

REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

October 3, 1983

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the University Faculty Senate was called to order on Monday, October 3, 1983 at 4:00 p.m. with President Smith presiding. Senators not in attendance were:

Rosemary Hooper Billy Ross David Stixrude.

Senators excused were: Kenneth Ackerman, David Ames, Edith Anderson, Alexander Doberenz, William Gaither, Irwin Greenfield, Arthur Metzner, E.A. Trabant, Kaylene Williams.

I. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

President Smith requested two changes in the Agenda as published:

1. Postponement of approval of the Minutes of the September 12 meeting, which had not yet been distributed;
2. Withdrawal, at the request of the Coordinating Committee on Education, of Item VI.A., the combined BA/MA program in French.

A motion for adoption with these changes was made and seconded; in the absence of objection President Smith declared the Agenda adopted as modified.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES. Postponed.

III. REMARKS. None.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. In introducing the invited guests, President Smith noted that it has been five years since the responsibility for secondary education programs at the University had been decentralized from the College of Education to the various colleges, and the curriculum of secondary education students changed so that they now major in a "content field," with additional professional education courses, and the Executive Committee had felt it was timely for the Faculty Senate to receive a report on this topic.

The remarks by Professors Pulliam and Del Fattore are printed in full as Attachment 1 of these Minutes.

2. Senate President Smith made the following announcements:

- The semi-annual faculty meeting will be held on Monday, October 17 at 4:00 in 115 Purnell Hall.
- There will be an open hearing on computer hardware on October 10 at 4:00 in 118 Purnell Hall.

- Professor J. Stephens Crawford has been appointed to fill a vacancy on the Committee on Promotions and Tenure.

- Responding to a recent incident of distribution of anti-semitic literature on campus, University President Trabant, Senate President Smith, DUSC president Christie, Provost Campbell, and Vice President Sharkey have published an open letter in the Review deploring that incident.

As spokesperson for the faculty, President Smith added: "The hallmark of an institution of higher learning is its openness in inquiry and discussion. I remind you that the word 'prejudice' originally meant 'pre-judge,' that is to form an opinion before bothering to learn what's going on. In this connection I conclude that prejudice is an insidiously anti-intellectual activity. As a university community committed to scholarship in the broadest sense, we must continually be on guard."

V. OLD BUSINESS None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Item A. Withdrawn.

Item B, a recommendation for an amendment to the Faculty Constitution to make the past president of the University Faculty Senate a voting member of that body, was presented by Senate Secretary Culley, the chair of the Rules Committee. He explained that since the past president serves as an active member of the Executive Committee and regularly attends Senate meetings, the Rules Committee had felt that the past president should have voting membership. There was no discussion, and the following was unanimously approved by a hand vote:

WHEREAS: The President of the Senate becomes the immediate Past President at the conclusion of the first regular May meeting when the Senate elects its officers (Article I, Constitution of the Faculty of the University of Delaware, Section IV, paragraph 7), and

WHEREAS: the immediate Past President continues to serve as the fourth member of the Executive Committee with the newly elected officers at the conclusion of the first regular May meeting of the Senate (Article III, Standing Committee System of the Faculty and its Senate), and

WHEREAS: the immediate Past President continues service in the Senate by virtue of having been a duly elected officer and senator,

BE IT RESOLVED: That Article I, Constitution of the Faculty of the University of Delaware, Section IV, paragraph 7, be as follows:

- 7) *At the first regular May meeting the Senate shall elect a President, a Vice President, and a Secretary from the full-time voting faculty of the University to serve for one year as voting members of the Senate and to conduct the election of their successors. Senate officers may be reelected for one additional term, but may serve no more than two consecutive terms. The retiring President, as immediate Past President, shall serve as a voting member of the Senate during the term as immediate Past President. The Secretary of the Senate shall also serve as Secretary of the University Faculty.*

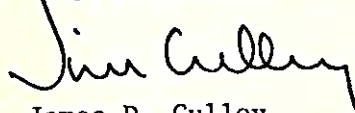
Item C, a recommendation to change the charge to the Committee on Faculty Welfare and Privileges, was presented by Professor Andersen, chair of the Committee on Committees. She explained that the Senate's creation last year of the Academic Appeals Committee had made paragraph 3 of the charge to the Committee on Faculty Welfare and Privileges redundant and potentially confusing. There was no discussion and the resolution, as follows, was unanimously approved by a hand vote:

RESOLVED, that the Bylaws and Regulations of the University Faculty Senate, III: Standing Committee System of the Faculty and its Senate, be amended by deletion of the third paragraph of the present charge to the Committee on Faculty Welfare and Privileges (p.I-19 of the present Faculty Handbook).

Item D. No new business was introduced.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded, and President Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 4:30.

Respectfully submitted,



James D. Culley
Secretary
University Faculty Senate

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Attachment 1: Report to the Faculty Senate on Teacher Education in the College of Arts and Science