

REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

February 2, 1987

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the University Faculty Senate was called to order on Monday, February 2, 1987, at 4:00 p.m., with President Callahan presiding.

Senators not in attendance were: Virginia Ahrens, Edith Anderson, David Bellamy, Yaroslav Bilinsky, Christopher Boorse, Donald Crossan, Robert Dalrymple, Betty Haslett, Svend Holsoe, Peter Jeffery, Melinda Kwart, Thomas Leitch, John Morgan, Linda Pellecchia, Michael Pohlen, David Saunders, Edward Schweizer, James R. Soles, Anne Marie Tierney

Senators excused were: L. Leon Campbell, Alexander Doberenz, David Ermann, Charles Ih, David Nelson, Mark Noll, Jean Stokes, Carolyn Thoroughgood, Conrad Trumbore

I. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Hearing no objections, President Callahan ruled the agenda adopted as circulated.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Hearing no corrections, President Callahan ruled the minutes approved as distributed.

III. REMARKS BY PRESIDENT TRABANT

1. The University has a president-elect, Dr. Russel Jones, who is currently Vice-President for Academic Affairs and Academic Development at Boston University. Dr. and Mrs. Jones will be coming to campus full-time at least by July 1, 1987.
2. The University's applications for undergraduate admissions are slightly more than 25 percent ahead of last year at this particular time. On the average, the applicants' SAT scores and standing in their high school class are higher than for several years. There are higher percentages of Delawareans applying, of out-of-state students applying, and of women applying. At the graduate level applications for admissions for September 1987 are higher by slightly more than 15 percent. The University will have the largest number of applicants in its history if the trend continues.
3. February 8 is Charter Day at the University of Delaware. At the Charter Day ceremony, the Common Wealth Award for service will be conferred. The Common Wealth Award is awarded by the Common Wealth Trust--a private, charitable foundation--which was created by Ralph Hayes in

1977. The trust is administered by the Bank of Delaware. A few years ago the University was asked to form a group to make yearly recommendations to the directors of the trust of a person who should be recognized for his/her outstanding achievements in the service field. The University faculty group making this recommendation are the recipients of the Francis Alison Award. Last year's Common Wealth Award for service was awarded to Ms. Candy Lightner, the individual credited with the establishment of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD). This year's recipient is the Reverend Leon Sullivan, minister of the Zion Baptist Church in Philadelphia.

One of Reverend Sullivan's major accomplishments has been the founding of the Progress Investment Associates. This group has built apartments and a shopping center that are owned and operated by the Black community. Further he established the Black Community Center, known as the Progress Human Services Center, which is located in Philadelphia. Reverend Sullivan was the first Black to serve on the General Motors Corporation Board of Directors. As a director at General Motors, Reverend Sullivan became concerned about General Motors' investment in South Africa and conditions in South Africa. Because of his concern he devised, designed, promulgated, and published what are known as the Sullivan Principles. These are principles for racial integration and other civilizing actions to be taken in South Africa. The principles were published first in 1977. In 1977, 13 national corporations signed that they would abide by the Sullivan Principles. There are now 135 U.S. firms with investments and operations in South Africa who sign and subscribe to the Sullivan Principles.

Faculty are invited to attend the Charter Day ceremony. The ceremony will be held in Clayton Hall at 3:30 p.m.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Callahan recognized Professor Anne Clark, Chairperson of the Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Standing, for a brief report on the proposal from the Council of Deans that her committee has been examining for some time. A focus of the committee's discussions has been high school course requirements recommended for admission to the University of Delaware. The committee will propose that four years of English; two years of mathematics; two years of science, one of which is a laboratory science; two years of history; and two years of the same foreign language be required. Data from Institutional Research suggests that 13 percent of last year's Delaware high school students who entered the University would have been excluded because of lack of two or more years of the same foreign language. A three year lead-time was suggested as appropriate for putting the changes in place.

To assess the impact of the recommendation on Delaware schools, Professor Clark has met with Dr. William Keene, State Superintendent of Public Schools, will meet with the State Superintendent's Advisory Council, and has discussed the proposal with the language supervisor at the Department of Public Instruction.

Dean Helen Gouldner noted that while it is strategically important to discuss the matters "with the State Superintendent and others in the state system," the University must establish its "own requirements as to what we think our students need in order to perform satisfactorily in ...this University."

Professor Wallace Pill's question related to the science requirement. Professor Clark responded that while the University would not specify the type of science, high schools require that one of the two years of science must be biology.

Dean Frank Murray questioned whether or not the recommendations were "only about the high school curriculum or [were] other aspects of the admissions process [included as well]?" Professor Clark responded that "the other aspects that were in the Council of Deans' proposal [would be] included in [the] resolution."

President Callahan noted that when the resolution appears on the agenda a copy of the report from Professor Clark's committee will be attached so that the Senators will have the full documentation.

V. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Item A was a request from the Provost for confirmation of an appointment to the Council on Program Evaluation (COPE).

The following resolution was unanimously approved by voice vote.

RESOLVED, that the appointment of Professor Kenneth A. Lewis, Department of Economics, to replace Professor Zack Bowen on the Council on Program Evaluation, is hereby confirmed.

Items B. 1., 2. and 3 were resolutions from the Committee on Committees by Professor Anna DeHaven, Chairperson, altering the charges of the Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Standing, the Committee on Undergraduate Studies, and the Committee on Undergraduate Records and Certification.

President Callahan noted that with the exception of the phrase, "if feasible, one each from the areas of hard sciences, humanities, and social sciences," (in resolution B. 2.) the changes were not substantive.

Professor Frank Dilley wondered whether or not the terms in the phrase in resolution B. 2. were "well understood" by everyone.

Dean Helen Gouldner moved that the resolution be amended to use the terms "natural sciences and mathematics," "arts and humanities," and "social and behavioral sciences." The motion was seconded. The amendment carried unanimously.

Following no discussion of the other language changes, the following three resolutions were approved unanimously.

1. *RESOLVED, that the charge to the Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Standing as it appears in Section III, pages I-24 through I-25, of the Faculty Handbook be changed to read:*

This committee shall recommend, for final determination by the faculty or its Senate, the undergraduate educational and academic admissions policies, and, in consultation with the Committee on Undergraduate Records and Certification, the policies of academic standing of undergraduates. The committee shall advise the Dean of Admissions and the University Registrar in implementing these policies, and may from time to time sit with the staff which reviews individual applications for admission. This committee, in consultation with the Foreign Student Advisor, shall also advise on the admission of foreign students and shall seek to develop means for encouraging qualified foreign applicants. The committee shall additionally review and consider matters relating to foreign study arrangements for University undergraduates and other off-campus study arrangements, as regards academic standing.

This committee shall consist of an appointee of the President; the Associate Provost for Instruction; the Dean of Admissions and the University Registrar as ex officio non-voting members; two undergraduate students; and a faculty member from each college enrolling undergraduate majors, one of whom shall be chairperson.

2. *RESOLVED, that paragraph 3 in the charge to the Committee on Undergraduate Studies as it appears in Section III, page I-26 of the Faculty Handbook be changed to read:*

This committee shall consist of an appointee of the Vice President for Academic Affairs; three faculty members from the College of Arts and Science (if feasible, one from the natural sciences and mathematics, one from arts and humanities, and one from social and behavioral sciences) and one faculty member from each other undergraduate college, of whom one shall be chairperson; one representative of the Committee on Graduate Studies, three undergraduate students; the University Registrar; the Dean of Counseling and Career Services; and the Assistant Registrar for Scheduling and Registration.

3. *RESOLVED, that paragraphs 2 and 3 in the charge to the Committee on Undergraduate Records and Certification as it appears in Section III, page I-25 of the Faculty Handbook be changed to read:*

This committee shall consist of two faculty members, appointed for staggered two-year terms, one of whom shall serve as chair; an appointee of the Vice President for Academic Affairs; the University Registrar; and one designee of the Dean of each college enrolling undergraduate majors.

In dismissing a student for academic deficiency, the committee shall advise him/her of the right to petition for reinstatement and of the form and required content of such appeals. Petitions may be decided by subcommittees comprised of: the chairperson; the appointee of the Vice President for Academic Affairs; the University Registrar; and the designee(s) of the Dean(s) of the petitioning student's college(s). The committee shall, however, meet as a whole at least twice each academic year to discuss the decisions of such subcommittees, for the purpose of establishing and maintaining reasonable uniformity in the petition process.

Item C was a recommendation from the Committee on Graduate Studies by Professor Leo Lemay, Chairperson, with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education, Professor John Crawford, Chairperson, for permanent status of the M.A. degree in School Psychology and the Specialist Certificate in School Psychology. (Supporting materials may be found at Attachment 1.)

The following resolution was unanimously approved by voice vote.

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate approves the proposal that the program leading to the Master of Arts degree in School Psychology and the Specialist Certificate in School Psychology be granted permanent status.

Item D was a recommendation from the Committee on Graduate Studies by Professor Leo Lemay, Chairperson, with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education, whose chairperson is Professor John Crawford, that a series of graduate majors in Applied Sciences be disestablished and a series of new graduate majors be established as replacements. (Supporting material is located at Attachment 2.)

Dean Byron Pipes proposed an amendment which changed the "Materials Program" to the "Materials Science Program." This change corrected a portion of the resolution to read "and the establishment of a Doctor of Philosophy and Master of Science programs in the graduate major of Materials Science."

The chairperson of the Graduate Committee, Professor Leo Lemay, accepted the change.

Following Professor Peter Warter's question concerning whether or not an applied science degree was being disestablished, Associate Provost Richard Murray responded that the Master of Applied Science degree was not being disestablished. "Anything--not covered by the specific disestablishment... will be unaffected."

The resolution, as follows, was approved by unanimous voice vote.

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate approves the disestablishment of the following graduate majors leading to the degrees shown:

*Applied Sciences/Climatology (Ph.D.)
Applied Sciences/Mathematics (MAS, Ph.D.)
Applied Sciences/Physics (MAS, Ph.D.)
Applied Sciences/Chemical Engineering (MAS, Ph.D.)
Applied Sciences/Civil Engineering (Ph.D.)
Applied Sciences/Electrical Engineering (MAS, Ph.D.)
Applied Sciences/Mechanical Engineering (MAS, Ph.D.)
Applied Sciences/Metallurgy (MAS, Ph.D.)*

and the establishment of Doctor of Philosophy programs in the following graduate majors:

*Climatology
Civil Engineering
Electrical Engineering
Mechanical Engineering*

and the establishment of Doctor of Philosophy and Master of Science programs in the graduate major of Materials Science (previously designated Metallurgy).

The effective date of the change will be the date of Senate approval. Students enrolled in one of the Applied Sciences programs on that date will have a choice of fulfilling the requirements under either the old or new program.

Item E was a recommendation from the Committee on Graduate Studies by Professor Leo Lemay, Chairperson, for the establishment of a course prefix for vocational studies graduate courses. (Supporting material is located at Attachment 3.)

Dean Frank Murray questioned the purpose of the prefix. Will "this prefix be applied to any existing courses?" Associate Provost Richard Murray responded that he believed requests for "cross-listing of some existing courses with the new prefix" would be made. Professor Leo Lemay indicated that the prefix was essentially for new courses.

The following resolution was unanimously approved.

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate approves the establishment of a course prefix (VS) that will be used to designate courses offered for students in the Vocational Studies graduate major. Only graduate-level courses will be so designated.

Item F was the introduction of new business. Professor Pill introduced the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the College of Agricultural Sciences at its December 1, 1986 faculty meeting passed a motion requesting further discussion of the plus/minus grading system on the floor of the University Faculty Senate, be it

RESOLVED, that further discussion by the University Faculty Senate on the advantages and disadvantages of the plus/minus grading system precede adoption of this system.

The motion was amended. "Adoption" was replaced with "implementation."

President Callahan asked whether or not there was any further new business and Professor Frank Dilley responded that, "The chairs' caucus has decided to write to Dr. Russel Jones inviting him to meet with important groups around campus.... Since... the search process did not allow either him or the various important groups on campus that opportunity, as a senator... I would like to suggest that the Senate might want to consider [making] the same [request].... The purpose of this is not only to welcome but also to indicate that there is... a problem... created by the search process."

President Callahan asked whether or not this was a motion or a statement of information. Professor Dilley responded that it was a recommendation to the Senate Executive Committee to consider making such an invitation. President Callahan suggested that the Executive committee would be pleased to consider the suggestion.

Hearing no further discussion, President Callahan entertained a motion to adjourn at 4:45 p.m.

Dutifully submitted,

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Attachments:

1. Review of Graduate Program for Permanent Status M.A. in School Psychology and Specialist Certificate in School Psychology
2. Disestablishment of graduate majors
3. Memo recommending the establishment of a course prefix

