

REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

February 5, 1990

**MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the University Faculty Senate was called to order on Monday, February 5, 1990 at 4:00 p.m. with President Dilley presiding.

Senators not in attendance were: David Ames, Tricia Falcone, Peter Roe, Christopher Smith, James R. Soles, Peter Warter

Senators Excused were: Carol Denson, Helen Gouldner, Vahan Janjigian, Sabra Kurth, David Payne-Carter, R. Byron Pipes, Carolyn Thoroughgood, David Usher

**I. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

President Dilley announced changes in the published agenda. He requested that confirmation of appointments to the new Faculty Senate Committee on Budgetary and Space Priorities be substituted as the first item of New Business and that Item B on the published agenda of New Business be removed, at the request of the initiating Senate Committees, until they are able to secure additional information pertinent to the resolution.

Hearing no comments or objections the agenda was approved as amended.

**II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

President Dilley noted an error in the minutes of the University Faculty Senate Meeting of December 4, 1989 in the charge to the Committee on Budgetary and Space Priorities. Minutes had indicated that the Committee should consist of six members: the correct number is five. The minutes as corrected were approved.

**III. REMARKS BY PRESIDENT TRABANT**

President Trabant called the Senate's attention to several matters of interest to the University community. The month of February is formally designated Black History Month and many events will occur on campus during February in recognition of the contributions of citizens of African-American descent to American history and culture. In addition to encouraging the community's attendance at these events, the President also suggested that recognition of the importance of diversity on campus and in American life should not simply be a matter of a month's observance. These remarks were also intended to apply to March's dedication to matters concerning women.

President Trabant also praised the response of the Governor to the University's request for support from the State, both with respect to the operating budget and the capital budget. All of the funds requested

for the capital budget, \$7 million, are included in the Governor's recommendation for the University. In response to a question about a slow but steady decline in the proportion of the total operating budget provided by the State, President Trabant indicated that the decline is a function of greatly increased costs and that the actual dollar amounts have steadily increased.

**REMARKS BY ACTING PROVOST MURRAY**

Provost Murray's remarks were addressed to two areas of concern to the faculty: The series of current searches to fill vacant administrative positions and budget planning (unrestricted budget) for 1990-1991. In the matter of searches the following is a summary of vacant positions, acting officers of administration, and chairs of search committees:

- a. Dean of the College of Physical Education, Athletics and Recreation  
Acting Dean: Barbara Kelly  
Chairperson of the Search Committee: Paul Mettler, Director, Physical Therapy
- b. Dean of the College of Business and Economics  
Acting Dean: Larry Donnelley  
Chairperson of the Search Committee: Irwin Greenfield, College of Engineering
- c. Dean of the Parallel Program  
Acting Dean: Jack Murray  
Chairperson of the Search Committee: Richard Fischer, Associate Provost for Continuing Education
- d. Director of the Honors Program  
Acting Director: Robert Brown, Philosophy  
Chairperson of the Search Committee: John Meakin, Chairperson, Mechanical Engineering
- e. Associate Provost for International Programs and Special Sessions  
Acting Associate Provost: Richard Zipser, Chairperson, Foreign Languages and Literatures  
Chairperson of the Search Committee: William Latham, Economics

In regard to budget planning Acting Provost Murray first summarized the steps taken to broaden involvement of the community in plans regarding the basic budget (ca. \$178 million from the total University budget of ca. \$290 million for 1990-1991). In 1989 President Trabant appointed a Budget Council chaired by Acting Provost Murray and composed of David Hollowell, Robert Harrison and Ronald Whittington. The Budget Council has had an Advisory Committee composed of Helen Gouldner, Donald Peters and William Markell. The Budget Council in turn presented a draft of

the 1990-1991 basic budget to the Coordinating Committee on Education and to the Senate Executive Committee, as well as to University Vice Presidents and Deans. It is anticipated that in the future the role played by the two Senate groups to which drafts were presented for 1990-1991 will be the responsibility of the new Committee on Budgetary and Space Priorities.

While noting that next year's budget will actually be increased by 5.2 percent, Provost Murray stated that the rate of increase will be reduced and that it is the reduction in the rate of increase that has occasioned a reduction in planned expenditures. Several factors have contributed to the fact that the 5.2 percent increase will be insufficient to meet anticipated costs for the coming year: A planned decrease in undergraduate enrollment of some 250 students and a resultant decrease in tuition revenue; holding steady the ratio of in-state to out-of-state students which will eliminate a recurring source of additional revenue; decrease in revenue from temporary investments--interest from funds on deposit--since the amount of the funds has been decreasing; and a projected significant increase in Blue Cross/Blue Shield premium costs for 1990-1991. With sources of income decreasing and certain costs increasing, the anticipated budgetary shortfall for 1990-1991 in a business-as-usual budget would be about \$8 million.

The several budget planning groups have determined that the effect of planned reduction in expenditures should be borne primarily by various administrative units and by University-wide activities rather than by the colleges. "If you look at the net effect of the reduction in planned expenditures, approximately 14% of that net effect was taken from the colleges of the University. The remaining 86% from other units."

Should the shortfall be less than anticipated or income be greater than anticipated Acting Provost Murray stated that there are a great many unbudgeted, but no less necessary, areas to which funds may be directed (academic equipment, equipment for start-up of new faculty, equipment maintenance, University-wide computing facilities, building renovations, repairs, etc.).

#### IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Dilley informed the Senate of actions taken by the Executive Committee and reported on the status of pending matters referred to the Executive Committee:

1. Questions of land-use policy will be referred to the Committee on Budgetary and Space Priorities.
2. Decision is still pending on a request that the University seek legal opinion on the location of authority for the granting of honorary degrees.

3. Policy requiring mandatory drug testing of student athletes and the decision regarding participation in a different athletic conference have been submitted for review to the Committee on Student Life.
4. Decision is still pending on the Senate's request for legal review of Affirmative Action policies designed to achieve goals of multicultural diversity.
5. The Committee on Undergraduate Studies continues to work out the details of the plus/minus grading system to be initiated in Fall 1990.
6. The Executive Committee has recommended to the AAUP and the Vice President for Employee Relations--and they have agreed--that a member of the Executive Committee be hereafter designated to review changes in policy and practice and to sign off on minor changes that do not appear to require Senate deliberation as well as to call the Senate's attention to changes of substance that should be reviewed by Senate committees.
7. A consequence of the shift of the burden of budget cutting from the colleges to administrative activities is that the budget of the Senate, a unit reporting to the Provost, was cut by 7 percent.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR CHALLENGE

All announced items were approved as presented.

1. Revision of the B.A. in Sociology: Law and Society
2. New minor in Jazz Studies
3. Educational Policy Specialization within the Ph.D. in Educational Studies

#### V. OLD BUSINESS

Item A was a resolution, introduced by Senator Kenneth Lomax at the December meeting, directing that the Committee on Budgetary and Space Priorities be charged to examine the land use policy.

Senator Bernard Herman offered several friendly amendments with which Senator Lomax agreed and after lengthy discussion and clarification of the amendments and their reach, the following amended resolution was approved by the Senate: [Amendments to the resolution are in bold type.]

WHEREAS, *there is now a Faculty Senate Committee on Budgetary and Space Priorities, and*

WHEREAS, *the policy on the use of land and of cultural resources may be reviewed by this Committee, and*

WHEREAS, *some academic programs require land-based resources comparable to others needing laboratory-type space, and*

WHEREAS, *once natural or cultivated land areas are converted to buildings, they do not revert back to a land-based resource, therefore be it*

RESOLVED, *that the Committee on Budgetary and Space Priorities be charged to examine the land use policy in terms of recognizing land-based teaching and research needs and the land grant mission and responsibilities of the University.*

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Item A on the agenda as amended (See ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA) was confirmation by the Senate of appointees to the Committee on Budgetary and Space Priorities as recommended by the Committee on Committees (J. Olson, Chairperson). The following nominees were approved by the Senate:

Stanley Sandler (Chemical Engineering)	3 years
Richard Venezky (Educational Studies)	1 year
Edward Nickerson (English)	2 years
Jackson Gillespie (Accounting)	5 years
L. Leon Campbell (Life & Health Science)	4 years

No chairperson has been elected as yet for the Committee which also includes the following administrative appointees:

Michael Middaugh, Director, Institutional Research  
Carol Rylee, Director, Budget Office  
Wilbert Shanor, Assistant to the Provost for Budget

Item B (Item A on published agenda) was a recommendation from the Committee on Undergraduate Studies (H. Hall, Chairperson), with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (L. Goldstein, Chairperson), for the disestablishment of the B.S. Degree in Art Education.

Senator Frank Murray raised a question about the disestablishment of the program without the active participation and concurrence of the College

of Education. After discussion and a further request from Senator Larry Peterson that the Music Department be included in any subsequent discussion of disestablishment, Senator David Bellamy moved that the matter be referred back to the Committee on Undergraduate Studies. The motion was seconded and approved by the Senate.

Item C was a recommendation from the Committee on Rules (K. Ackerman, Chairperson), altering the Constitution of the Faculty of the University of Delaware. President Dilley noted in presentation of the resolution that it would carry an implicit directive to alter the Bylaws as well, since a similar change in the Bylaws will be necessary to make them consistent with the Constitution. A favorable vote would thus be construed as a vote for changes in both documents. The following resolution was approved by the necessary two-thirds majority of the Senate:

*RESOLVED, that Section IV, paragraph 8, of the Constitution of the Faculty of the University of Delaware, as it appears on page I-3 of the Faculty Handbook, be amended to read:*

*The President of the Senate shall preside over meetings of the Senate, and the President Elect of the Senate shall preside when the President of the Senate is absent or chooses to participate in debate. If both the President and President Elect are absent or have chosen to participate in debate, the Vice President shall preside.*

Item D was a recommendation from Senator L. Mosberg concerning the awarding of an honorary degree without Senate approval. After a lengthy and heated discussion and several proposed amendments intending to make Senator Mosberg's resolution more inclusive, Senator Stanley Sandler moved that the Mosberg resolution be referred to the Committee on Committees and Nominations in order that that Committee determine the appropriate committee to which to refer the original resolution and amendments to the resolution so that they together can be returned to the Senate in a more clearly formulated state. The motion to refer was seconded and approved by the Senate.

A move to adjourn was heard and the Senate adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Dutifully submitted,



Kenneth Ackerman  
Secretary  
University Faculty Senate