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MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE
February 6, 1992

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by D. Valuska at 4:03 p.m. in the Wiesenberger Alumni Center.

Present: Margaret M. Apostolos, William E. Bateman, Gary B. Brey, Richard J. Collings, Robert Covington, Mark K. Dinger, Edward W. Evans, Ruth D. Fisher, Gordon J. Goldberg, Linda K. Goldberg, James M. Hvidding, Kathy M. Lynch, Susan C. Bazylak for Edwin E. Nieves, Michael F. Piovane, Thomas A. Sanelli, John P. Schellenberg, Carol J. Teske, David L. Valuska, David D. Wagaman, Shawn Young.

Absent: James F. L. Carroll, Roberta L. Crisson, Daniel J. Hinkel, David R. Peterson, Timothy C. Running.

Also in Attendance: Bob Charlanza, Reading Eagle; Stephen Hoffert; Annette Mazzaferri; Dolly M. Ronemus; Basil Y. Scott, Vice President for Administration and Finance.

II. Announcements

D. Valuska welcomed two new members to the Senate, E. Nieves and C. Teske.

D. Valuska referred to the College of Education's NCATE News which was distributed to all Senate members.

D. Valuska referred to a letter from President McFarland in which he complemented the Senate on recent work done by them.

D. Valuska referred to the list of Goals in Rank Order from the Planning Symposium. D. Valuska encouraged Senate members to attend the planning meetings that are scheduled for the near future. It was noted that some of the changes were not reflected in the list of Goals.

D. Valuska encouraged Senate members to attend the remaining meetings with the candidates for the Provost position.

G. Brey referred to a paper which he distributed relative to Academic Freedom and "Political Correctness" prepared by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities.

G. Brey announced that upon checking information relative to controversial rulings from a chair, he found that any member of the body can appeal a chair's ruling with a second and then a vote is taken on the appeal.

III. Approval of the Agenda

E. Evans moved, M. Apostolos seconded, to approve the Agenda.

J. Schellenberg moved, M. Piovane seconded, to amend the Agenda by placing Planning Symposium - Goals and Ranking under Item D. of Old Business. The motion passed.

G. Brey moved, G. Goldberg seconded, to amend the Agenda by placing the Academic Freedom and "Political Correctness" Policy Statement by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities under Item B. of New Business. The motion passed.

K. Lynch moved, G. Brey seconded, to further amend the Agenda by moving Statement From Senate for Annette Mazzaferri from Item B. of Old Business to Item IV. The motion passed.

The Agenda was approved as amended.

IV. Statement From Senate for Annette Mazzaferri

D. Valuska presented Annette Mazzaferri with a Certificate of Appreciation for her dedicated service to the Senate and the University.

V. Approval of the Minutes of December 5 and December 18, 1991

M. Apostolos moved, R. Covington seconded, to approve the Minutes of December 5 and December 18, 1991. The motion passed.

VI. Committee Reports

A. Committee on Committees

W. Bateman announced that the Committee on Committees is presently working on willingness-to-serve forms for appointments to committees which will be distributed in the Spring.

W. Bateman moved, J. Schellenberg seconded, to amend the Constitution of the University Senate to reflect the

following changes to committees:

Replace Strategic Planning Committee with Strategic Planning and Resources Committee;

Replace Student Retention Committee with Enrollment Management Committee;

Replace Distinguished Faculty and Honorary Degree Committee with Distinguished Visiting Professorships and Honorary Degree Committee;

Delete Budget and Facilities Committee.

The motion passed. A final vote on this amendment will be conducted at the March meeting of the Senate.

B. APSCUF/Senate Task Force on General Education

J. Schellenberg reported that the General Education Task Force continues to meet on a regular basis. He also reported that the Task Force met with two of the undergraduate colleges during the Fall Semester and will meet with the other two colleges during the Spring Semester.

C. APSCUF/Senate/Administrative Council Steering Committee on the Evaluation of the New Governance System

G. Brey reported that the Committee is in receipt of the Report Regarding the University's Governance Structure from Allan Ostar. G. Brey also indicated that copies of the Report were recently distributed to the college community together with a form asking for input. He indicated that after the responses come back, the committee will meet to reexamine the Ostar Report, look at the input that was received from the college community, and decide what needs to be done next.

VII. Old Business

A. AFSCME Representation on Senate

The matter of AFSCME representation on the Senate will continue to be tabled until the responses come back from the college community relative to the Ostar Report, especially relative to representation on the Senate.

B. Proposed Amendment to the Constitution

M. Piovane moved, J. Hvidding seconded, to approve the first reading of the Amendment to the Constitution of the University Senate to reflect the following:

Article II. Membership
Section A. Composition
3. Members Elected at Large
C. The current item C becomes D.

Proposed C. If no racial minority, non-student Senator is elected or selected as a unit representative under ARTICLE II., Section A., Parts 1. and 2., or a Senator At Large under Article II, Section A., 3., an additional Senator At Large shall be elected by the faculty and staff eligible to vote for Senator At Large.

Section D. Implementation of Election of University Senators

Amend 3. By the end of the third full week in March, willingness-to-serve and/or nomination forms for Senator At Large shall be submitted to the Senate Secretary.

Amend 4. By the start of the first full week in April, the Senate Secretary shall submit a primary ballot listing all nominees for Senator At Large to the faculty and professional staff eligible to vote. Each voter may select a number equal to the number of Senators to be elected at large that year.

Amend 7. By the start of the third full week of April, the final ballot shall be sent to the faculty and professional staff eligible to vote. Each voter may select a number equal to the number of Senators to be elected at large that year.

Amend 8. The current item 8 becomes 9.

Proposed 8. If an additional Senator At Large is to be elected to represent racial minorities, the faculty and professional staff who comprises these racial minorities will nominate individuals by the end of April for election by faculty and staff eligible to vote for

Senator At Large. The election shall be completed by the end of the first full week of May.

It was agreed to implement a new procedure in the Senate office whereby items to be debated will be distributed campus wide via a Senate Newsletter with a note to contact their Senators with any input relative to the matters. It was noted that this procedure was done relative to the Amendment to the Constitution regarding minority representation on the Senate.

G. Brey moved, L. Goldberg seconded, to table discussion of the Amendment to the Constitution until the responses are received relative to the Ostar Report. The motion failed.

The motion to approve the first reading of the Amendment to the Constitution passed with G. Brey and D. Wagaman opposing and R. Collings, E. Evans, G. Goldberg, L. Goldberg, T. Sanelli and J. Schellenberg abstaining.

C. Planning Symposium - Goals and Ranking

J. Schellenberg questioned the role of the Senate in the approval of the goals resulting from the Planning Symposium. It was clarified that once goal priorities are established, they will be sent to the Strategic Planning and Resources Committee and ultimately will be sent to the Senate for approval by the Strategic Planning and Resources Committee.

VIII. New Business

A. Proposed Grade Appeal Policy

E. Evans moved, J. Schellenberg seconded, to consider the proposed Grade Appeal Policy. The motion passed. Questions were raised relative to the process.

E. Evans moved, D. Wagaman seconded, to table discussion of the proposal with the agreement that the proposal will be sent to the constituencies for consideration via the Senate Newsletter. The motion passed.

B. Academic Freedom and "Political Correctness" Policy Statement

G. Brey moved, E. Evans seconded, to endorse the sentiments contained in the document by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities on Academic

Freedom and "Political Correctness." G. Brey explained the contents of the document. It was agreed that due to the time, discussion of the document will be continued at the March Senate meeting.

IX. Adjournment

G. Brey moved, M. Apostolos seconded, to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.



David L. Valuska, President



Kathy M. Lynch, Secretary

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