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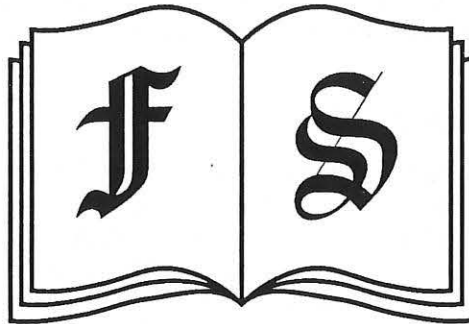
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Minutes of the Faculty Senate March 2, 1989

I. Call to Order

1988-89 Chairperson K. Holland called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM.

Present were: W. Bateman, A. Bearse, E. Nieves for P. Briere, A. Chasse, H. Clinton, J. Collier, L. Crawshaw, J. Erdmann, B. Firestone, P. Garrett, L. Goldberg, D. Evans for R. Gray, A. Gundry, K. Holland, G. Innocenti, S. Keiser, K. Kenney, E. Kern, J. Kulp, R. Lovell for G. Layser, T. Quirk for M. Lemelman, S. Lipp, J. Luizer, P. Miller, M. Mohamedali, R. Smith for T. Neyhart, B. Peters, D. Peterson, R. Reinecke, M. Renzema, E. Rogol, T. Schantz, G. Sharp, P. Stepanovich, P. Traugott, R. Watrous, R. Whitcomb, R. Wittman, L. Woods, C. Yarrison, R. Ziegenfus.

Others in attendance were: R. Blackson, G. Gaughan, M. Weil, G. Zelleke.

II. Agenda

The chair asked for a motion to amend the agenda to add item D. Parking under V. Old Business and to add items E. Cultural Affairs and F. *Ad Hoc* committee on General Education under VII. New Business. Item C. under New Business is to be expanded to include policies from the College of Graduate Studies. The chair also asked that Item A. Resolution to thank Dr. Wittman be considered first so that Dr. Wittman could join the meeting. R. Watrous moved, L. Woods seconded, the approval of the revised agenda. The motion passed.

V. New Business

A. Resolution to thank Dr. Wittman

The resolution was written by the Executive Committee pursuant to the resolution proposed under New Business at the December 1, 1988, meeting. Senators received copies with their minutes and agenda. J. Erdmann moved, P. Garrett seconded, the approval of the resolution. The motion passed.

III. Announcements

K. Holland announced that G. Innocenti has been elected to serve as the Faculty Senate representative on the Search Committee for the Dean of Arts and Sciences.

K. Holland announced that the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate will attend the national symposium on faculty governance to be held in Chicago, entitled "Setting the Academic Senate Agenda for the 1990's." Funds were made available through a grant from the Professional Development Committee.

K. Holland announced that elections of Faculty Senators for those departments and units whose terms expire at the end of the 88-89 year must notify the Vice-Chair of the results of their elections by March 15th.

IV. Approval of the Minutes of February 2, 1989

It was stated that "and Crafts" should be deleted from curricular matter 89-38 as listed in the February 2nd minutes. L. Woods stated that she was present at the February 2nd meeting (even she did sign the attendance sheet). She also emphasized that portion of the minutes which stated that the library does not automatically accept donations of textbooks (only if they are considered to be classics). P. Garrett moved, L. Woods seconded, that the minutes of February 2, 1989, be approved as corrected. The motion passed.

V. Old Business

B. Joint Senate-APSCUF Committee on Governance

W. Bateman reported that the committee has examined governance structures at a number of sister universities and one at Towson State. Plans are going forward to hold a governance conference at the end of the present semester. At its next meeting, the committee will be discussing a questionnaire to be used to elicit comments and suggestions from faculty members and staff about governance. The committee has no particular leaning as to a proposed governance structure at this time.

C. Definition of S.U.A. relative to the Senate Constitution

All state university administrators and all student affairs professional employees not covered under the newly established Department of Administrative Faculty shall be considered the unit designated as State University Administrators. R. Watrous moved, B. Firestone seconded, that the Constitution be footnoted with this information. The motion passed

R. Watrous moved, R. Wittman seconded, that the amendment to the Constitution described in last month's minutes be made permanent. The motion passed.

D. Parking

A list of changes ~~were~~^{was} handed out to Senators before the meeting. The location and distribution of spaces will remain the same. They are still considering charging faculty members to park and the amount is now rumored to be \$20.

T. Schantz questioned whether the Senate would eventually vote on the proposal? G. Innocenti stated that past practice means that the answer is yes. R. Wittman, speaking for the administration, concurred.

VI. Standing Committees

A. Curriculum Affairs:

R. Ziegenfus moved, J. Erdmann seconded, that item 89-30: Business German be approved. The committee questioned the need for objective #3. The response was that the same objective appears in Business French which has already been approved. The motion to approve the course as is passed.

89-30: New course, GER 2XX: Business German.

R. Ziegenfus moved, J. Erdmann seconded, that items 89-40, 41, 43 and 45 be approved as a group. The motion to approve the courses passed.

89-40: Change in concomitant area for the B.A. in Political Science.

89-41: Title and number change. HEA 050: Chronic and Communicable Disease to be changed to HEA 1XX: Health Maintenance through Prevention and Early Detection of Illness.

89-43: Change in requirements for Theatre minors.

89-45: Concomitant course listing for the Department of Nursing.

R. Ziegenfus moved, G. Innocenti seconded, that item 89-42: Business History of the United States be approved. Since there was a claim that the course content may be similar to a business course, R. Reinecke moved, E. Kern seconded, to table the matter. The motion passed.

R. Ziegenfus moved, J. Erdmann seconded, that item 89-44 be approved. After J. Luizer answered the concerns of the Curriculum Affairs Committee, the motion passed.

89-44: ECO 2XX: Development Economics.

B. Academic Affairs: No report.

C. Faculty Affairs: No report.

D. Student Affairs:

M. Mohamedali took the opportunity to explain a student initiative to complain to representatives in Harrisburg about the underfunding of the State System of Higher Education. Names and addresses of representatives were distributed to those present in hopes that they would assist in making students aware and that they would also contact representatives themselves.

VII. New Business

A. Ad hoc committee on enrollment management

The chair asked volunteers to see her after the meeting.

B. Smoking policy on campus

A copy of the smoking policy proposed by the Health and Wellness Task Force was included with materials sent to Senators with the agenda and the minutes.

The signs, posted on all entrance doors to the library saying that it is state law and university policy not to smoke in the library, were questioned. They were questioned on the grounds that (1) it is not clear that state law will prohibit smoking in the entire library; and that (2) since the Senate has not passed a smoking policy the university does not have a smoking policy that prohibits smoking in the library.

C. Classification of students as full-time, half-time, etc.

G. Innocenti moved, E. Nieves seconded, that the policy proposal sent from R. Wittman be approved. In the College of Graduate Studies, 9 or more credit hours are needed for a full-time classification and 6 to 8 hours for half-time. For undergraduate studies, 12 or more hours are needed for a full-time classification and 6 to 11-1/2 hours for half-time. The motion passed.

G. Innocenti moved, R. Watrous seconded, that the proposed extension of time policies for masters degrees be approved. The motion passed.

(E. Kern moved, D Peterson seconded, that the graduate assistant selection policy be approved. The motion passed.

D. Terms of membership of senators

W. Bateman explained that due to special one time only 3-year elections of senators in the departments of Accounting & General Business, Audio-Visual Communications, Biological Science and Library Science there exists an imbalance in the number of senators elected each year. The Constitution states that the same number must be elected each year. Currently 17 are elected one year and 20 the next.

In addition, he questioned why the Senate elects 3 At-Large Senators one year and 6 the next, thus, making the imbalance 20 Senators elected one year and 26 the next. He pointed out that the Constitution allows for up to 12 Senators to be elected At-Large, but only 9 are elected. No one present offered any insights into this situation.

G. Innocenti moved, P. Miller seconded, that the matter be turned over the Committee on Faculty Affairs for a recommendation. The motion passed.

Another motion for that committee to also consider why there are members elected at large failed for lack of a second.

E. Cultural Affairs

R. Wittman explained that the university already has prestigious performance series and would now like to institute a prestigious lecture series as well. He requested two volunteers to serve on an advisory committee on cultural affairs with Ellen Finks as chair. The committee will work with East Stroudsburg and Bloomsburg Universities on selecting national recognized experts in the arts, etc.

F. *Ad Hoc* committee on General Education


The chair announced that a skeleton proposal on general education had just been received that day and, thus, had not been reproduced. The committee is apparently looking toward having a workshop on general education. At the request of E. Kern that all Senators should have copies no matter how preliminary the report, the chair promised that copies would be made and distributed as soon as possible.

VIII. Adjournment

P. Stepanovich moved, H. Clinton seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed at 5:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


M. Kathryn Holland, Chairperson


William E. Bateman, Secretary

What was this?