

REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

September 9, 1985

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the University Faculty Senate was called to order on Monday, September 9, 1985, at 4:00 PM, with President James Soles presiding.

Senators not in attendance were: Patricia Kwapinski
David Schulz

Senators excused were: David Ames Helen Gouldner
Edith Anderson Robert Hampel
Eric Brucker Michael Pohlen
Robert Carroll

I. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

President Soles requested that Item II, "Approval of Minutes for May 6, 1985," be stricken since they had only arrived in the Senate Office last week and have not yet been distributed. In the absence of objections, the amended Agenda was adopted by unanimous consent.

II. REMARKS BY PRESIDENT TRABANT

President Trabant spoke to the Senate about several issues: Summer Session; the State Capital Bond Bill; the proposed baseball stadium; the task force on higher educational offerings in Delaware; the Commission on Undergraduate Education; Fall 1985 admissions; and new appointments on campus.

- * Summer Session 1985 enrollment declined approximately six percent from 1984, led by decreases in Continuing Education. There were also positive indicators, as the average course and credit load rose during the 1985 Summer Session to 4.3 credits and 1.4 courses; an intensive nine-credit Business Institute took place, as did retraining of teachers in mathematics, science and computer science, a residential institute in literature for Delaware teachers, and an advanced studies program for 71 academically talented high school seniors.
- * A new State Capital Bond Bill was signed by Governor Castle authorizing the last \$3 million to complete the expansion of Morris Library; \$750,000 to begin construction on a composites research laboratory in Engineering; \$40,000 to repair the swine research facility at Georgetown; and \$48,000 to repair the University's roads.
- * The State Legislature allocated \$125,000 to the State Economic Development Office to complete a feasibility study for a minor league baseball stadium at the University.

- * The Council of Presidents of the State of Delaware announced in June the appointment of a task force to study the educational services provided to Delaware by the University of Delaware, Delaware State College, and Delaware Technical/Community College in relation to the institutions' mission statements, their allocated resources, and State current needs and future expectations. A report will be submitted on January 20, 1986, to the Council of Presidents.
- * Work continues by the Commission on Undergraduate Education at the University, which will soon hold hearings on campus so that recommendations may be made later in the academic year.
- * The University had the largest number of admissions in its history in the Fall of 1985, four percent above 1984, of whom one-half ranked in the top 20 percent of their high school class. Though the total SAT score did not rise for entering freshmen, the average predicted grade index did improve to 2.45.
- * Some new people on campus include Dr. Michael Middaugh, the Assistant to the President for Institutional Research and Strategic Planning; Dr. Bruce Walker, Dean of Admissions; and Dr. Henry Tisdale, an American Council of Education Fellow, who will work in the President's Office.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Soles welcomed the new members of the administration, requested Senators to maintain decorum in debate, mentioned procedures of attendance, and announced the dates of future Senate meetings (October 7, November 4, December 2, and January 6 if a January meeting is necessary). The General Faculty Meeting will be held on October 14, not October 21 as originally scheduled. Also, Mrs. Rachel Gray replaced Ms. Barbara Martin as Administrative Assistant to the President of the Senate and Dr. Douglas Boyd will serve as Senate Parliamentarian. Lastly, President Soles announced a meeting of the chairs of all Senate committees on September 24, 4:00 PM, in the Student Center.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was pending before the Senate.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Item A, election of the chair of the Committee on Committees. Prof. Leslie Goldstein (Political Science) was elected, as written on the blackboard at the end of the meeting.

Item B, resolution, introduced by Vice President Huddleston at the May Senate meeting, on University divestment.

President Soles announced that the ad hoc committee on divestment chaired by Prof. Bowie (Philosophy) was unable to meet during the summer, and that Dr. Bowie had asked to be replaced as chair of that committee.

Senator Huddleston (Political Science) moved that the Senate postpone consideration of this resolution until the October meeting. Senator Levine (Library) seconded the motion.

In reply to a question from Senator Bellamy (Mathematical Sciences) as to whether immediate passage of the resolution would lessen the weight of its impact with the Board of Trustees, Senator Huddleston noted that possibility. President Trabant stated emphatically that such passage without a committee report would have less force with the Trustees than if a report had been received by the Senate.

Dean Murray (Education) asked Senator Huddleston what the resolution meant if the committee failed to complete a report by the October meeting, to which Senator Huddleston replied with an admonition to the Senate Executive Committee to appoint a new committee chair quickly so that work could proceed.

Senator Levin (Economics) asked what events in South Africa would have to occur before divestiture would end. Senator Huddleston stated that it would likely be when the government represents the majority of people in South Africa. Senator Huddleston further noted the failure of the resolution to state how and when the University should divest itself, but admitted such judgments had to be left to the Trustees.

In reply to Senator Bonner (Business), President Soles promised that he would inform the members of the Senate as to the identity of the new chair of the committee as soon as one is appointed by the Committee on Committees.

The Huddleston motion to postpone action on the resolution to divest was carried unanimously by voice vote.

President Trabant asked members of the Senate to read the statement of the Board of Trustees on investments in companies that operate in South Africa, which in essence demands that those companies adhere to the Sullivan principles.

Item C. No new business was introduced.

Following the motion from the floor to adjourn, President Soles declared the meeting adjourned at 4:40 PM.

Dutifully submitted,



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Secretary
University Faculty Senate

