

Minutes of the Meeting
September 3, 1991

ATTENDANCE

1.1 Members Present. D. Anderson, R. Anderson, T. Anderson, Bacon, A. Bandstra, J. Bandstra, Beetley, Breault, Burtch, A. Cook, M. J. Cook, Etienne, Ferdowski, Haneline, Heidemann, Henry, Holihan, Key, Matrosic, Muccio, Oldfield, Ovans, Pearson, Peterson, Pomnichowski, Powell, D. Russell, P. Russell, Spaulding, Thapa, Totten, Travis, Uniacke, Valas, von der Osten.

1.2 Members Absent. Caskey, Horn, King (excused), Lewis (excused), Ravell (excused).

1.3 Guests. K. Acton, J. Elfrink, N. Emmanuel, B. Jacobs, B. Kowalkoski, H. Nicholson, H. Popovich, T. Strong, G. Westendorp.

CALL TO ORDER

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2.1 President Russell called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. in the Clarion Conference Center.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 The minutes of the June 12 meeting were approved.

OPEN FORUM

4.1 No faculty concerns were expressed at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Popovich

5.1 President Popovich addressed the Senate. She noted that the Board of Control approved a revised Statement of Mission this summer. She assured the Senate that the procedure will be changed, giving the Senate opportunity for input. Incorrect outside perceptions of the University led to this attempt to hone the Mission Statement, and to capitalize on our polytechnic image.

5.2 Popovich reported that the Board of Control has approved the following four Institutional Directives for 1991-92:

1. Enhance the quality of our academic programs and our reputation as an applied polytechnic university.
2. Enhance the quality of student life.
3. Manage our resources prudently and protect our investment in our capital facilities and equipment.
4. Generate additional public and private support for the University.

President Russell

6.1 President Russell announced the following committee appointments:

Margaret Etienne -- Chair of the University Curriculum Committee

Elsie Lovsted -- Chair of the Undergraduate Council

David Anderson -- Three-year term on the University Curriculum Committee

Mark Hill -- Faculty representative to the Student Activities Advisory Committee

6.2 Russell reported that the Senate Executive Committee has met recently with the President and discussed items of mutual concern.

6.3 Russell reported having lunch with representatives of N.C.H.E.M.S. who are conducting a study of the operation of the institution.

6.4 Russell requested that Senators fill out their fall schedules and turn them in to him.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

University Curriculum Committee

7.1 Chairman David Anderson presented a written report of proposals in progress.

7.2 Anderson requested that Senators send comments on the proposed Doctorate in Education to Gary Huey.

7.3 Anderson encouraged Senators to move semester transition proposals along so that the schedule can be adhered to.

7.4 Anderson noted that Ann Breitenwischer requests more time for the library staff to get through the proposals.

OLD BUSINESS

A.A.S. in Heavy Equipment Technology

8.1 D. Anderson moved that the Senate approve the proposed A.A.S. in Heavy Equipment Technology. Totten supported. The motion carried.

B.S. in Heavy Equipment Technology

9.1 D. Anderson moved that the Senate approve the proposed B.S. degree in Heavy Equipment Technology. Key supported. The motion carried.

Accounting Minor

10.1 Etienne moved that the Senate approve the proposed Accounting Minor. M. Cook supported. The motion carried.

Statement of Freedom of Expression

11.1 Pearson moved that the Senate endorse the Statement of Freedom of Expression. Peterson supported. The motion carried.

Student Activities Budget Advisory Committee

12.1 Peterson moved to take off the table the motion to disband the Student Activities Budget Advisory Committee. J. Bandstra supported. The motion carried.

12.2 The motion to disband the Student Activities Budget Advisory Committee failed.

Revised Transfer Policy

13.1 Burtch moved that the Senate extend first reading acceptance to the Revised Transfer Policy. Etienne supported. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Closure of B.S. in Business Economics

14.1 D. Anderson moved that the Senate approve the closure of the B.S. in Business Economics. Etienne supported. D. Anderson withdrew the motion.

14.2 Valas moved to send the proposed closure of the B.S. in Business Economics to the University Curriculum Committee. Pearson supported. The motion carried.

Proposed Student Ombudsman System

15.1 Pearson moved that the Senate approve the following motion:

An ad Hoc Committee for a Student Ombudsman System composed of two administrators, one student, and two faculty members shall be formed. The charge to this committee shall be to investigate an ombudsman system for students. It is incumbent on the committee to define limits and the scope of such a system and at the same time to keep in mind that the intent of the system is advocacy and problem solving.

The ad hoc committee shall report its recommendations to the Academic Senate at the first Senate meeting in January 1992.

Beetley supported. The motion carried.

OPEN FORUM

16.1 Roger Peterson invited the Senators to take part in the first annual New Student Convocation to be held on Friday, September 6, 1991, at 3:30 p.m. in the Wink Field House.

NEXT MEETING

17.1 The next regular meeting of the Senate will be on Tuesday, October 1, 1991, at 10:05 a.m. in the President's Room, Rankin Center.

ADJOURNMENT

16.1 President Russell declared the meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Bandstra

Approved:
