

FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

ACADEMIC SENATE

*Minutes of the Meeting
October 3, 1989*

ATTENDANCE

1.1. *Members Present.* Anderson, Bandstra, Beetley, Bethel, Breault, Burtch, Carey, Chaffin, Devlin, Doneth, Etienne, Ferdowski, Frank, Gillette, Groner, Janzen, Johnson, Johnston, Lovsted, Matrosic, Mullet, Nerbonne, Oldfield, Pearson, Peterson, Pomnichowski, Ravell, Russell, Sichelsteel, Thapa, Uniacke, Valas, Vasicek.

1.2. *Members Absent.* Baker, Cook (excused), Hardman (excused), Henry (excused), Lewis, Linta, McNabb (excused).

1.3. *Guests.* Bill Boras, Ingrid Dudek, Dean Hammersmith, Larry Hanson, Vice President Nash, Jerry Nogy, President Popovich, Vice President Tiede.

CALL TO ORDER

2.1. President Oldfield called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. in the President's Room.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1. The minutes of the September 5 meeting were approved as corrected--changing "Representation" to "a Senator" in paragraph 13.1.

FACULTY FORUM

4.1. Dean Sue Hammersmith voiced concerns over the Faculty Evaluation for Development document, noting that the instrument was aimed principally at the lecture classroom, that it did not address faculty responsibilities outside of traditional teaching assignments, and that too much of the responsibility for evaluation was placed on faculty outside the discipline of the evaluatee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Popovich

5.1. President Popovich expressed her gratitude to the Senate and its various committees for expeditiously accomplishing their numerous tasks.

Vice President Nash

6.1. Vice President Nash informed the Senate of the State's proposed high school program for college admission--"Designing Your Future." He requested that the Senate review and make recommendations on the document.

Campus-Wide Communications Network

7.1. Bill Boras, chair of the committee studying campus-wide communications network, briefed the Senate on the committee's proposed project summary. The proposal calls for a fully-integrated voice/video/data communications network for the entire campus, and the first phase--cable hook-ups for all dormitories--is being considered by the Board of Control at its next meeting. No general fund monies will be expended on the project as outlined by the committee.

Senate President Oldfield

8.1. The newly-constituted Student Academic Affairs Council met on September 20 and was given several specific charges from the Senate.

8.2. Open hearings on the proposed Strategic Planning Focus Document have been scheduled.

8.3. The revised Affirmative Action Plan has been distributed to the Senate.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

University Curriculum Committee

9.1. Pomnichowski reported that the following curricular item was deemed a minor change and forwarded to the Office of Academic Affairs:

Pharmacy--Change in prerequisites for PHA 442, Professional Practice Management and PHA 446, Health Care Systems

9.2. Pomnichowski reviewed a variety of issues the Council is considering.

Senate Appointments Committee

10.1. Matrosic noted that vacancies still occur on the Summer Quarter and Substance Abuse Committees.

10.2. The state legislature has established six Teaching Excellence Awards and a new committee must be formed to make the selections.

Ad Hoc Academic Disciplinary Review Committee

11.1 Chair Larry Hanson briefed the Senate on the report of the Ad Hoc Academic Disciplinary Review Committee, which essentially calls for each School to devise its own policies.

Faculty Evaluation for Development Committee

12.1. Chair Ingrid Dudek reported to the Senate the results of the faculty hearings. Her committee will meet jointly with the Senate Executive Committee and Vice President Nash to discuss the recommendations.

OLD BUSINESS

Academic Disciplinary Review Committee Recommendations

13.1. Thapa moved to postpone action on the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Academic Disciplinary Review Committee. Bethel supported. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Teaching Excellence Award Committee

14.1. Matrosic moved that the Senate establish a Teaching Excellence Award Committee with the following membership--fourteen voting members, one from each School, and the College of Optometry, the Librarian/Counsellor unit, one at-large member from the Senate constituency, and five students appointed by ASG. The Committee shall be charged with implementing the provisions of Section 430 of House Bill 4338, including the recommendation of a selection process for approval by the Senate at its regular December 1989 meeting. Ravell supported. Motion carried.

Distinguished Teacher Criteria Changes

15.1. Thapa moved to change the criteria for nomination and selection of the Distinguished Teacher Award Recipients to include for eligibility all tenure-track persons eligible for election to the Senate. Breault supported.

15.2. It was noted that just a few years previously, the eligibility requirements were changed to exclude tenure-track faculty, the rationale being that Distinguished Faculty should be drawn from those who have demonstrated exemplary teaching over a number of years. The proposed motion would reverse that decision.

15.3. Bethel moved to postpone action until the November meeting. Doneth supported. Motion carried.

Historical/Archival Committee Appointments

16.1. Russell moved that the Senate appoint the following at-large members to the Historical/Archival Committee: Marian Beadle, Mary Hynes, Maxine Sofoulis. The lengths of their respective terms shall be decided by lot. Breault supported. Motion carried.

FACULTY FORUM

17.1. Nerbonne raised the issue of the administration's failure to notify persons upon their achievement of tenure. Oldfield noted that this problem has been acknowledged and addressed by the administration.

17.2. Beetley urged the Senate to continue its study of the semester/quarter issue, expressing the concern that the institution would sooner or later be faced with this decision and that it would be wise if the Senate were fully prepared to respond.

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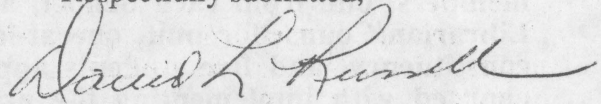
18.1. The next regular meeting of the Academic Senate will be on Tuesday, November 7, 1989, at 10:00 a.m., in the President's Room, Rankin Center.

18.2. A special meeting of the Senate shall be held on Tuesday, October 17, 1989, at 7:00 p.m., in the President's Room, Rankin Center.

ADJOURNMENT

19.1. President Oldfield declared the meeting adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



David L. Russell
Secretary

Approved:

