

Minutes of the Meeting
February 5, 1991

ATTENDANCE

1.1 Members Present. Anderson, C. Bacon, A. Bandstra, J. Bandstra, Beetley, Breault, Carey, Caskey, M. Cook, Dudek, Etienne, Groner, Henry, Horn, Kantar, King, Lovsted, Matrosic, Muccio, Mullet, Oldfield, Pearson, Peterson, Pommichowski, Powell, Ravell, Russell, Thapa, Totten, Travis, Valas, Vasicek.

1.2 Members Absent. Burtch (excused), A. Cook, Ferdowski, Lewis (excused), Middleton (excused), Ovans (excused), Uniacke (excused).

1.3 Guests. D. Bethel, N. Emmanuel, L. Lunsted, J. Maas, G. Nash.

CALL TO ORDER

2.1 President Russell called the meeting to order at 10:05a.m. in the President's Room, Rankin Center.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 The minutes of the January 8 meeting were approved.

3.2 The minutes of the January 15 meeting were approved.

3.3 The minutes of the January 22 meeting were approved.

OPEN FORUM

4.1 Narbeth Emmanuel, Vice President for Student Affairs, extended an invitation to the Senators to attend a presentation by Dr. Lawrence McCrorey titled "Celebrating Cultural Diversity: A Challenge in the Classroom," to be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 5, 1991, in the Centennial Dining Room.

4.2 Lyle Lunsted addressed the proposal for a final exam week after conversion to semesters. He stated that a final exam week would be ineffective and inefficient utilization of time for teachers and students. Lunsted also suggested that one-hour classes meeting on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday and one- and one-half hour classes on Tuesday and Thursday would efficiently utilize classrooms.

4.3 Dick Bethel announced a workshop to be held Wednesday, February 6 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. to which faculty are invited. The general theme will be "Budget Deficit and Its Impact on Higher Education: Alternatives to Cutting Budgets." Warren Gregory will speak on "Solutions to Michigan's Budget Deficit." Bob Swanson will give the "Legislative Response to Budget Deficit."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice-President Nash

5.1 Vice-President Nash had no announcements.

President Russell

6.1 President Russell had no announcements.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

University Curriculum Committee

7.1 Chairman David Anderson presented an update of the activities of the University Curriculum Committee. The proposed revision of the Associates Degree in Nursing will come to the Senate for first reading approval at the February 11 meeting.

Dental Assisting Conference Committee

8.1 The Senate received the report of the Dental Assisting Conference Committee, which concurred "with the administrative decision to close the program with the current class."

Semester Transition Team

9.1 Jim Maas, Chairman of the Semester Transition Team, distributed the Semester Transition Curriculum Procedures manual. This manual will be presented to the Senate for its endorsement at the February 11 meeting.

Campus Master Planning Committee

10.1 Charles Matrosic reported that Joe Samson, the Senate's representative on the Campus Master Planning Committee, requests that any Senator who has concerns regarding the physical development of the campus address them to Samson in Swann 312, X2630, or to Matrosic who will relay concerns to Samson.

NEW BUSINESS

Charter Amendments

11.1 Pommichowski moved that the Academic Senate Charter be revised as follows:

Article VIII, Section 7 becomes Section 7a

Add Article VIII, Section 7b

The President of the Associated Student Government or his/her designee shall attend meetings of the Senate and have the right to address the Senate on any issue during the conduct of business.

Thapa supported. The motion carried.

11.2 Matrosic moved that the Academic Senate Charter be amended as follows:

Article VIII, Section 8

Add to the end of the second sentence:

" . . . for its endorsement. If the Senate fails to endorse the Conference Committee or if the Conference Committee fails to arrive at a consensus, . . . [as is]"

Oldfield supported.

11.3 Pomnichowski moved to amend the amendment by adding "the endorsed report shall be sent to the President" after the word "endorsement". Oldfield supported.

11.4 Matrosic moved to table the amendment and the motion. M. J. Cook supported.

11.5 M. J. Cook moved the previous question. Valas supported. The motion carried.

11.6 The motion to table carried.

Approval of Voter Eligibility List

12.1 Vasicek moved that the Senate approve the Voter Eligibility List. Peterson supported. The motion carried.

12.2 Mullet distributed a list of terms expiring in 1991 and nomination petitions.

General Education Requirements Following Conversion to Semesters

13.1 Pearson moved that the Senate adopt the following resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Academic Senate direct the UCC to review general education credit requirements and distributions immediately following the adoption of pertinent semester revisions. The review should address the following issues:

- (i) Does the conversion to semesters result in an increase in total required general education credits?
- (ii) If there is an increase in total general education credits, which areas of study appear to lead to the inflation?
- (iii) Are there any consequences of the combination of conversion to semesters and implementation of the general education requirements that are incompatible with individual program needs?

The review should be presented to the Academic Senate no later than the first meeting in the Fall term of 1991.

13.2 Pearson moved to withdraw the motion. Groner supported. The motion to withdraw carried.

Amended General Education and Review Procedures Document

14.2 Henry moved that an amended General Education and Review Procedures document be drafted by the Academic Senate Office and that such a document shall be submitted as the majority report from the Academic Senate regarding this matter.

Groner supported. The motion carried.

OPEN FORUM

15.1 Pomnichowski reminded the Senate that administrative evaluation was referred to the President last year. Pomnichowski asked if an instrument is being developed by the President and stated that, rather than being considered a union matter, this should be considered an academic matter.

15.2 Pearson stated that negotiations between the FFA and administration require a two-way evaluation procedure.

15.3 Valas noted that the administrative evaluation can be done by the Senate with less confrontation than it can be done by the union.

NEXT MEETING

16.1 There will be a special meeting of the Senate on Monday, February 11, 1991, at 7:00 p.m. in the President's Room, Rankin Center to consider a report from the Semester Transition Team.

16.2 The next regular meeting of the Academic Senate will be on Tuesday, March 5, 1991, at 10:05 a.m. in the President's Room, Rankin Center.

ADJOURNMENT

17.1 President Russell declared the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Bandstra

Approved:
