

REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

November 2, 1987

MINUTES

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

Senators not in attendance were: David Ames, Robert Leitzel

Senators excused were: Edith Anderson, David Bellamy, Donald Crossan, Alexander Doberenz, Jackson Gillespie, Helen Gouldner, Joseph Pika, R. Byron Pipes, Lucille Pulliam, Joseph Ritter, Peter Warter, Doris Williams

I. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Hearing no comments or objections, the agenda was adopted as distributed.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Hearing no comments or objections, the minutes were accepted as distributed.

III. REMARKS BY PRESIDENT JONES

1. There are a series of meetings of committees of the University Board of Trustees presently being conducted for following up on Senate "output from late last year." Presently, recommendations from the Grounds and Buildings Committee on a smoking policy and the Education and Training Committee on research fraud have been approved and will be presented to the Executive Committee in a few weeks for final action. The Student Affairs Committee and the Finance Committee are expected to hold their meetings next week.
2. The budget request for the University was made to the Governor's staff last Friday, October 30, 1987. An 8% increase in the operating budget for next year was requested. In addition, four priorities were included in the capital request. These include: (1) an addition to and rebuilding of Alison Hall; (2) a new chemistry building; (3) a math and computer science building; and (4) additional funds for two kinds of maintenance -- (a) physical plant maintenance and (b) equipment maintenance.
3. Two new programs are presently being proposed for expanding University services to Delaware citizens. One proposal is the development of a DELCAT statewide library access system whereby public school and other libraries throughout the State may access the present system for conducting searches for reference materials and other library documents. A second proposal is the development of a computer-based farm management system whereby "farmers who are finding themselves marginal on finances may play 'what if' games and do some mid-course decision-making."

4. In terms of the impact of recent events of the stock market upon the University's endowment, the feeling is that the University has suffered less volatility than others. Although the overall value of equities traded in the stock market was down 28%, the University's portfolio was down about 18%. "So, as a relative amount, we're not down nearly as much as the market indices." The Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees is meeting next week, and an up-to-date report will be presented at that time.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENT

Reapportionment in the Senate is presently being conducted by the Rules Committee which is chaired by Dr. James Morrison. It is requested that those deans who have not returned their verification documents, indicating faculty members affiliated with their colleges, kindly submit them to Dr. Morrison by November 15, 1987 so reapportionment may be finalized.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Item A was a recommendation from the Committee on Graduate Studies (L. Lemay, Chairperson), with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (H. Hall, Chairperson), for permanent status of the Doctor of Philosophy degree (Ph.D.) in Oceanography. (Attachment 1)

The following resolution was approved:

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate approves and recommends to the Board of Trustees that the Doctor of Philosophy degree (Ph.D.) in Oceanography be granted permanent status.

Item B was a recommendation from the Committee on Graduate Studies (L. Lemay, Chairperson), with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (H. Hall, Chairperson), for provisional approval of the Master of Science degree (MS) program in Economics. (Attachment 2)

The following resolution was approved:

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate approves provisionally a new Master of Science degree (MS) program in Economics, effective on the date of Senate approval, with review for permanent status to occur in the fourth full year of the program.

Item C was a recommendation from the Committee on Committees (F. Dilley, Chairperson) for the establishment of a Film Subcommittee.

The following resolution was approved:

RESOLVED, that the Bylaws and Regulations of the University Faculty Senate, III: "Standing Committee System of the Faculty and its Senate," be amended by the addition (on p. I-20 of the present Faculty Handbook) of the following:

FILM SUBCOMMITTEE

This subcommittee shall exchange ideas and information and contribute to the balance of Newark campus film programs generally, and specifically sponsor, direct, suggest or coordinate presentations of cultural films at the University.

The subcommittee shall consist of three faculty members chosen for two-year terms, one of whom shall be designated chairperson; one designee of the Provost appointed annually; one designee of the Director of the Office of Instructional Technology appointed annually; one undergraduate student and one graduate student appointed annually. Initial faculty terms on the subcommittee shall be staggered so that at least one faculty member carries over each year.

Item D was a recommendation from the Committee on Committees (F. Dilley, Chairperson) altering the charge of the Committee on Cultural Activities and Public Events.

The original resolution indicated seven faculty members shall be included on the Cultural Activities and Public Events Committee. This number was increased to nine faculty members to make it consistent with the actual number of faculty represented on that committee. The following resolution was approved:

RESOLVED, that the charge to the Committee on Cultural Activities and Public Events as it appears in Section III, pages I-17 and I-17a, paragraphs 1 and 3, of the Faculty Handbook be changed to read:

It should be the objective of the Cultural Activities and Public Events Committee together with its subcommittees, Fine Arts and Exhibitions, Film, Performing Arts, and Visiting Scholars and Speakers, to foster, encourage and coordinate throughout the University programs of local, national, and world significance that illuminate, explain, articulate, or are a creative part of the cultures of mankind. The committee shall work with any and all agencies of the University specifically to sponsor, direct, or advise on programs which bring to the University notable and creative figures in scholarship, presentations, art exhibits, and media productions, or any presentation which reflects upon the University's obligation to foster and contribute to the cultural life of the community and the world.

The Cultural Activities and Public Events Committee shall consist of: Nine faculty members, one being a chairperson, the four chairpersons of the subcommittees, and one faculty member from each subcommittee as elected by the several

subcommittees; one appointment by the Provost; one appointment by the Vice President for Student Affairs; three undergraduate students; and one graduate student.

VI. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS

President Toensmeyer asked for any new items of business. Hearing no suggestions or comments, President Toensmeyer entertained a motion to adjourn at 4:41 p.m.

Dutifully submitted,

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Attachments:

1. Ph.D. degree in Oceanography
2. MS degree in Economics