

REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

February 13, 1989

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the University Faculty Senate was called to order on Monday, February 13, 1989 at 4:00 p.m. with President Dilley presiding.

Senators not in attendance were: David Ames, Vahan Janjigian, Robert Leitzel, Robert Warren

Senators excused were: Edith Anderson, Jeffrey Davidson, John Gallagher, Vistasp Karbhari, David Nelson, Billy Ross, Gregory Stephens, Carolyn Thoroughgood

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 of the University Faculty Senate Meeting of December 5, 1989 were approved as distributed.

III. REMARKS BY PRESIDENT TRABANT

President Trabant reported on several decisions and processes regarding State of Delaware funding of the University. The Governor's message to the General Assembly included recommendations to complete the State funding of Alison Hall, to provide starting funds for a new chemistry building, and a removal of the Governor's previous limitation on the amount of State funding of the proposed sports/convocation center. President Trabant particularly emphasized the need for a facility to accommodate larger gatherings than are now possible at the University and thus his pleasure that the funding limitation had been removed, especially as the absence of such a structure has reflected poorly on the University as the State University of the State of Delaware.

Concerning the operating budget, President Trabant clarified several items: Lack of an increase in student aid funds results from a change in the procedure by which such funds are sought. The three tax-supported institutions of higher learning will now submit their requests jointly rather than separately, a procedure which, it is hoped, may produce increased funding without competition. The results of that change in procedure will be better reflected next year than this. Concerning the wage increases of staff and salaried employees, these will now be tied more closely to increases for State employees and decisions on those matters are still pending in Dover.

While there have been increases in most if not all program fund lines sought--if not at the level requested--three program areas for which funds were sought are as yet unfunded: Hotel, Restaurant, and Institutional Management, Food Science and Human Nutrition, and Women's Soccer. Additional requests will be made for funding all three areas.

Finally, President Trabant expressed his enthusiasm for the proposed Professional Theater Program and pointed out that he had responded by letter to questions raised by the Coordinating Committee on Education concerning long-term funding of this program; he then read the letter to the Senate (included in Attachment 9). The President assured the Senate, insofar as such assurance is possible, that funds will not be taken from other programs to continue support for this one.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. President Dilley announced that the following items were referred to or are being considered by Senate committees.
 - a. Senate representation of University Parallel faculty to the Rules Committee.
 - b. Divestiture of South African investments to the Senate Budget Committee.
 - c. Three proposed additions to freshmen education: basic skills, wellness, and substance abuse to a proposed task force jointly involving the Senate and the Office of the Provost.
 - d. The Nominating Committee has submitted names for the COPE follow-up task force.
 - e. A proposal to simplify honors degrees to the Committee on Student and Faculty Honors.
 - f. A proposal concerning reorganization of the College of Physical Education, Athletics and Recreation to the Coordinating Committee on Education.
 - g. A proposal concerning tuition assistance for faculty pursuing advanced degrees elsewhere to the Committee on Faculty Welfare and Privileges.
 - h. Necessary and suggested revisions of the Faculty Handbook should be referred to President Dilley or the Office of the Provost.

- i. The Faculty Search-Advisory Committee for a new president of the University has been named. The Committee will be chaired by Frazer Russell from Chemical Engineering and will include the following members: Shirley Carter, Nursing; Roberta Coleman, Chemistry; Frank Dilley, Philosophy; Barbara Kelly, Physical Education, Athletics and Recreation; Arthur Metzner, Chemical Engineering; Frank Murray, Dean of the College of Education; James Oliver, Political Science; Donald Peters, Individual and Family Studies; Donald Puglisi, Business Administration; Jeffrey Raffel, Urban Affairs and Public Policy; John Rosenberger, Animal Science and Agricultural Biochemistry and Chuck Stone, English. Anyone with recommendations of persons to be considered should contact a college representative or the chair of the Search-Advisory Committee.
2. On behalf of the Film Subcommittee, President Dilley passed out to members of the Senate the film list for the Spring 1989 semester, requesting that said list be posted in departments and colleges.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR CHALLENGE

The following announcements for challenge were presented by President Dilley and approved:

1. Minor in Medieval Studies (Attachment 1)
2. Revision of the major in Fine Arts (B.F.A.) (Attachment 2)
3. Revision of the major in Art (B.A.) (Attachment 3)
4. Revision of the major in Visual Communications (B.S.) (Attachment 4)
5. Revision of the B.A. in English (Attachment 5)
 - a. English
 - b. Business/Technical Writing
 - c. Film
 - d. Journalism
 - e. English Education
6. Revision of the B.A. in Communication: Deletion of Prespeech Pathology/Audiology (Attachment 6)

V. OLD BUSINESS

Item A was a recommendation from the Committee on Undergraduate Studies (J. Morrison, Chairperson), for clarification of the multicultural course requirement. The following resolution was approved:

WHEREAS, present University policy permits only "free electives" to be taken on a pass/fail basis, and

WHEREAS, the multicultural course requirement is a University-wide requirement and

WHEREAS, the multicultural course requirement is required of every University of Delaware undergraduate degree conferred, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that any course taken to satisfy the University multicultural course requirement must be taken for a letter grade.

Item B 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 establishment of an Honors Degree in Computer and Information Science. The following resolution was approved:

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate approves the establishment of an Honors Degree Program in Computer and Information Science (B.A. in College of Arts and Science), effective immediately.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Item A was a resolution from the Faculty Senate Executive Committee amending the charge of the Coordinating Committee on Education. The following was approved:

RESOLVED, that the charge to the Coordinating Committee on Education as it appears in Section III, pages I-16 and I-17, paragraph 3, of the Faculty Handbook be amended by adding the Library Committee to the list of enumerated standing committees represented on the Coordinating Committee on Education. It would read as follows:

- 1. Committee on Graduate Studies*
- 2. Committee on Undergraduate Studies*
- 3. Committee on Instructional, Computing and Research Support Services*
- 4. Library Committee*

Item B was a resolution from the Faculty Senate Executive Committee amending the Constitution of the Faculty of the University of Delaware. The following resolution was approved:

RESOLVED, that Article I, Section IV, paragraph 1, of the Constitution of the Faculty of the University of Delaware be amended by the addition of the elected Senate officers to the list of membership of the Senate. The paragraph would read as follows:

1) The Senate shall consist of the President of the University, the Vice President for Academic Affairs, the Vice President for Student Affairs, the Deans of the Colleges, the University officer of graduate studies, the elected Senate officers, the elected faculty senators of the Units....

Item C was a resolution from the Faculty Senate Executive Committee on membership to the University of Delaware's Board of Trustees. The following resolution was approved:

WHEREAS, Governor Tribbitt appointed a member of the University of Delaware faculty on active status to the membership on the University of Delaware's Board of Trustees, and

WHEREAS, his successor, Governor du Pont appointed a replacement from that faculty, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate of the University of Delaware urgently requests Governor Castle to continue the practice of appointing a member of the faculty on active status to membership on the University of Delaware's Board of Trustees.

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), to establish an academic renewal option for undergraduate students seeking readmission. The following amended resolution was approved:

WHEREAS, a student who has interrupted unsuccessful university or college studies at another institution for a period of at least five years is admitted to the University of Delaware with credit granted only for courses passed with grades of C or better; and

WHEREAS, a former University of Delaware student who has interrupted unsuccessful university studies for a period of at least five years must work deficit points down to six for readmission and to zero for graduation; and recognizing the penalty this policy imposes on our own former students; be it

RESOLVED, that Undergraduate students who have been dropped from matriculated status for academic reasons, and who return to the University after a separation of at least five calendar years, and who earn at least a "C" in each course taken for 12 semester hours after returning, may be given the option of requesting a quality point status equivalent to that of a transfer student admitted to the University. Be it further

RESOLVED, that the following regulations will govern this option:

- 1. Consultation with the dean of the college in which the student plans to major is required, and course selection must be approved in writing before the student registers.*
- 2. The option may be exercised after completion of 12 credit hours following return to the University. The student must initiate the procedure. It will not be automatic.*
- 3. All courses and grades will remain on the student's transcript. Courses set aside under the academic renewal policy will be identified.*
- 4. Courses in which grades of "C" or better were earned prior to return may be counted toward the degree and included in student's index.*
- 5. The option will be extended only once during the student's enrollment at the University of Delaware.*

Item E was a recommendation from the Committee on Graduate Studies (R. Exline, Chairperson), to increase to 550 the minimum TOEFL score necessary to admission for graduate study at the University of Delaware.

After lengthy discussion, the Faculty Senate voted to return the following recommendation to the Committee on Graduate Studies to be resubmitted no later than the Faculty Senate meeting of April 3, 1989:

WHEREAS, English is the medium of instruction and communication at the University of Delaware and,

WHEREAS, to insure that all non-native speakers of English (NNS) who apply for admission to graduate study meet minimum standards of English proficiency, the University maintains a policy of screening all NNS applicants and,

WHEREAS, the test used for such screening is the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) with a stated minimum score of 500 and,

WHEREAS, over 75 percent of 970 institutions responding to a 1987 ETS survey require a TOEFL score of 550 or higher to "begin academic work with no restrictions at the graduate level," therefore, in the interest of improving standards of the University of Delaware as well as to improve the ability of MNS graduate students to take full advantage of educational opportunities available to them, be it

RESOLVED, that a minimum TOEFL score of 550 be established as a part of the admission requirements for non-native speakers of English, and that the statement pertaining to the TOEFL score published on page 21 of the 1987-89 Graduate Catalog which presently reads: "A score of 500 or better is required for admission..." be changed to read: "A score of 550 or better is required for admission...."

Item F 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 the establishment of a Master of Fine Arts in Theatre. (Attachment 9)

WHEREAS, the creation of a professional theatre program would enhance the cultural and educational atmosphere and environment of the University of Delaware, and

WHEREAS, the President and the Provost have indicated that, if established, the resources for this program will be an addition to the University's budget for next year, and further, the President and the Provost have indicated that no graduate fellowships will be removed from the existing pool to fund this program, therefore be it

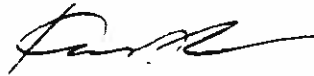
RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate approves provisionally for four years commencing September 1989, the establishment of the Master of Fine Arts in Theater with review for permanent status to occur in 1993-1994.

Item G was a recommendation from the Coordinating Committee on Education (L. Palmer, Chairperson), for the disestablishment of the Bachelor of Arts in Theatre. The following resolution was approved:

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate approves the disestablishment of the Bachelor of Arts in Theater commencing September 1989. Students enrolled in this program on that date will be permitted to complete their degrees.

At 5:30 p.m., a motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Dutifully submitted,



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University Faculty Senate

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