

REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

April 4, 1988

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the University Faculty Senate was called to order on Monday, April 4, 1988, at 4:00 p.m. with President Toensmeyer presiding.

Senators not in attendance were: Donald Crossan, David Haslett, Rosemary Lane Hooper, Harry Hutchinson, Billy Ross, Nancy Sottos

Senators excused were: David Ames, David Bellamy, Marvin Brams, Norman Brown, Raymond Callahan, Joan DeFattore, John Dohms, David Ermann, Joseph Glutting, Helen Gouldner, Beth Haslett, John Kramer, Melinda Kwart, Frank Murray, Richard Murray, R. Byron Pipes, Carol Rudisell, Donald Sparks, Stephen Thornton, Peter Warter, Cort Willmott, Kuo-Chuin Wong

I. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

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

III. REMARKS BY PRESIDENT JONES

Dr. Jones provided a progress report on visits he has made to both academic and administrative units this year and those yet to be completed during the remainder of the 1987-88 school year. (Please refer to Attachment 1 for listing.) The visits are part of an in-depth orientation for becoming thoroughly acquainted with all aspects of University operations.

A President's Commission to Promote Racial and Cultural Diversity on campus has been established. (Please refer to Attachment 2 for listing of members and charge to the Committee.) The charge given to the Commission is "to create a climate that encourages members of the community to respect individual and cultural differences, trying to promote equity for people of different backgrounds, particularly different races and cultures." The Commission is expected "to look at efforts that are being undertaken at other institutions across the nation and to see what models might be used here and what should be avoided; to hold public hearings on its proposed ideas; to recommend kinds of actions; and then to conduct periodic evaluations of the progress that is being made towards those plans of action."

The National Science Foundation has just completed a "mid-course evaluation of a five-year grant" originally given to the Engineering Research Center for Composites Manufacturing Science and Engineering on campus. Although the evaluation resulted in a recommendation to "phase their support down over the next couple of years," the Provost and others will attempt to get the National Science Foundation to modify its decision.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Toensmeyer indicated that chairpersons of Senate committees are requested to submit their annual reports by April 8, 1988. In addition, monthly reports from chairpersons of Senate committees for the May Faculty Senate Agenda are due by April 15, 1988. The Semi-Annual Faculty Meeting is scheduled for April 18, 1988, at 4:00 p.m. in Room 130 Smith Hall.

President Toensmeyer extended his appreciation to those Senators and other individuals who have worked on behalf of the Senate over the past year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR CHALLENGE

Each Announcement for Challenge was reviewed by President Toensmeyer. The following list of announcements for challenge was read and approved:

1. Revision of the B.S. in Dietetics (Attachment 3)
2. Revision of the B.S. in Coordinated Undergraduate Dietetics (Attachment 4)
3. Revision of the B.S. in Nutritional Sciences (Attachment 5)
4. Revision of the B.S. in Food Science (Attachment 6)
5. Revision of the major in English with Concentration in Business/Technical Writing (Attachment 7)

V. NEW BUSINESS

Item A was a preliminary report from Professor John Pikulski, Chairperson, Ad Hoc Committee on Senate Organization. Professor Pikulski reviewed 36 preliminary recommendations currently being debated by the Ad Hoc Committee and requested Senators to provide feedback on each recommendation by means of a special document distributed to each Senator at the meeting. The 36 recommendations are in Attachment 8.

Item B was a recommendation from the Committee on Undergraduate Studies (P. Durbin, Chairperson), with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (H. Hall, Chairperson), for provisional approval of a new major leading to the B.A. degree in History with a concentration in Journalism (Attachment 9).

The following resolution was accepted by majority vote:

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate approves provisionally, for four years, the establishment of a new major leading to the B.A. degree in History with a concentration in Journalism, effective September 1988.

Item C was a recommendation from the Committee on Rules (J. Morrison, Chairperson), on student representation in the Faculty Senate.

The following resolution was accepted by majority vote:

WHEREAS, the Faculty Senate recognizes the value of student input in performing its functions, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the undergraduate student body be represented by five student senators of which the same two will be voting members. The duly constituted undergraduate student government will arrange the election of the five senators from the full-time undergraduate student body with such procedures contingent upon approval of the Senate.

Hearing no further comments or objections, President Toensmeyer entertained a motion to adjourn at 5:25 p.m.

Dutifully submitted,

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Attachments

1. The President's Commission to Promote Racial and Cultural Diversity
2. Visits with Academic Units and Academic Departments Scheduled through June
3. Revision of the B.S. in Dietetics
4. Revision of the B.S. in Coordinated Undergraduate Dietetics
5. Revision of the B.S. in Nutritional Sciences
6. Revision of the B.S. in Food Science
7. Revision of the major in English with Concentration in Business/Technical Writing
8. Recommendations from the Ad Hoc Committee on Senate organization
9. New major leading to the B.A. degree in History with a concentration in Journalism

