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MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE
April 7, 1994

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by E. Evans at 4:04 p.m. in the Student Union Building.

Present: Okan Akcay, Margaret Apostolos, Len Barish, William Bateman, Arthur Bearse, Vera Brancato, Gary Brey, Mae Reck for Carl Brunner, Biruta Cap, Charles Clark, Richard Collings, Roberta Crisson, Dennis Dietrich, Irfan Dinani, Percy Dougherty, Joseph Elias, John Erdmann, Edward Evans, Dennis Bonser for Ruth Fisher, James Hall, Kathryn Holland, Gerard Innocenti, Judith Kennedy, Lisa Ladd-Kidder, David Laubach, Kathy Lynch, Kevin McCloskey, Albert Margolis, Charles Marple, Sandra Heierbacher for Gina Nagy, Patricia Richter for Edwin Nieves, Lisa Norris, George Paterno, Bette Reagan, Timothy Running, Renard Sacco, Thomas Seay, Neil Shea, Judith Smith, Marilyn Stewart, Ronald Stoffey, Carol Teske, William Towne, John Vafeas, Samuel Westmoreland, Brian Wlazelek, Dwayne Wright.

Absent: Robert Gray, John Schellenberg, Robert Watrous.

Also in Attendance: Christina Lemieux, Representative of the Enrollment Management Committee.

II. Announcements

E. Evans announced that Joseph Elias will replace Al Leonzi as the representative from the Secondary Education Department for the remainder of the semester.

E. Evans announced that the election process is underway for two Senator at Large representatives.

E. Evans asked for any volunteers willing to serve on a committee to assist President McFarland with the appointment of a new Faculty Athletic Representative. He asked that any interested Senator contact him after the meeting.

E. Evans announced that, after the Senator at Large election, an election will be held to fill the one remaining Senate position from the Professional/Administrative Staff.

E. Evans announced that May's Senate meeting will be held at a different location, probably the Rohrbach Library Auditorium.

E. Evans indicated that a clarification was needed relative to the Academic Warning/Probation Policy that was approved at the previous Senate meeting. L. Ladd-Kidder moved, W. Towne seconded, to amend the Agenda by placing

the Academic Warning/Probation Policy under Item C. of Unfinished Business. The motion passed.

III. Approval of the Agenda

M. Apostolos moved, K. Lynch seconded, to approve the Agenda as previously amended. The motion passed.

IV. Approval of the Minutes of March 17, 1994

B. Cap moved, O. Akcay seconded, to approve the Minutes of March 17, 1994. The motion passed.

V. Committee and Task Force Reports

A. Committee on Committees

R. Crisson reported that willingness-to-serve forms have been distributed and are due in the Senate office by April 15. She indicated that committee appointments will be presented to the Senate for approval at its May meeting.

B. General Education Task Force

W. Bateman reported that members of the Task Force are meeting with departments to answer questions relative to the proposed General Education Model.

C. Task Force on the Center for Enhancement of Teaching

M. Stewart reported that the Task Force is working toward the creation of a Center for the Enhancement of Teaching.

D. Strategic Planning and Resources Committee

R. Collings reported that the committee is presently looking at program review and is also reviewing some budget information that is currently going through the legislative process.

VI. Unfinished Business

A. Remainder of Enrollment Management Committee Recommendations

Discussion continued relative to the motion from the March 17 meeting to approve Objective 2-1 of the Enrollment Management Report. The motion to approve Objective 2-1 of the Enrollment Management Report failed.

L. Ladd-Kidder moved, J. Erdmann seconded, to substitute the wording in Objective 2-1 of the Enrollment Management Report to read as follows and to list it as Objective 3:

Objective 3: The University will make every effort to facilitate timely completion of graduation requirements for its students.

The motion passed.

The motion passed.

J. Hall moved, W. Towne seconded, to amend the statement of Objectives to include the definition of "optimum enrollment" as a footnote to the document. The motion failed.

It was agreed that the approved Objectives would be numbered as Objective 1, Objective 1-1, Objective 1-2, Objective 2 and Objective 3.

B. Plus/Minus Grading Proposal

L. Norris gave background information relative to the plus/minus grading proposal.

L. Norris moved, K. McCloskey seconded, to modify the current grading system to reflect the scale as submitted by the Academic Standards and Policy Committee on April 28, 1993.

L. Ladd-Kidder moved, G. Innocenti seconded, to refer the proposal to the departments and to SGB for consideration along with an alternate proposal to keep the present numerical grading system but allow the option of using plus and minus grades by faculty. For example, a faculty member could assign a B-, a B or a B+ which would appear on the student's transcript, but the numerical value used would still be a 3.00 for all three grades. The motion passed.

C. Clarification of Review Date for the Academic Warning/Probation Policy

It was agreed by common consent that the last line of the Academic Warning/Probation Policy should state:

"This policy will be reviewed no later than September, 1999."

VII. New Business

A. Proposal for Testing and Placement of International Students

G. Paterno explained the contents of the proposal.

G. Paterno moved, B. Cap seconded, to refer the Proposal for Testing and Placement of International Students to the Academic Standards and Policy Committee. The motion passed.

B. Request from President McFarland for Feedback toward a Decision Regarding Break Session

L. Ladd-Kidder moved, J. Hall seconded, to refer the request from President McFarland for feedback toward a decision regarding Break Session to the Academic Standards and Policy Committee. The motion passed.

C. Senate Consideration of Matters Related to the Approval Process for the Proposed General Education Program

N. Shea moved, P. Dougherty seconded, to approve the request from the Physical Sciences Department that a faculty referendum be conducted on the proposed General Education Model after the Model is approved by the University Curriculum Committee but before it is considered by the

G. Innocenti moved, B. Reagan seconded, to table the request until a later time. The motion passed.

VIII. Adjournment

P. Dougherty moved, M. Apostolos seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.



Edward W. Evans, President



Marilyn G. Stewart, Secretary

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