

UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

SUMMARY OF AGENDA

for

December 7, 1981

- I. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
- II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: November 2, 1981
- III. REMARKS BY PRESIDENT TRABANT and/or PROVOST CAMPBELL
- IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS - SENATE PRESIDENT HOFFECKER
- V. OLD BUSINESS - none
- VI. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Request for approval of a committee appointment
 - *B. Recommendation to change the procedure for selecting the chair of the Academic Complaints Committee
 - *C. Recommendation for the addition of a non-voting member to the Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Standing
 - *D. Recommendation to change the designated position on the Computer Committee
 - E. Recommendation for a change in the Student Grievance Procedure
 - F. Recommendation for an extension of the implementation date of the new course numbering policies
 - G. Introduction of new business

* Bylaw change; requires a 2/3 vote of those senators present and voting

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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Faculty Members

FROM: James D. Culley, Vice President *Jim Culley*
University Faculty Senate

SUBJECT: Regular Faculty Senate Meeting, December 7, 1981

In accordance with Section IV, paragraph 6 of the Constitution, the regular meeting of the University Faculty Senate will be held on Monday, December 7, 1981 at 4:00 p.m. in room 110 Memorial Hall.

AGENDA

- I. Adoption of the Agenda.
- II. Approval of the Minutes of the regular Senate meeting of November 2, 1981.
- III. Remarks by President Trabant and/or Provost Campbell.
- IV. Announcements - Senate President Hoffecker.
- V. Old Business - none.
- VI. New Business
 - A. Request from the Committee on Committees (J. Morrison, chair) for Senate approval of an appointment to fill an unexpired term on the Nominating Committee.

RESOLVED, that the appointment of Violet Malinski to the Nominating Committee to fill a one year term expiring September 1, 1982, is hereby approved.

- B. Recommendation from the Rules Committee (H. Lee, chair) to change the method of designating the chair of the Academic Complaints Committee.

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate Bylaws, III: Standing Committee System of the Faculty and its Senate, University Review Committee for Academic Complaints (p. I-14 of the present Faculty Handbook), last line, is changed to read:

The committee shall, each year, designate a chairperson of the committee for the following year from among the committee's continuing members.

[Note: the sentence presently reads "The Senate shall, each year, elect a chairperson of the committee from among the committee members.]

- C. Recommendation from the Committee on Committees (J. Morrison, chair) for an addition to the non-voting membership of the Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Standing.

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate Bylaws, III: Standing Committee System of the Faculty and its Senate, Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Standing (pp. I-24,25 of the present Faculty Handbook), last paragraph, is changed to read as follows (phrase in italics to be added):

This committee shall consist of an appointee of the President; the Associate Provost for Instruction; the Dean of Admissions *and the Director of Records*, as ex officio, non-voting members; two undergraduate students; and a faculty member from each college enrolling undergraduate majors, one of whom shall be chairperson.

- D. Recommendation from the Committee on Committees (J. Morrison, chair) to change the designated position on the Computer Committee from "Director of the Computing Center" to "Associate Provost for Computing or designee."

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate Bylaws, III: Standing Committee System of the Faculty and its Senate, Computer Committee (p. I-17 of the present Faculty Handbook) is changed to read as follows:

COMPUTER COMMITTEE

This shall consist of the Associate Provost for Computing or designee; seven faculty members, of whom one shall be chairperson; and one undergraduate and one graduate student. It shall advise on policies on the use and on the expansion of computer facilities, and hear and coordinate suggestions thereon.

- E. Recommendation from the Committee on Student Life (G. Culley, chair) for a change in the Student Grievance Procedure.

RESOLVED, that the second sentence of the paragraph labeled "1" in the preamble, "Definition of a Student Complaint," be omitted from the Student Grievance Procedure.

[Note: Senator Waid introduced a motion, which was seconded, at the Senate meeting of May 4, 1981, for deletion of this sentence from the Student Grievance Procedure; the motion was referred to the Committee on Student Life and is being reported out, as above, with the approval of the Committee.

The relevant portion of the Student Grievance Procedure presently reads as follows, with the sentence to be deleted in italics:

Definition of a Student Complaint

1. Grade complaints: a claim that a grade is unfair because of a faculty member's bias or because of a faculty member's failure to follow announced standards for assigning grades, but not because of a faculty member's erroneous academic judgment (i.e. not a claim that course standards are too high, reading is too heavy, the grade curve too low, etc.). *Proper remedies for such kinds of "unfairness", as it affects whole classes, are the use of the drop system in the short run and boycott of courses in the long run.*]

- F. Recommendation from the Executive Committee to delay implementation of the new course numbering policies and to provide for further review of the policies.

WHEREAS the Executive Committee of the University Faculty Senate has been made aware of significant faculty concern regarding the policy prohibiting double listing of courses which was approved by the Senate in October, 1981, and

WHEREAS several senators have written the Executive Committee asking that discussion on this policy be re-opened, and

WHEREAS the Executive Committee has judged these concerns to be sufficient to warrant review by the appropriate Senate committees, therefore be it

RESOLVED that the effective date of the resolution regarding course numbering policies which was approved by the University Faculty Senate on October 5, 1981 (Item V.A) is changed from September 1, 1982 to September 1, 1983; and be it further

RESOLVED that the committees on Undergraduate Studies and Graduate Studies, and the Coordinating Committee on Education are instructed to review these policies and report their findings and recommendations to the Executive Committee by March 1, 1982.

- G. Such items as may come before the Senate. (No motion introduced at this time may be acted upon until the next meeting of the Senate.)

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Attached: Committee Activities List

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

The following issues are under active discussion in Senate committees. Your comments are welcome, and may be addressed to the committee chairpersons, or to the Senate Office for forwarding to the committees.

BEVERAGE ALCOHOL (Steven Hastings, Chairperson)

Further study of problems associated with "brownbagging"

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES (James Morrison, Chairperson)

Membership composition of Graduate Studies Committee
Coordination of Cultural Committees (Provost's and Senate's)
Composition of Committee to Regulate the Use of Beverage Alcohol
Creation of Advisory Committee on Community Life

PROMOTIONS AND TENURE (Frank Scarpitti, Chairperson)

Reviewing, for approval, promotion and tenure documents

RESEARCH (Dietrich Knorr, Chairperson)

University/industry relations
Evaluation of international activities of faculty
University research policies

RULES (Henry Lee, Chairperson)

Establishing principles for voting privileges
of joint appointment (two people sharing
one academic line)
Clarification of procedure for appointing
faculty to administrative committees

UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS AND STANDING (Robert Bennett, Chairperson)

Title VI - Studying methods for attracting and retaining minority students
Support services on campus as they relate to minority students