger suggested that, rather than vote on a surrogate issue, the Senate could continue its debate on Item E and vote on its resolutions, and when any inconsistency developed they could then vote on which rule to repeal. Parliamentarian Barnhill expressed his opinion that a motion to amend an action previously taken could be made by anybody and would require a 2/3 vote for passage. Senator Smith objected that he could not vote on the present resolution until it was clear which definition of 600 numbered courses was included.

There was a call for the question and the chair ruled that the only question on the floor was Item E. Provost Campbell requested an explanation of the consequences of a "yes" or a "no" vote, and President Hoffecker requested an opinion from the Parliamentarian. Prof. Barnhill responded that although all three parts of the resolution which the Senate had approved in October had been included in the December action delaying implementation, the action on one part--the definition and its effective date for 500 numbered courses--had been replaced by the Senate's action in approving Item D at the present meeting; a second part--the prohibition of double numbering--would be superceded by the vote on Item E; and, since the third part--the definition of 600 numbered courses--was not addressed in Item E the definition in the October resolution would become effective, as determined in the december action, in September, 1983.

Senator Warter responded that he thought Item E did refer to 600 numbered courses in the reference in resolution-1 to "stated policy," and that he interpreted "stated policy" as being the definition which the Senate approved in October. President Hoffecker said it was her understanding that the Coordinating Committee's intention was that "stated policy" meant the 1975 statement, which was the one presently used in the University catalogs, and she ruled that this was the interpretation to be used. Senator R. Murray made a motion to amend Item E, Resolution 1, to read: "Whereas the stated policy and definition of 600 level courses, as approved by the Senate," In the discussion which followed it was determined that there was not agreement among the members of the Coordinating Committee who were present as to the intent of that Committee.

Senator Mosberg, noting that there were questions about the intent of the Committee and about the correct parliamentary procedures, made a motion, which was seconded by Senator Smith, to postpone further discussion until the May meeting and pending resolution of these questions by the Coordinating Committee, the Executive Committee, and the Parliamentarian. The motion was approved by a hand vote, 35 for and 9 opposed.

President Hoffecker called for new business; none was introduced and she declared the meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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University Faculty Senate