

REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

May 6, 1991

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the University Faculty Senate was called to order on Monday, May 6, 1991, at 4:00 p.m. with President Goldstein presiding.

Senators not in attendance were: Kenneth Biederman, Donald Conlon, Roger Cox, Roberta Golinkoff, John Kraft, Raymond Nichols, John Pikulski, Christopher Smith, Jack Smith, Richard Sylves, Nicholas Triantafillou

Senators excused were: Joan Brown, Alexander Doberenz, Helen Gouldner, Scott Jones, Douglas Miller, George Parson, David P. Roselle, Nancy Signorielli, James Sills, Joann Thomas, Carolyn Thoroughgood

I. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The Agenda was adopted with the following modifications under "New Business":

1. Item VI.F. should read as follows: Recommendation for the establishment of a regular and an Honors Foreign Language Certificate Program.
2. Item VI.G. The word "provisional" should be deleted.
3. Item VI.H. should be deleted because the recommendation on a Policy for Responsible Computing Use at the University of Delaware has been withdrawn.
4. Item VI.A., election of Senate officers and certain committee members, was made the first item of business in order to allow plenty of time for counting the ballots and announcing results at this meeting.
5. At the request of Senator Sandler a resolution (to be read at the appropriate time) was added as the final item on today's Agenda.

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

None.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. President Goldstein made a brief statement thanking the chairpersons of all Faculty Senate Committees for their hard work during the past academic year.
2. She then introduced two guests from Hungary, Marianne Nikolov and Zoltan Koradi, who are visiting the University of Delaware in order to acquire information that may be helpful to them in democratizing the governance structure at their universities. Both visitors spoke briefly, expressing their pleasure at being able to be present at our Senate's deliberations.
3. In accordance with the changed Agenda, after a call for nominations from the floor ballots listing the nominated persons were then collected. Senators Olson and Blits took them to Room 106 for counting. After a ballot count, the following results were announced:

Vice President	Harrison Hall (Philosophy)
Secretary	Judith Roof (English)
Committee on Committees and Nominations	Annette Shine (Chemical Engineering) David Smith (Life and Health Sciences)
Committee on Rules	Anne Mooney (Urban Affairs)

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR CHALLENGE

The following items were approved:

1. New minor in Cognitive Science
2. Revisions of the major in Entomology to create concentrations in:
 - a. General Entomology
 - b. Wildlife Conservation
3. Revision of the Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering
4. Revisions of the B.S. and B.A. in Geology; Minor in Geology; B.A. in Geology: Paleobiology; B.A. Earth Science Education
5. Revision of the B.S. in Geophysics
6. Revision of the minor in Women's Studies

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. The following resolution, introduced by Senator Schweizer at the April 22 meeting, passed without difficulty:

RESOLVED, that a Committee of the University Senate that is charged with the examination of any motion brought to the Senate must invite the individual who proposed the motion to appear before the Committee prior to the date when the Committee reports its recommendation to the Senate.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- B. A slate of persons nominated for committee positions by the Committee on Committees and Nominations was approved by the full Senate. (Copy of the committee appointments is attached.)
- C. The following recommendation from the Committee on Student and Faculty Honors (U. C. Toensmeyer, Chairperson), on the eligibility of faculty with professional and administrative appointments for faculty awards passed overwhelmingly:

WHEREAS, faculty with professional and administrative appointments perform teaching and advisement functions similar to full-time faculty, be it

RESOLVED, that faculty with professional and administrative appointments should be eligible for faculty awards.

- D. Professor David Smith, whose resolution concerning Library budget reductions President Goldstein had referred to the Library Committee, agreed to accept the Library Committee's proposed resolution as a substitute for his own. The Library Committee's resolution then became the subject of extended discussion and debate. That resolution was:

WHEREAS, the collections of the University Library are the tangible expression of accumulated knowledge, and

WHEREAS, the collections, especially the periodicals, are an irreplaceable primary resource for the conduct of scholarly research by faculty and students, and

WHEREAS, a decrease in the rate at which the collections increase would significantly and permanently decrease the quality of scholarly research by faculty and students, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the University Faculty Senate assert its position that maintaining the collections and services of the library and especially the maintenance of subscriptions to periodicals is of the highest academic importance.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED,

that the University Faculty Senate deplores the cuts in the 1991-1992 library budget and urges the administration to allocate funds to maintain the purchasing power for the collections and services of the University Library.

Senator Hoeffcker proposed that a complete transcript of the Senate's discussion of both resolutions be forwarded to the Committee on Budgetary and Space Priorities and to the Reduction in Force Committee. The Senate then voted to substitute Senator Hoeffcker's motion for the substitute resolution. Senator Sandler suggested that the Budget Council should likewise receive a copy of the transcript. The vote to send a transcript to all three committees passed overwhelmingly.

- E. After a long and heated discussion of whether the term environmental science was too general a term, the Senate passed the following resolution from the Committee on Undergraduate Studies, with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education for provisional approval of a new major leading to the B.S. degree in Environmental Science:

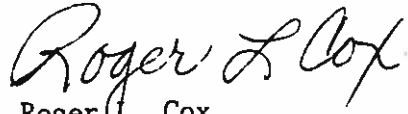
RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate approves provisionally, for four years, the establishment of a new major leading to the B.S. degree in Environmental Science, with concentrations in Atmospheric Environment, Biological Environment, and Geology, effective immediately.

- F. The recommendation from the Committee on Undergraduate Studies with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education for the establishment of an Honors Foreign Language Certificate Program produced no such misgivings about the accuracy of its title, and the following resolution was quickly passed:

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate approves the establishment of a new Honors Foreign Language Certificate Program for students majoring in Business and Economics, Engineering, or Political Science and International Relations, effective immediately.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Dutifully submitted,



Roger L. Cox
Secretary
University Faculty Senate

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Attachment

CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS

ACADEMIC APPEALS, CTE. ON

Chair: E. Naudain Simons

BUDGETARY AND SPACE PRIORITIES, CTE. ON

Chair: Stanley Sandler
Member: Judy VanName

COMMITTEES AND NOMINATIONS, CTE. ON

Member: Annette Shine
Member: David Smith

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES AND PUBLIC EVENTS, CTE. ON

Chair: Hans P. Breurer
Member: Rosemary Hooper
Member: Andrea Barrier
Member: Bill Lawson
Member: Nicholas Gross

DIVERSITY AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION, CTE. ON

Chair: Juan Villamarin
Member: Raymond Wolters
Member: James Jones

EDUCATION, COORDINATING CTE. ON

Member: Harrison Hall

FACULTY WELFARE AND PRIVILEGES, CTE. ON

Member & Chair: Reed Geiger
Member: Sandra Linda
Member: Joseph Glutting

GRADUATE STUDIES, CTE. ON

Member: Paul Hooper
Member: Henry Foley
Member: Jack Smith
Member: John Byrne
Member: Joanne Golden

INSTRUCTIONAL, COMPUTING AND RESEARCH SUPPORT SERVICES, CTE. ON

Chair: Russell Settle
Member: James Hiebert
Member: Dene Klinzing
Member: Thomas Lathrop

RESEARCH, CTE. ON

Chair: Carroll Izard
Member: Marian Palley
Member: K. Conway-Turner
Member: William Daniels
Member: Robert Carroll

RETIRING, RETIRED & EMERITI FACULTY, SUBCTE. ON

Member & Chair: Robert Stark¹
Member: Catherine Bieber

RULES, CTE. ON

Member: Anne Mooney

STUDENT & FACULTY HONORS, CTE. ON

Member & Chair: Linda Gottfredson
Member: Araya Debessay
Member: Loreto Jackson
Member: Robert Warren
Member: Robin Morgan

STUDENT LIFE, CTE. ON

Member & Chair: Robert Bennett
Member: James Fischer
Member: Kim Fromme

UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES, CTE. ON

Chair: Michael Keefe
Member: Thompson Pizzolato
Member: Samuel Gaertner
Member: Zoubeida Dagher
Member: Nancy Cotugna
Member: Linda Bucher
Member: M. Provost-Craig

1. One-year appointment.

CONTINUATION OF MAY 6, 1991 SENATE MEETING

May 13, 1991

MINUTES

The reconvened May meeting of the University Faculty Senate was called to order on Monday, May 13, 1991 at 4:00 p.m. with President Goldstein presiding.

Senators not in attendance were: Edith Anderson, Kenneth Biederman, Donald Crossan, Sue Davis, Alexander Doberenz, Hope D'Oyley, Roberta Golinkoff, Bernard Herman, Charles Kopay, John Kraft, Douglas Miller, David Morse, Richard Murray, Debra Norris, George Parsons, Larry Peterson, James Sills, Jack Smith, Richard Sylves, Krzysztof Szalewicz, Nicholas Triantafillou, Peter Warter

Senators excused were: Donald Conlon, Carol Denson, Thomas Ernst, Helen Gouldner, James Hawk, Evelyn Hayes, Scott Jones, Richard Libera, Frank Murray, Raymond Nichols, Linda Pellecchia, John Pikulski, R. Byron Pipes, Leslie Reidel, Daniel Rich, Nancy Signorielli, Joann Thomas, Carolyn Thoroughgood

President Goldstein reminded Senators that they had completed Item F of the Agenda for the May meeting before adjourning on May 6, and that Item H had been removed from the Agenda at that meeting.

VI. G. The following recommendation, after the deletion of the words "provisionally, for four years," from the Undergraduate Studies Committee (H. Hall, Chairperson), by way of the Coordinating Committee on Education (R. Taggart, Chairperson), concerning a new Honors Degree leading to the Honors B.S. in Agriculture, Dean's Scholar in the College of Agricultural Sciences, was unanimously approved by the Senate:

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate approves the establishment of a new degree program, leading to the Honors B.S. in Agriculture degree, Dean's Scholar in the College of Agricultural Sciences, effective immediately.

(H. was withdrawn from the Agenda at the meeting of May 6.)

I. A recommendation from the Committee on Student Life (D. Shade, Chairperson), for an undergraduate Medical Leave of Absence Policy, with the addition of the words "effective immediately," was likewise unanimously approved.

WHEREAS, the University of Delaware currently has no medical leave of absence policy for undergraduates, and

- WHEREAS, students who have significant medical conditions are currently required to withdraw from the University and later apply for readmission, and*
- WHEREAS, their health insurance may be terminated because of their withdrawal, be it therefore*
- RESOLVED, that the following policy be adopted, effective immediately.*

MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE POLICY

A matriculated undergraduate student who needs to discontinue his/her studies for medical reasons (e.g., surgery, pregnancy, illness, rehabilitation, and other health-related circumstances) can request a medical leave of absence. A medical leave of absence can be granted for a maximum of two semesters. When the student applies for the leave, verification for the medical leave of absence must be presented to the Dean of the College in which the student is enrolled. If the leave is granted, the student may continue in the same program in which he/she had been enrolled prior to the leave. The student is not severing his/her connection with the University, and is eligible to continue his/her studies without applying for readmission. If the student is unable to return at the conclusion of the leave, his/her Dean should be consulted.

The granting of this medical leave in no way negates the student's financial responsibility to the University. If the student is a financial aid recipient, he/she should contact the Financial Aid Office. If the student is insured under the University's Health Insurance plan, the insurance will be in effect only during the year in which the student was enrolled; coverage will not extend beyond that period.

- J. After considerable discussion, a resolution affirming Faculty Senate support for the NASULGC resolution concerning the Department of Defense policy with regard to discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation was passed with two negative votes and one abstention.

- WHEREAS, current University of Delaware policy prohibits discrimination based upon sexual orientation, and*
- WHEREAS, the Department of Defense has a policy which excludes homosexuals from full participation in ROTC programs, and*
- WHEREAS, the University of Delaware has ROTC programs which must abide by the Department of Defense policy, be it therefore*
- RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate support the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges (NASULGC) resolution of November 13, 1990. [Resolution is at Attachment 1.]*

- K. A recommendation from the Committee on Undergraduate Studies (H. Hall, Chairperson), with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (R. Taggart, Chairperson), to discontinue awarding the General Honors Certificate and to replace it with two new awards was passed after some discussion as to the appropriateness of requiring residence in Honors student housing at the University.

WHEREAS, the General Honors Certificate recognizes certain accomplishments of first year students in the University Honors Program, while also providing an incentive for those students to continue Honors work in the second year, and

WHEREAS, a student who is not in the first year Honors class and who comes to Honors work later on finds it impossible to earn the General Honors Certificate, with the result that the existence of that award does not in fact motivate other qualified students to pursue Honors work, and

WHEREAS, it would be desirable to retain emphasis on an intensive Honors experience in the first year, as well as to create a stronger incentive for all qualified students to pursue Honors work subsequent to the first year, and also desirable to extend this incentive throughout the undergraduate career, and

WHEREAS, a different configuration of Honors certificates could better achieve these ends, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the awarding of the General Honors Certificate be discontinued subsequent to the 1993-94 academic year; and

that the first year Honors students entering the University in the 1991-92 academic year be the last students eligible to receive it; and

that no accomplishments subsequent to 12/31/93 may count toward the fulfillment of its requirements; and be it further

RESOLVED, that an undergraduate award known as the First Year Honors Certificate be established, with the first eligible recipients being the first year Honors class entering the University in the 1992-93 academic year, and

that the award be subject to the following requirements and conditions:

First Year Honors Certificate

This certificate is awarded to those admitted to the first year Honors class who, by the end of their first year of study, satisfy these requirements:

1. At least 30 college credits earned (including advanced placement and transfer credits).
 - a. At least 24 of the credits earned in courses taken at the University of Delaware, all within one year of study (a maximum of two semesters, one winter session, one summer).
 - b. At least 15 of the University of Delaware credits earned within one year of study to be in Honors courses, including an Honors Colloquium and an Honors Forum course.
2. Residence for two semesters in first year Honors student housing at the University.
3. A cumulative grade point average of 3.00 or higher in all courses, upon completion of the credit and residence requirements.

Conferral of the certificate is recorded on the student's permanent transcript following the term in which the requirements are completed.

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RESOLVED, that an undergraduate award known as the Advanced Honors Certificate be established, subject to the following requirements and conditions:

Advanced Honors Certificate

This certificate is awarded for accomplishments subsequent to a first year of college work. The requirements are:

1. At least 21 Honors credits earned in courses at the University of Delaware.
 - a. These 21 Honors credits are to be earned subsequent to the term in which all requirements for the First Year Honors Certificate are completed, or (for all other students) subsequent to the term in which the first full year of college work is completed (whether here or at another institution). No Honors credits earned prior to this point may count toward the 21 credit total.
 - b. At least 12 of these 21 Honors credits must be in courses at the 300 level or higher.

2. Consistent participation in the intensive advisement procedure for Advanced Honors students, the purpose of which is to insure that the student thoughtfully selects a challenging and enriched total program of studies and activities.
3. A cumulative grade point average of 3.00 or higher in all courses, upon completion of the credit and advisement requirements.

Conferral of the certificate is recorded on the student's permanent transcript following the term in which the requirements are completed.

(Notes: After 8/31/96 these notes cease to be applicable and are to be removed from published versions of these requirements.

- A. Since the intensive advising procedure called for in the second requirement is not expected to be in place prior to fall 1992, Honors courses taken before 1/1/93 cannot be counted toward the totals stipulated by the first requirement.
- B. This award replaces in part the General Honors Certificate, which is being phased out. In the transitional period, the Advanced Honors Certificate can be earned by those from the last group eligible to earn the General Honors Certificate, namely, first year Honors students entering the University in the 1991-92 academic year. For these students only, the first of the three above requirements will be as follows:
 1. At least 12 Honors credits earned in courses at the University of Delaware.
 - a. These 12 Honors credits are to be earned subsequent to the term in which all requirements for the General Honors Certificate are completed, or (for other students) subsequent to the term in which junior status is attained. No Honors credits earned prior to this point may count toward the 12 credit total.
 - b. At least 6 of these 12 Honors credits must be in courses at the 300 level or higher; at least 12 of all Honors credits earned at the University must be at the 300 level or higher.

This provision remains in effect until 8/31/96, after which the special eligibility it confers expires.)

- L. A recommendation from the Committee on Undergraduate Studies (H. Hall, Chairperson), with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (R. Taggart, Chairperson), to revise the statement of the University-wide, generic requirements for the Honors Baccalaureate Degree was approved after an explanation of the proposed changes from Honors Director Robert Brown.

WHEREAS, it is growing more difficult to provide places in each of the two distinct Honors Tutorial courses for every Honors Degree candidate, since the number of Honors Degree candidates is, by design, increasing significantly, and

WHEREAS, the substitution of an Honors Seminar course in place of one of the Tutorials is educationally sound because it mandates a second kind of learning experience rather than a repeat of the same kind of experience, and

WHEREAS, the required comprehensive examination in the major is, with considerable justification, held, by some of the units obliged to administer it under the current requirements, to be of dubious value, an unnecessary duplication of breadth requirements within the major, and a deterrent to some qualified students pursuing an Honors Degree, and

WHEREAS, certain clarifications and refinements in the wording of some present requirements (unchanged in substance) are needed, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that, effective September 1, 1992, the following becomes the official statement of the University's generic requirements for all Honors Baccalaureate degrees:

A candidate for an Honors Baccalaureate Degree must satisfy the following:

- I. The requirements for the baccalaureate degree in the major (including all University and college requirements), as well as any other specific requirements the major department may set for the Honors Degree.**
- II. The generic requirements for the Honors Degree:**
 - A. A University of Delaware cumulative grade point index of at least 3.40 at the time of graduation.**
 - B. At least 60 of the total credits applicable to graduation taken at the 300 level or higher.**
 - C. At least 30 credits earned in Honors courses. Of these Honors credits:**
 - 1. At least 12 must be in the major department or in courses of collateral disciplines specifically required for the major.**
 - 2. Three must be in the Honors Tutorial course.**

3. Three must be in the Honors Seminar course (or in another seminar course specifically approved for this purpose by the Honors Program).
 4. At least 6 must be in areas outside those defined by the preceding items (1-3).
 5. At least 12 must be at the 300 level or higher.
- D. In addition to these 30 Honors credits, 6 credits of Honors thesis or project (UNIV 401/402) and the successful oral presentation of an acceptable thesis or project to a committee of faculty approved by the major department and the Honors Program. Although the candidate enrolls in UNIV 401/402 in the senior year, research and planning for the thesis or project should be well under way in the junior year.
- III. Submission of the Honors Degree Application Form, which can be done during the sophomore year and must be done no later than the end of the junior year, at the University Honors Program office.
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and be it further

RESOLVED, that, in order to make the transition to the changed requirements smoother, the University Honors Program be authorized to:

1. *Allow Honors Degree candidates graduating between now and the end of term 93S to satisfy requirements II, C, 2-3, by either two Tutorials or one Tutorial and one Seminar.*
 2. *Waive (for those graduating after June, 1991) the comprehensive exam requirement for those majors for which the sponsoring department requests that it be waived.*
- M. The following resolution, introduced by Senator S. Sandler, was referred to the Undergraduate Studies Committee for their consideration:
- RESOLVED, that the Committee on Undergraduate Studies be instructed to develop generic requirements for a minor and a concentration within a major to apply to all undergraduate degrees.*

- N. After voting to suspend the rules, the Faculty Senate passed the following congratulatory resolution, introduced by Senate Braun:

BE IT RESOLVED,

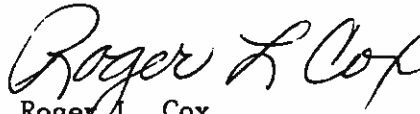
That the University Faculty Senate congratulates its officers for having steered us through a year of sometimes difficult legislation and often acrimonious debates; and

That the Senate also wishes to express its gratitude to its committees and their chairs for the fine job they have done this year; and

That the Senate wishes to acknowledge with sincere appreciation the many years of service given to it and the University community by Acting Provost Richard Murray and retiring Deans Helen Gouldner and Donald Crossan.

Thus, the final meeting of the University Faculty Senate for the year 1990-91 was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Dutifully submitted,



Roger L. Cox
Secretary
University Faculty Senate

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Attachments:

1. Resolution from NASULGC
2. Annual Committee Reports