

REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

February 7, 1983

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the University Faculty Senate was called to order on Monday, February 7, 1983 at 4:00 p.m., with President Hoffecker presiding. Senators not in attendance were:

Anna Ciulla

Kelvin Glymph

Herbert Kingsbury.

Senators excused were: Eric Brucker, Daniel Callahan, Wayne Craven, Donald Crossan, Alexander Doberenz, John Gallagher, Irwin Greenfield, Fred Masterson, John D. Morgan, Frank Murray, Tuncay Saydam, Roger Ulrich, Lindy Walcowiak, Peter Warter.

I. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA.

A motion by Dean Anderson to postpone discussion of the reorganization of the College of Nursing until the March meeting was seconded and approved by voice vote. There were no other changes and the Agenda was adopted as published, with the omission of Item V.D.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.

Senate Secretary Lee requested that the spelling of Professor John Munroe's name be corrected in the Minutes of December 6 (New Business, Item A). There were no further changes and the Minutes of November 1 and 8, and December 6, 1982, were approved with this correction.

III. REMARKS BY PRESIDENT TRABANT.

President Trabant reviewed the successful celebration of Charter Day which was held on February 5 as part of the University's sesquicentennial events; he announced that a videotape was available to anyone who wished to view it, and that the address by Dr. Robert L. Clodius, President of the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges, would be published and distributed, and he urged the faculty to give it serious consideration.

After reviewing University funding requests to the State President Trabant reported that, with the exception of funding for Title VI compliance and a small increase in payments related to the University debt, the Governor's budget recommendations had not included any increase in state funding for the University, and that the recommendations for increases had largely been in the area of employee fringe benefits and in state social programs and public education. He said he would be appearing before the Joint Finance Committee of the General Assembly on March 1 to explain why the University should be high on the list for an increase, but he thought if there is to be any increase the State will either have to get more revenue or current policies will have to be changed to make more money available for higher education. President

Trabant also announced that in the next few weeks Provost Campbell and Mr. Graziano, Director of Institutional Research and Financial Planning, would be holding meetings in the Student Center to go over the University's current operating budget, and he urged everyone to attend to see where we are now spending money and to take the opportunity to suggest changes.

President Trabant announced dates for two 150th anniversary-related events-- April 16, the ground breaking for the Morris Library addition; and September 30, the Fall convocation.

#### IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1. Senate President Hoffecker announced:

a. The practice of requesting college deans to address the Senate will be resumed when the length of the Senate Agenda permits.

b. The following changes in policy statements in the 1981-82 Undergraduate Academic Programs and Policies Catalog were discussed by the Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Standing, which considered them editorial in nature:

p. 29 - in place of: A student may be dropped for academic deficiency when the index for any semester is less than 1.25 or the quality point deficit is more than 12 points.

substitute : A student may be dropped for academic deficiency when the index for the previous semester is less than 1.25 or the quality-point deficit is more than 12 points.

She noted that this change makes it clear that the 1.25 index refers to the immediate past semester and not to a cumulative index.

p. 30 - in place of: ...however, students dropped at the conclusion of the fall semester will not normally be eligible for readmission to the following spring semester, except with permission of the college dean.

substitute : ...however, students dropped from the University will not normally be eligible for readmission until after the next regular academic semester, except with the permission of the college dean.

She said this slight change takes into consideration students in both the Fall and the Spring semesters.

President Hoffecker stated that unless anyone wishing to challenge these changes requested that the Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Standing be asked to consider them again, the new wording would be in effect.

2. A curriculum revision in the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree,
  3. a Minor in Theatre, and
  4. a Minor (corrected to read) in Management Information/Decision Support Systems
- were announced for challenge. There was no discussion and all were approved as printed on the Agenda.

V. OLD BUSINESS.

Items A and B, recommendations regarding academic standards for Continuing Education students, were presented by President Hoffecker. She explained that both resolutions had been included because Senator Collins, who had first raised the issue by introducing resolution A in the Senate in October, had been away from campus, and there was some uncertainty that he was in accord with the resolution prepared by the Committee on Adjunct Academic Affairs (resolution B).

Prof. Miller, chair of the Committee on Adjunct Academic Affairs, requested that three editorial changes be made in resolution B: (1) delete the "Whereas" clause; (2) delete the word "final" in the first line of the resolution; (3) change "six" to "seven" in part 1. Vice President Culley suggested that, in part 2, "CEND" should read "CE." There were no objections to these changes.

Senator Collins made a motion, which was seconded, to withdraw his resolution (Item A). Senator Schweizer noted that resolution B differed in that it would give Continuing Education, rather than the college deans, authority for CE enrollments, and that only "consultation" with chairpersons would be required; he objected that this resulted in different sets of people making decisions for CEND students and for regular students. There was no further discussion and President Hoffecker called for a hand vote on the motion to withdraw Item A; the motion was approved, 33 for, 12 opposed.

In response to a question from Senator Soles, Prof. Miller said the intent of resolution B was to make the Continuing Education process resemble that for a regularly enrolled student by reaffirming the authority of Continuing Education, with the addition of the required consultation with the department chair and the college dean. Senator Smith, a member of the Committee on Adjunct Academic Affairs, added that the committee had recognized that the situation of CE students was different, and that CE's expert counseling staff was an important part of the process. Senator Schweizer expressed his concern that the existence of two decision-making processes created opportunities for "beating the system," because students could choose which one to use. Senator Collins agreed that the lack of involvement by the college dean had prompted his initial concern.

Dean Gaither reported that the Life Long Learning Committee had found that, while the accounting and record-keeping function for CEND students belonged in CE, responsibility for academic programs lay with the faculty of the various academic units. Senator Beasley agreed, and said decisions to drop and add courses were academic decisions which should not be left up to CE but should require an academic dean's approval. Dr. Murray, Director of Continuing Education, noted that there were 30 or 35 students dropping courses this year, and they had dropped for many different reasons-- job changes, illness, psychological problems--about which the CE counseling staff was trained to make judgments.

Dean Ames suggested that the resolution could be modified to strengthen the academic approval aspect, while retaining CE's role in advising its students. Senator Bonner objected that the Senate was doing the committee's work; he also suggested that the phrase "Continuing Education has authority for enrollments" needed clarification, since it was not clear whether it would apply to all courses in which CE students were enrolled.

A motion by Senator Schweizer to return the item to committee was seconded, and approved by voice vote.



Item C, a recommendation from the Committee on Promotions and Tenure to establish a policy for the promotion of professionals with academic appointments, was read by President Hoffecker. She noted that, due to an error in the preparation of the Agenda, the resolution as it was printed contained a final sentence which was not put there by the committee; she read the correct resolution, omitting that sentence. There was no discussion, and the resolution, as follows, was approved by unanimous voice vote.

*RESOLVED, that the University Faculty Senate approves and recommends to the Board of Trustees the following addition to the University Promotion Policy, to be added at the end of Section B: Minimum Standards for Promotion (page III-K-2 of the present Faculty Handbook):*

*University employees with professional contracts who also hold faculty appointments in academic units are eligible for promotion without tenure, and will meet the same criteria for promotion as do members of the unit who hold academic appointments.*

#### VI. NEW BUSINESS.

Item A, a recommendation from the Coordinating Committee on Education for approval of an EAC course letter designation for courses offered through the Winterthur Program was read by President Hoffecker. In response to a question from Vice President Culley, Prof. Pikulski, chair of the Coordinating Committee, explained that this item was before the Senate because reviewing and controlling letter designations seemed important to maintaining the integrity of academic programs.

Senator Schweizer asked if this was working up to the establishment of a new department. Prof. Wolf, Director of the Winterthur Program, responded that the program had been in existence since 1952 and had always "borrowed" its required courses from elsewhere, but had retained control of the course material. She said the intent in seeking the EAC designation was both to enable them to monitor courses to see that they fit their students' requirements, and to highlight the program by creating an identifiable core they could point to as important. President Trabant asked if EAC courses would be open to students who were not enrolled in the Winterthur Program; Prof. Wolf replied that they were limited by the rules of the Winterthur Museum so the courses required permission of the instructor, but they would consider listing with other programs and students would be welcome.

President Hoffecker called for the vote and the resolution, as follows, was approved by unanimous voice vote.

*RESOLVED, that a course letter designation, Early American Culture (EAC), be established to designate those courses which are offered through the Winterthur Program.*

Item B, a recommendation for final approval of the Master of Marine Policy, was introduced by Prof. Pikulski, chair of the Coordinating Committee on Education. Senator Angell asked if it were the intent of the last clause that the results of the 5-year review be reported back to the appropriate committee of the Senate, and

Prof. Pikulski replied that it was. There was no further discussion and the resolution, as follows, was approved by voice vote.

1. *RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate recommends to the Board of Trustees that a Master of Marine Policy Program be established as a permanent program at the University of Delaware.*
2. *WHEREAS the number of students currently enrolled in the Master of Marine Study Program is relatively small, and  
WHEREAS the Master of Marine Policy Program depends upon the use of adjunct and visiting faculty, and  
WHEREAS several areas contributing to the Master of Marine Policy Program are changing rapidly in nature and research orientation,  
RESOLVED, that the Master of Marine Policy Program be reviewed within a five year period of time, either by the Committee on Program Evaluation or some other reasonable process.*

Item C, a recommendation for changes in the Student Code of Conduct, was introduced by Prof. Soles, chair of the Committee on Student Life. Senator Palmer asked whether "violence against self" was appropriately called "misconduct." Prof. Soles responded that it is against the law in all states to attempt suicide. Vice President Sharkey said that this was included in the "Code" to allow the Judicial System to deal with the occasional situation in which an emotionally disturbed student did not seek help and voluntarily leave the University, and to permit them, after consultation with attorneys, to vote to remove that student. Prof. Soles added that it would allow University action to protect students who can't judge what is in their own best interests.

Senator Taylor complimented the Committee on its work, particularly the explanation in 4.B. of "harassment." A senator asked whether that description would include a peaceful demonstration of disagreement with a speaker on campus; Prof. Soles responded that there had been instances when such a demonstration was viewed as harassment by people enforcing the policies, but it would not be viewed as harassment by the committee and he thought the Code of Conduct makes it clear that the general freedoms of speech and assembly which the University embraces are protected.

There was no further discussion and the resolution, as follows, was approved by voice vote:

*RESOLVED, that the Student Code of Conduct is changed as follows:*

#### *CODE OF CONDUCT*

*The following is a listing of the University's conduct expectations for its students. Any student who commits, aids, or attempts to commit any of the following acts of misconduct shall be subject to action within the Undergraduate or Graduate Student Judicial System.*

1. *Academic Dishonesty* [changed from 10 in ordering; no substantive changes]
2. *Alcohol and Drug Policy*  
*Violation of the University's alcohol and drug policies found in this Guide. These policy statements outline the University's position regarding the unauthorized possession, use, manufacture or distribution of drugs or alcohol on the campus and the policy related to authorized use of alcohol on the campus.*
3. *Conspiracy*  
*Any student who agrees or aids another person in promoting, facilitating or committing any Code of Conduct violation.*
4. *Disruptive Conduct* [changed from 7 in ordering]  
*Acting to impair, interfere with or obstruct the orderly conduct, processes and functions of the University.*
  - A. *Violence or threat of violence against self or any member or guest of the University community.*
  - B. *Harassment: Deliberately acting with intent to harass any member or guest of the University community. This includes but is not limited to acts of racism, sexism and anti-Semitism.*  
[remainder unchanged]
5. *Failure to Comply* [changed from 11; no other changes]
6. *False information*  
*Knowingly making a false oral or written statement in a University disciplinary hearing or to a University official; reporting the false presence of an explosive or incendiary device or fire. Falsely reporting a crime.*
7. *Guest Policy*  
*Violation of the University's Guest Policy found in this Guide.*
8. *Misuse of Materials* [changed from 2; no other changes]
9. *Misuse of Property* [changed from 3; no other changes]
10. *Policy Regulations* [changed from 9; no other changes]
11. *Privacy* [changed from 8; no other changes]
12. *Residence Hall Regulations* [changed from 6; no other changes]
13. *Theft* [changed from 4; no other changes]
14. *Weapons, Firearms or Explosive Devices on Campus* [changed from 5]  
*Unauthorized possession or use of firearms, fireworks or chemicals which are explosive in nature, and other types of arms defined as "dangerous instruments" or "deadly weapons" by the Delaware Code Title 11 Crimes and Criminal Procedures in section 222. (Copies of the Code are available in the University Police Department Office.)*

No new business was introduced, and President Hoffecker declared the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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University Faculty Senate