

REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

April 3, 1989

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the University Faculty Senate was called to order on Monday, April 3, 1989 at 4:00 p.m. with President Dilley presiding.

Senators not in attendance were: Mark Amsler, Donald Crossan, Joseph Glutting, Carol Hoffecker, Robert Leitzel, Alice Malina, Billy Ross, James R. Soles

Senators excused were: Jeffrey Davidson, Hugh Frick, John Gallagher, Vahan Janjigian, Michael Keefe, John Kramer, Sabra Kurth, Frank Murray, Larry Peterson, R. Byron Pipes, Karen Schaeffer, Stuart Sharkey, Donald Sparks, Gregory Stephens, Carolyn Thoroughgood, E. Arthur Trabant, David Usher, Irene Vogel, Robert Warren, 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 TRABANT

President Trabant was unable to attend the meeting.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. President Dilley reminded Senators that, as a result of Constitution and Bylaw changes recently passed, Faculty Senate terms continue through the May meeting. He also suggested that Senators anticipate the possibility of a second May meeting (May 15, 1989) in the event a crowded May agenda cannot be completed at a single meeting. Finally, deadline for submission of items for inclusion on the May agenda is April 14; reports of Faculty Senate committee chairpersons are due by April 15.
2. President Dilley reported on actions taken by the Executive Committee:
 - a. Referred to the Coordinating Committee on Education: A proposal from the College of Business and Economics for the creation of a new Department of Finance.

- b. Referred to the Coordinating Committee on Education: A proposal that a public hearing be held when an academic reorganization is planned. Such action would be consistent with specifications in the Trustee Bylaws, though there are as yet no clear guidelines in the Faculty Handbook.
- c. The Executive Committee has written to President Trabant concerning the recent appointment of the Affirmative Action Officer.
- d. The Executive Committee also wrote to President Trabant concerning the current budget freeze and possible connections between that action and such recent decisions as approval of a new program and reduction in the size of the next incoming class. President Dilley read President Trabant's response to the Faculty Senate.
- e. At the conclusion of the meeting, President Dilley announced that the plus/minus grading system may go into effect with the grades given for the Fall semester of 1990-1991.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR CHALLENGE

The following list of announcements for challenge was unanimously approved:

1. Revision of the minor in Food Science
2. Revision of the B.S. in Dietetics
3. Revision of the B.S. in Coordinated Undergraduate Dietetics
4. Revision of the B.S. in Physical Therapy
5. Revision of the B.A. in Geology: Paleobiology

V. OLD BUSINESS - none.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Item A was a report to the Faculty Senate on "Review of Video-Based Instructional Activities." Professor Harrison Hall, Chairperson of the Committee on Instructional Resources, was to have given the report but was unable to do so; Dr. Harvey Stone answered several questions concerning costs and sources of funding for the program.

Item B was a recommendation from the Committee on Graduate Studies (R. Exline, Chairperson), with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (L. Palmer, Chairperson), for expansion of the M.S. Degree in Nursing: Nursing Administration. The following resolution was unanimously approved:

- WHEREAS, a recent survey of regional needs in the nursing profession revealed that the two greatest needs were for nurses prepared to specialize in the provision of clinical services and for nurses with a clinical background who were prepared to provide administrative services, and*
- WHEREAS, the M.S. in Nursing at the University of Delaware presently prepares nurses to provide clinical services but not administrative services, and*
- WHEREAS, the College of Nursing has prepared a proposal to establish a second concentration in Nursing Administration to complement the existing concentration in clinical nurse specialties, and*
- WHEREAS, funds to support the proposed new concentration will be provided by reallocation of resources within the College of Nursing, be it*
- RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate approves provisionally, for four years, the establishment of a concentration in Nursing Administration under the present M.S. Degree in Nursing, effective September 1, 1989.*

Item C was a recommendation from the Committee on Undergraduate Studies (J. Morrison, Chairperson), with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (L. Palmer, Chairperson), for approval of a B.S. Degree in Interior Design, College of Human Resources. The following resolution was approved:

- RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate approves provisionally, for four years, the establishment of a Bachelor of Science degree in Interior Design, College of Human Resources, effective immediately.*

Item D was a recommendation from the Committee on Undergraduate Studies (J. Morrison, Chairperson), with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (L. Palmer, Chairperson), for approval of a B.S. Degree in Apparel Design, College of Human Resources. The following resolution was approved:

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate approves provisionally, for four years, the establishment of a Bachelor of Science degree in Apparel Design, College of Human Resources, effective immediately.

Item E was a recommendation from the Committee on Undergraduate Studies (J. Morrison, Chairperson), with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (L. Palmer, Chairperson), for the disestablishment of the B.S. Degree in Design. The following resolution received approval:

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate approves the disestablishment of the B.S. degree in Design.

Item F was a recommendation from the Committee on Student and Faculty Honors (B. Viera, Chairperson) for a change in University policy in the awarding of academic honors at graduation. After lengthy debate and the defeat of several motions concerning the percentage of students to be awarded degrees with honors, the minimum overall index necessary to qualify for each such degree, and the proper relationship between percentage and index, the original resolution was approved as follows:

WHEREAS, the current system is confusing to both students and parents, and

WHEREAS, students do not understand the meaning of "higher education index" and

WHEREAS, the University is now conferring degrees three times a year complicating the system, and

WHEREAS, students have complained that the criteria for earning the degree with Honors is like hitting a moving target,

BE IT RESOLVED that:

- 1. The higher education index be eliminated from the process.*
- 2. Students will be required to complete a minimum of 60 hours of work at Delaware to be eligible for Honors.*
- 3. Honors for students graduating in the summer or winter will be based on the levels established by the graduating class of the previous June.*
- 4. The current wording in the Undergraduate Academic Programs and Policies Catalog page 22, fourth paragraph, under Academic Honors be changed to the following:*

Degrees with Honors. Baccalaureate degrees may be conferred cum laude, magna cum laude, or summa cum laude. These honors are conferred upon 13 percent of the students in each undergraduate college's graduating class, as follows:

Summa Cum Laude. The top 1 percent of the students of each undergraduate college's graduating class will receive the Degree Summa Cum Laude providing that each student obtains a minimum overall index of 3.75 at the end of his/her course of study.

Magna Cum Laude. The next 4 percent of the students of each undergraduate college's graduating class will receive the Degree Magna Cum Laude providing that each student obtains a minimum overall index of 3.5 at the end of his/her course of study.

Cum Laude. The next highest 8 percent of the students of each undergraduate college's graduating class will receive the Degree Cum Laude providing that each student obtains a minimum overall index of 3.25 at the end of his/her course of study.

Item G was a resolution submitted by Senator Theodore Braun to establish a date at which the change in awarding academic honors (Item F) would become effective:

RESOLVED, that the change in the method of awarding academic honors will be put into effect for the graduating class of 1991.

A further resolution was submitted by Senator Steven Stuart, (RSA):

RESOLVED, that grade reports and transcripts provide students with a regular record of their relative standing within their college.

The resolutions will be submitted to the Committee on Student and Faculty Honors to determine the feasibility of the actions requested.

Hearing no further comments or requests, President Dilley entertained the motion to adjourn at 5:15 p.m.

Dutifully submitted,



Kenneth Ackerman
Secretary
University Faculty Senate

