

REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

February 1, 1988

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the University Faculty Senate was called to order on Monday, February 1, 1988, at 4:00 p.m. with President Toensmeyer presiding.

Senators not in attendance were: Mark Amsler, William Bailey, Eugene Ball, Beth Erben, Beth Haslett, David Haslett, Peter Jeffery, John Kramer, Rob Pennell, William Pulliam, Karen Schaeffer, John Weiss

Senators excused were: David Ames, Edith Anderson, Marvin Brams, Joan Brown, Eric Brucker, Raymond Callahan, Donald Crossan, Alexander Doberenz, David Ermann, Svend Holsoe, Harry Hutchinson, Michael Keefe, Robert Leitzel, Ronald Martin, John Morgan, R. Byron Pipes, Lucille Pulliam, Nancy Targett, Carolyn Thoroughgood, Irene Vogel

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 suggestions, the minutes were accepted as distributed.

III. REMARKS BY PRESIDENT JONES

1. After serving 17 years as Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Leon Campbell has requested to be relieved of his duties as an administrator and assume full responsibilities of a faculty member, concentrating his efforts in the area of biotechnology and computing. A search for his replacement will begin this spring. Ads have already been placed in the Chronicle of Higher Education and Black Issues in Higher Education. Deans, department chairs, and others have been asked for suggestions for structuring and serving on the Search Committee. President Jones will be meeting with the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate in the near future for its input into the process.
2. Project Vision activities are continuing. "The deans have now received reports from most of the academic departments and ... have made their presentations to each other and to the central administration" Formal written plans from the deans are expected to be submitted to the central administration by early spring. In addition, approximately two dozen task forces are being created to discuss topics and issues which may not have been covered by regular academic units. A staff member

working on Project Vision has met with the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate to discuss the structure and membership of the task forces.

3. Several "young people from the University of Delaware are going to the Olympics this year as our representatives in the figure skating competition." A special "send-off" has been arranged for Sunday, February 7, 1988, at the University Ice Arena. These skaters will be conducting a performance between 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. and all faculty are invited.
4. The governor has presented his budget message to the legislature. "The increase recommended for the University is about the average increase for the State as a whole ... about 4.6 or 4.7 percent. The increase for salaries is a little less than we had expected." On the capital side, "The funding we had requested to continue the construction of Alison Hall ... and a composites halfway house has been recommended." The legislature will be acting upon the Governor's requests during the spring with the final decisions on these recommendations coming in June.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate has met with Mr. Raymond Peters to discuss the task forces indicated in the comments of President Jones. Appointments to these task forces were also discussed.
2. Dr. Pikulski, Chairperson of the Ad Hoc Committee on Senate Organization, will be making a report to the Faculty Senate at the April 4th meeting. "At that meeting, they will ... be asking for additional input, giving you some highlights ... but not a final report."

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR CHALLENGE

Hearing no comments or objections, the following announcements were accepted:

1. Request from the Committee on Graduate Studies (L. Lemay, Chairperson), that the name of the graduate major in "Urban Affairs" be changed to "Urban Affairs and Public Policy."
2. Replacement on the Committee on Promotions and Tenure: Roger Cox to replace Hershel Parker for one year.

V. OLD BUSINESS

President Toensmeyer requested that a count be made by the Vice President and the Secretary of the Senate to determine if a voting quorum existed. It was determined that 29 elected senators were in attendance and that a quorum did exist.

Item A was a resolution, originally introduced by Senator Frank Dilley at the December Senate meeting, and now coming to the present meeting from the Committee on Committees (F. Dilley, Chairperson), that the membership and status of all existing University Faculty Senate Committees be continued beyond their normal termination date.

The following resolution was defeated by majority vote:

WHEREAS, the "Ad Hoc Committee on Senate Reorganization" intends to make its preliminary report to the Senate this spring, and

WHEREAS, it would be unnecessarily chaotic to restock committees this spring which may be eliminated, expanded or restructured, be it

RESOLVED, that the membership and status of all existing University Faculty Senate Committees be continued beyond their normal termination date, for a period of no longer than one year, or until such time as may be ordered by action of this Senate, except where the Constitution requires otherwise.

Item B was a resolution, originally introduced by Senator David Bellamy at the December Senate meeting, and now coming to the present meeting from the Committee on Educational Innovation and Planning (G. Lavery, Chairperson) on rewarding tenured faculty members for the teaching of courses outside their primary discipline.

The following resolution was approved by majority vote:

WHEREAS: *The faculty population is likely to remain fairly stable for the next several years, and*

WHEREAS: *The continued intellectual development of the faculty to prevent stagnation and to further intellectual growth and curiosity is tremendously important, and*

WHEREAS: *Many, if not most, faculty members find that the one sure way to learn a subject is to teach a course in it, be it therefore*

RESOLVED: *That the University find appropriate and effective means of encouraging and rewarding tenured faculty members for the teaching of courses outside their primary discipline, subject to the approval of the affected departments. These should include both monetary and non-monetary forms of recognition to the faculty member, and appropriate compensation, as needed, to the departments.*

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Item A was a recommendation from the Committee on Graduate Studies (L. Lemay, Chairperson) that the Policy Manual, p. "PDE-15-Doctoral Examinations" be revised. Added to the recommendation was an amendment approved by the Faculty Senate to indicate that the new policy apply to all dissertation defense committees formed after September 1, 1988.

The following recommendation, as amended, was approved by a majority vote:

The Defense

Upon completing the dissertation, the student shall pass a final oral examination consisting of a defense of the dissertation and a test of the candidate's mastery of the fields covered in his or her program. The final oral examination shall be conducted by the student's dissertation defense committee which shall consist of not less than four and not more than six members nominated by the graduate faculty of the department. At least one member of the dissertation defense committee shall be an external examiner chosen from a different academic unit or from outside the University of Delaware. To permit adequate time for the examiners to review the dissertation, all copies of the tentatively completed dissertation (subject to revisions required by the examining committee) shall be deposited in the departmental office at least two weeks before the date of the final oral examination. A department may increase this period if a particular dissertation requires longer study or if the number of dissertations presented in a given period makes it impractical to review all of them thoroughly in a two-week interval.

It is further recommended that the new policy apply to all dissertation defense committees formed after September 1, 1988.

Hearing no additional comments or suggestions, President Toensmeyer entertained a motion to adjourn at 4:43 p.m.

Dutifully submitted,



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University Faculty Senate