

REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

FEBRUARY 3, 1986

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the University Faculty Senate was called to order on Monday, February 3, 1986, at 4:00 p.m., with President Soles presiding:

Senators not in attendance were:

Norman Brown	John Goetchius	Patricia McCafferty	David Saunders
Perry Chapman	Svend Holsoe	Donald Mogavero	David Schulz
Todd Christie	Peter Jeffery	John Morgan	Robert Sheridan
George Cicala	David Kuhlman	Byron Pipes	Robert Smith
Wallace Dynes	Bert Levin	Michael Pohlen	

Senators Excused were: Virginia Ahrens, Edith Anderson, Joan Brown, Eric Brucker, Selcuk Guceri, David Nelson

I. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as printed.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Senators Evelyn Hayes and Bertram Levin were excused from the last meeting rather than absent. As there were no other changes, the minutes of December 2, 1985 were approved as corrected.

III. REMARKS BY PRESIDENT TRABANT

President Trabant spoke on five matters:

1. Charter Day. On February 2, 1986, the University celebrated the date the University became chartered, February 5, 1833, by awarding the Commonwealth Award to Ms. Candy Lightner, founder of Mothers Against Drunk Driving. Our Alison Professors nominated Ms. Lightner for the prize in public service. She received a statuette and \$32,000.

2. Winter Session. A record number of students attended Winter Session.

The Delaware Undergraduate Student Conference (DUSC) held a public meeting on the theme of public service, and how students might be involved in it. Students from Swarthmore College explained their community involvement, and President Trabant spoke in place of Dr. Coles who could not make the meeting.

3. Lecture Series. There will be a series on biotechnology beginning on February 12th, on an area that will have great impact upon our educational and research programs at the University. There will also be a series on South Africa beginning February 20th. The initial speaker will be Mr. Daniel Purnell, the

executive director of the International Council for Equality of Opportunity Principles Inc., the organization which sponsors, enforces and directs the Sullivan Principles.

4. New Calendar. The President's Council has discussed ways of changing the calendar to allow a break during the fall semester comparable to spring break, without extending the semester. A major problem is that many people already believe the semester is crowded enough without cutting class time. One solution is to extend class periods from 50 to 60 minutes. Discussions will continue on this matter.

5. Governor's Budget Recommendation. Unlike recent years, the Governor's recommendation for the University looks reasonably equitable so that we will get most of what we want from the State. At present we receive 26.7% of our total income from the State of Delaware. Governor Castle, in his budget message of January 30, 1986, praised the University:

"While much of our time and resources have been devoted to public education in Delaware, higher education must not be ignored.

"Each of our higher education institutions plays an important role in the state, but I think it is appropriate to single out at least one development at the University of Delaware and I mention it now. In the past year, the University has taken great strides toward becoming a national center for research in the area of composite materials, an esoteric subject with results as practical as a new, safer bumper for automobiles.

"I am particularly proud of the University receiving national recognition and my budget includes an increase in funding for this important research that is going on under Byron Pipes' enthusiastic leadership.

"We are also increasing our support for the College of Engineering, the Colleges of Science and Business, funding a pilot program in computer software development -- another area where the University excels -- and we are recommending more funding for the research partnership fund."

President Trabant concluded by stating we should be satisfied but not necessarily content.

#### IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Soles had no announcements.

V. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business before the Senate.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Item A. Professor Robert Brown, Chair of the Committee on Undergraduate Studies, noted that the resolution on proposed restrictions on examinations outside regular class hours is a reworking of one that failed to pass during the fall of 1984. His committee believes that it allows common examinations for multi-section courses in a reasonable manner while being fair to students.

Senator David Bellamy believes that many things cannot be tested adequately in one or two hour period, and he does not want to preclude the possibility of longer exams for courses which have multiple sections.

Senator Bert Levin asked if the committee considered allowing graduate courses to give examinations longer than stated class periods, to which Professor Brown replied negatively, as the committee believes that professors of such courses could divide long examinations into sections. Senator Kathryn Porter also supported longer examination periods for graduate courses as long as students were given a free choice.

Senator Edward Schweizer noted that the proposed policy would exclude courses with co-requisites of laboratory sections with different course numbers. He moved that the resolutions be returned to committee. Dean Frank Murray suggested that the resolution be rewritten to allow exceptions for longer exams. Senator Schweizer replied that he preferred that the committee rewrite the resolution. Senator Gordon Bonner noted a potential problem for night students in terms of class conflicts if professors began using evenings for exams whenever they wished, and he wished the resolution not be returned to committee unless such consideration be taken into account. Senator Schweizer replied that professors need not use evenings for exams, just Saturdays.

Dean David Ames spoke against sending it back to committee because the resolution is needed to protect students from unpublished course requirements, especially part-time and working students. Professor Brown pointed out that his committee deliberately wrote the motion to ensure few courses would qualify, and that any alternatives would be published in the course schedule booklet to protect students from class conflicts. Senator Porter insisted that graduate students had less problem with class conflicts because they took fewer courses at a time and, furthermore, graduate students needed longer periods of time for thorough examinations.

In response to Senator Blits, Dean Helen Gouldner suggested that there was an extensive problem as judged by the number of student complaints to her office about exams scheduled in conflict with other classes or exams. Professor Brown provided the example of a colleague who burdened another colleague and a student by holding an exam outside of scheduled class time. Senator John Bernstein cautioned against having the Senate approving professors' desires to give exams whenever they wished, a desire he did not share. Senator Nancy Schweda-Nicholson further cautioned against such unscheduled exams as they could cause extensive problems for cross-listed (400-600 level) courses.



The question was called, and the motion to recommit the resolution to committee failed. Senator Schweizer then moved that the word "for" be changed to "associated with" on line six of the second paragraph of the resolution under "RESOLVED." As an example, his Chemistry 325 laboratory course is associated with course Chemistry 321, but it is a different course. The motion is designed, clarified President Soles, to facilitate more lengthy examinations and to avoid conflict with other classes. The motion was seconded, question called, and the motion passed by hand vote.

Senator Schweizer made a motion to place a period after the word "course" on line six, paragraph two, and delete the next 29 words ending with "examination dates and." He would then add a new sentence after "that course" on line six, paragraph two, to read "When the examination is to be given at a different time the," so that any course may have an examination outside regular hours as long as the instructor publishes the times in the registration booklet. Professor Brown noted that the two parts of the proposed amendment are contradictory because no provision has been made in the first sentence for the exception allowed in the second statement. Senator Robert Dalrymple suggested that "may" in line four be changed to "should" to remove objections, and Senator Schweizer concurred. Professor Kwart stated that the amendment might cause numerous scheduling conflicts in advance, and that one solution would be to announce such tests outside of scheduled class times on the first day of class and that students with class conflicts be provided with an alternative time. Senator Elaine Safer believed it unfair to burden students with makeups. Rather, publish any examinations outside of class in advance so students would not take that course. Dean Ames asked if the amendment means that exams could be offered at any time as long as times are published, and Senator Schweizer agreed. Senator James Richards noted the effect upon athletics, for which contests are scheduled up to three years in advance, and asked rhetorically whether one could notify students one to three years in advance. Senator Bonner suggested a range of hours to permit such exams to forestall students being locked out of large blocks of time for other courses by one professor in a single course. The question was called, and the amendment failed by hand vote.

Senator Schweizer moved that "Graduate courses will be exempt from these requirements." be added to the end of the proposed resolution. Senator Richard Murray asked whether this would apply only to 800-level courses as 600-level courses are open to undergraduates. Senator Schweizer replied that all courses above 400 would be included. Senator Bellamy changed "will" to "shall" in the amendment to which Senator Schweizer agreed. Dean Ames asked about a rationale for the amendment, to which Senator Bellamy replied "The rationale that the young lady argued for." Senator Porter stated that graduate students needed such an exemption and that they had less scheduling problems than undergraduates. Senator Levin supported the amendment since the Undergraduate Committee did not discuss graduate courses. The question was called. As the motion failed by only one vote, President Soles asked for a recount of hands. The amendment failed by five votes.

Senator Dalrymple moved that the last sentence of the resolution be stricken, beginning with "The Records Office." He stated that otherwise the Records Office may have a difficult problem scheduling exams at different times, and that large time periods may be closed out for students because of one or two exams. Professor Brown reminded the Senate that the policy impinged on other instructors as well as other students. Senator Bonner stated that he opposed the amendment because publishing exams outside of their regular allotted time places the necessary burden on the student to select a registration that does not have conflicts. Senator Dalrymple

replied that his amendment allowed exams to be published in the registration booklet, but freed the Records Office from having to block out class meeting times to meet the needs of a few instructors.

Senator Schweizer then moved a substitute amendment that allows examinations outside regular class periods to be scheduled only between 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Fridays and 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays and Sundays. The question was called, and the substitute motion failed by hand vote. The question was then called in Senator Dalrymple's motion, and the amendment failed by hand vote. The question was called on the main resolution, and it passed as amended by hand vote. The resolution reads as follows:

*WHEREAS: required examinations outside regularly scheduled class time often unjustifiably create for students conflicts with other scheduled courses and activities; and*

*WHEREAS: a faculty member properly concerned about student success in courses and activities other than one's own ought to refrain, wherever possible, from imposing such obligations upon students where the academic reasons are not clearly and justifiably preponderant over all other considerations; be it therefore*

*RESOLVED: that the Faculty Senate approves and transmits for inclusion in the Faculty Handbook, at an appropriate place among the statements of academic policies governing tests and examinations, the following policy (to be effective beginning with the 87A term):*

*To minimize conflicts for students with other scheduled University courses and activities, a required examination, test or quiz (excluding make-up examinations for individuals and regularly scheduled final examinations) may be given only during regularly scheduled class or laboratory hours associated with that course, with the sole exception of common examinations given for multi-section courses when these various sections have different scheduled meeting times. For these permissible common examinations, the examination dates and times must be determined sufficient far in advance that they will be printed in the Registration Booklet for that term. The Records Office will treat these examination times as schedule conflicts for students seeking to register for another course meeting at the same or overlapping times.*

Item B. Chairperson John Beer of the Committee on Student Life stated that the resolution amending the student code was initiated by Dean Brooks of the Office of Student Affairs and Mr. David Butler, Director of Housing and Residence Life. Senator Bonner stated that the meaning of the infinitive "to harass" was unclear to him. To obviate such an open-ended definition, he suggested inserting "improperly" before "to harass" in the resolution, making it clear that harassment would mean more than just to annoy someone. Students are presently pressing grievances before the Academic Appeals Committee on grounds he believes are frivolous. Senator Bonner replied affirmatively to President Soles' query as to whether there was "proper" harassment. Professor Beer stated that while he had no substantive objections to the amendment, he believed the "improper" needed to be inserted only before the first

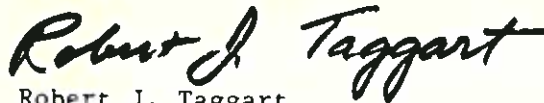


"harassment" in the resolution and not before the other two mentions of the word. Dean Ames moved that the motion be tabled so that the Senate might relate this resolution to the University policy on sexual harassment when Dean Brooks is present. The resolution was tabled until the next meeting by hand vote. (A copy of the resolution is attached to the March 3, 1986 agenda.)

Item C. There was no new business.

Following a motion from the floor to adjourn, President Soles declared the meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Dutifully Submitted,



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Secretary  
University Faculty Senate

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