

REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

September 10, 1990

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the University Faculty Senate was called to order on Monday, September 10, 1990 at 4:00 p.m. with President Goldstein presiding.

Senators not in attendance were: David Ermann, Peter Roe, Christopher Smith, Nicholas Triantafillou

Senators excused were: Donald Conlon, Donald Crossan, Alexander Doberenz, Helen Gouldner, Bernard Herman, John Pikulski, Robert Straight

I. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

There being no objection, the agenda was approved as distributed.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

There being no comments or objections, the minutes were approved as distributed.

III. REMARKS BY PRESIDENT ROSELLE and/or ACTING PROVOST MURRAY

President Roselle presented remarks greeting the faculty and articulating some general thoughts about the role of higher education and specific direction for the University of Delaware.

Acting Provost Murray introduced two new deans: Dean Kenneth Biederman of the College of Business and Economics, and Dean Allan Waterfield of the College of Physical Education, Athletics, and Recreation.

Dr. Murray announced that three dean searches were in progress: Dean Byron Pipes will chair the search committee for the new Dean of the College of Arts and Science; Dean Alex Doberenz will chair the search to find a new dean for the College of Agricultural Sciences; and Frank Scarpitti, Chair of the Department of Sociology, will chair the search for the new dean of the College of Urban Affairs and Public Policy. Dr. Murray expressed his intention and hope to have all three of the new deans in place by next July 1.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. President Goldstein announced the schedule for this year's Senate meetings as follows: September 10 (today), October 1, November 5, December 3, February 11, March 4, April 8, and May 6.
2. This year for the first time Senate Committee Chairpersons, who of course are welcome at Senate meetings, will have blue name cards, identifying them as such.

3. President Goldstein made an apology to AAUP for not having read the Collective Bargaining Agreement before writing her memo on goals for the year. She acknowledged that the matter of bargaining about sabbaticals is indeed within their jurisdiction.
4. President Goldstein also announced that she had referred specific proposals (in the memo mentioned above) to the appropriate Senate committees:
  - a. A clearer and stronger statement in The Official Student Handbook concerning sexual assault and the appropriate discipline for those found guilty of such assault--to the Committee on Student Life.
  - b. The matter of representation for University of Delaware Professionals (members of the professional staff)--to the Committee on Rules.
5. Implementation of the plus/minus grading system has been postponed until the fall of 1991 in order that certain technical problems may be ironed out. The Committee on Undergraduate Studies and the Committee on Graduate Studies, along with Acting Associate Provost for Instruction, Margaret Andersen, will be working on those problems this year.
6. The March 4, 1991 Faculty Senate meeting will be very important because the Executive Committee proposed last year that any significant program changes (for the following year) be brought to the Faculty Senate no later than its March meeting. That proposal was referred to the Coordinating Committee on Education for refinement. If the Senate approves the refined version, then the March meeting will in effect become the deadline for making any such program changes.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Item A was a request from the Committee on Committees and Nominations (J. Olson, Chairperson) for Senate confirmation of committee appointments. The following members were confirmed by the Senate:

LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Member: Richard J. Geider

STUDENT AND FACULTY HONORS

Member: John L. Gallagher

Item B was a resolution, introduced by Senator Stanley Sandler at the May 21 Senate meeting, requesting a \$10,000 per year allocation from the University budget for the purpose of seeking independent legal counsel. After a brief discussion the following resolution was defeated:

RESOLVED, that the University Faculty Senate request a \$10,000 per year allocation from the University budget for the purpose of seeking independent legal counsel when this is deemed necessary by the Senate or its Executive Committee.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Item A was the election of a chairperson of the Committee on Committees and Nominations from among the committee members elected by the Senate. After a ballot count, the following result was announced:

Chairperson, Committee on Committees & Nominations: Jon Olson

Item B was a recommendation from the Committee on Student Life (R. Spacht, past Chairperson) and the Committee on Graduate Studies (R. Exline, past Chairperson), regarding a proposed new Graduate Student Judicial System Supplement to the Student Guide to Policies. After an explanation by Dr. Carol Hoffecker, Acting Associate Provost for Graduate Studies, on the proposed changes in procedure in the Graduate Judicial System, the following resolution was approved:

*WHEREAS, the current Graduate Student Judicial Policy lacks clarity regarding the presentation of evidence to the accused, intermingles the responsibilities of the Graduate Office with those of the Committee on Graduate Studies, and involves more steps than are necessary or desirable to insure fair treatment to all parties, and*

*WHEREAS, the proposed revised policy resolves these problems, therefore be it*

*RESOLVED, that the proposed revised policy be adopted by the University Faculty Senate.*

Item C was a motion introduced by Senator Sandler to amend Section IV, subsection 9, paragraph 5 of the Constitution of the Faculty of the University of Delaware, as it appears on page I-4 of the Faculty Handbook. The following motion will be placed on the October 1 Faculty Senate Agenda: [The amendment, an addition, is underlined.]

As part of the agenda of each regular meeting, there shall be time allocated for new business. No motion introduced under new business, except a motion to refer to committee, shall be acted upon until the next meeting of the Senate.

Item D was a motion from Senator Sandler that "The chairperson of each standing committee of the University faculty shall be an elected faculty senator." There being no second, the motion failed.

At 5:12 p.m., a motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Dutifully submitted,



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Secretary  
University Faculty Senate

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