

REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

March 13, 1989

MINUTES

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

Senators not in attendance were: Mark Amsler, Eric Brucker, John Gallagher, Nina Kallmyer, Todd Mason, David Nelson, David Payne-Carter

Senators excused were: Edith Anderson, Joan DelFattore, Joseph Glutting, Helen Gouldner, Robert Leitzel, Ellen McFadden, Frank Murray, Larry Peterson, R. Byron Pipes, Lucille Pulliam, William Pulliam, Billy Ross, Donald Sparks, Krzysztof Szalewicz, E. Arthur Trabant, Irene Vogel, Robert Warren

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 and/or ACTING PROVOST MURRAY

President Trabant was unable to attend the meeting. Acting Provost Murray had no remarks.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. President Dilley announced that Governor Castle has appointed Eleanor Craig, Department of Economics, to the Board of Trustees.
2. President Dilley announced that the following items were referred to Senate Committees:
 - a. To the Academic Freedom Committee: A request that the Committee determine the availability of Satanic Verses in the library and bookstore.
 - b. To the Committee on Physical Planning and Utilization: A request that the Committee survey losses of academic general classroom space and faculty office space during the last ten years.

- c. To the Faculty Welfare and Privileges Committee: A request that the Committee determine the nature and extent of faculty and departmental responsibility in matters having to do with the handling of hazardous materials.
 - d. To the Committee on Student Life: A request that the Committee examine policies relating to the dropping of courses during Winter Session.
3. President Dilley also announced that the deadlines established in the most recent collective bargaining agreement for recommendations concerning workload policy will be difficult if not impossible to meet given the various review and approval procedures necessary for making such policy. He also announced that the Executive Committee has prepared a letter to President Trabant concerning the effects of the recently announced hiring freeze on new and continuing academic programs.

V. OLD BUSINESS - none.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Item A was a recommendation from the Committee on Committees (B. Seidel, Chairperson), with the concurrence of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee dealing with the new Senate structure. The following resolution was unanimously approved:

WHEREAS, the University Faculty Senate has asked the Committee on Committees to prepare such resolutions as are required to facilitate the transition to the new Senate structure, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the new Senate officers, elected in May 1989 will take office on September 1, 1989, leaving the current Senate Officers in office until September 1, 1989, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the new Senators, elected in spring 1989 will take office on September 1, 1989, leaving the current Senators in office until September 1, 1989, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Committees, in staffing the new Senate committees, will try to insure continuity by staggering new committee appointments so that no more than half expire in any given year and, when possible, by filling vacancies with those individuals who were serving on recently disestablished University Faculty Senate committees.

Item B was a recommendation from the Committee on Committees (B. Seidel, Chairperson), with the concurrence of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, altering the membership of the Committee on Undergraduate Studies. The following resolution was unanimously approved:

WHEREAS, the current charge of the Committee on Undergraduate Studies is to consider and formulate recommendations on undergraduate curricular changes, and

WHEREAS, the Dean of Counseling wishes to restrict his membership to committees of direct application to his position, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the charge to the Committee on Undergraduate Studies as it appears in Section I-III, page I-21, paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Faculty Handbook be amended as follows:

This committee shall have the responsibility for setting policies concerning academic deficiency. This committee shall receive and review for policy consideration from the Undergraduate Records and Certification Committee an annual summary report of its activities. This committee shall recommend, for final determination by the Faculty Senate, the undergraduate educational and academic admission policies, and, in consultation with the Committee on Undergraduate Records and Certification, the policies of academic standing of undergraduates. The committee shall advise the Dean of Admissions, the Dean of Counseling and Student Development, and the University Registrar in implementing these policies.

This committee shall consist of an appointee of the Vice President for Academic Affairs; three faculty members from the College of Arts and Science (if feasible, one from natural sciences and mathematics, one from arts and humanities, and one from social and behavioral sciences) and one faculty member from each other undergraduate college, one of whom shall be chairperson; one representative of the Committee on Graduate Studies, three undergraduate students; the University Registrar, and the Assistant Registrar for Scheduling and Registration.

Item C was a recommendation from the Committee on Committees (B. Seidel, Chairperson), with the concurrence of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, dealing with Faculty Senate committee participation by conference telephone. Following a clarifying amendment, the following resolution was approved:

WHEREAS, it shall be the right of a University Faculty Senate¹ committee member whose primary assignment is more than 40 miles away from the Newark campus to attend committee meetings by conference telephone or other electronic means, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that it shall be the responsibility of the distant committee member to request electronic arrangements at least five (5) working days prior to a scheduled meeting and provide telephone access at his or her location, and be it further

RESOLVED, that it shall be the responsibility of the committee chairperson to make arrangements for an appropriately equipped room (with a conference telephone) for the committee meeting and insure that copies of the agenda and relevant attachments are received by the distant committee member at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled meeting, and be it further

RESOLVED, that because of the difficulty and confidentiality of the business of the Promotions and Tenure, Academic Appeals and Faculty Welfare and Privileges committees, the meetings of these committees shall be exempted from the requirements of electronic attendance, and be it further

RESOLVED, if the Chairperson feels that, on special occasions, personal attendance is necessary, the Chairperson may appeal to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee. If the request is approved, the Chairperson must see to it that committee members receive notice at least three (3) working days before the meeting.

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 the establishment of a new major leading to the B.S. degree in Biochemistry. The following resolution was unanimously approved:

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate approves provisionally, for four years, the establishment of a Bachelor of Science degree in Biochemistry, 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), to relocate administratively the Department of Food Science from the College of Human Resources to the College of Agricultural Sciences. The following resolution was unanimously approved:

¹Addition.

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate approves the administrative relocation of the Department of Food Science from the College of Human Resources to the College of Agricultural Sciences provided:

- (1) Current service functions to all majors, departments, and colleges continue; and*
- (2) Any changes in the Food Science program resulting from the move, short-term and long-term, be submitted through appropriate approval channels for review and action by the University Faculty Senate.*

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 an interdisciplinary Ph.D. program in the Neurosciences. The following resolution was approved:

WHEREAS: The field of Neuroscience, an interdisciplinary activity involving biologists, chemists, computer scientists, engineers, mathematicians, pharmacologists, physicists and psychologists, is a rapidly growing field of scientific endeavour which promises a growth in our understanding of the physical basis of the mind and the role it plays in biomedical and biobehavioral phenomena, and

WHEREAS: Training for research in the neurosciences involves inputs from more than a single academic discipline, and

WHEREAS: Faculty in the School of Life and Health Sciences and in the Department of Psychology of the University of Delaware have jointly developed a proposal for an interdisciplinary Ph.D. program in the neurosciences, which proposal is enthusiastically supported by research scientists in local corporate laboratories, and

WHEREAS: The number of faculty and corporate collaborators is sufficient to staff a relatively low-cost Neuroscience Ph.D. program of the sort which, at Universities comparable to the University of Delaware, has attracted highly-qualified graduate students, be it

RESOLVED: That the University Faculty Senate approves provisionally, for four years, the establishment of an interdisciplinary neurosciences Ph.D. program in which students will satisfy degree requirements in either the School of Life and Health Sciences and in Neurosciences, or degree requirements in the Department of Psychology and in Neurosciences, effective September 1, 1989.

There being no further new business President Dilley called to the attention of the Senate an invitation that all individuals with faculty status will be receiving a letter asking for recommendations and nominations for the Presidency of the University. The Faculty Search Committee has been assured that faculty will have a significant role in the search process.

At 4:40 p.m., a motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Dutifully submitted,

Kenneth Ackerman
Secretary
University Faculty Senate

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