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MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE  
September 15, 1994

The meeting was called to order by M. Stewart at 4:05 p.m. in the Meeting/Dining Room of the Student Union Building.

Present: Okan Akcay, Len Barish, Arthur Bearse, Eric Beaven, Gary Brey, George Paterno for Carl Brunner, Biruta Cap, Charles Clark, Richard Collings, Roberta Crisson, Dennis Dietrich, Percy Dougherty, Joseph Elias, Raymond Bazylak for John Erdmann, Ruth Fisher, Robert Gray, Russell Gross, James Hall, Beth Herbine, Gerard Innocenti, Deepak Khanna, Lisa Ladd-Kidder, Nathan Linder, Kathy Lynch, Kevin McCloskey, Charles Marple, Richard Morrison, Lisa Norris, Bette Reagan, Mildred Reilley, Timothy Running, Renard Sacco, Thomas Seay, Neil Shea, Judith Smith, Marilyn Stewart, G. Dennis Rains for Ronald Stoffey, Carol Teske, Donald Mellinger for William Towne, John Vafeas, Robert Watrous, Samuel Westmoreland, Roger Whitcomb, Brian Wlazelek.

Absent: Vera Brancato, Frederick Greco, Kathryn Holland, Albert Margolis, April Triggiani, Susan Willis.

Also in Attendance: Erin Murphy, *The Keystone*.

I. Announcements

M. Stewart reported on her anticipated role as President of the Senate.

M. Stewart announced that G. Brey will serve as Parliamentarian at Senate meetings.

M. Stewart requested that any concerns or questions having to do with the work of any task force or committee be directed to the chair of the respective committee.

M. Stewart reminded Senate members of the procedure for having items placed on an agenda.

M. Stewart indicated that John Schellenberg has been appointed Director of the Center for the Enhancement of Teaching and that the Center will be located in Old Main, Room 136A.

M. Stewart reported that she received a copy of a letter sent by President McFarland to the Provost asking that the task force to study summer school be reconvened.

M. Stewart announced that the Senate office has moved to Old Main, Room 136B, with the phone number remaining the same.

II. Approval of the Agenda

T. Seay moved, G. Brey seconded, to approve the Agenda.

J. Hall moved, R. Crisson seconded, to amend the Agenda by adding Statement of Appreciation to Edward Evans as Item C of Unfinished Business. The motion passed.

The Agenda was approved as amended.

III. Approval of the Minutes of May 5, 1994

P. Dougherty moved, R. Watrous seconded, to approve the Minutes of May 5, 1994. The motion passed.

IV. Committee and Task Force Reports

A. Strategic Planning and Resources Committee

R. Collings moved, T. Seay seconded, to approve in concept the proposal from the Strategic Planning and Resources Committee to conduct a strategic planning conference on campus during the week of January 16, 1995 and also a pre-conference meeting to be held in the Fall 1994 semester to solicit input from the regional environment that interacts with the University. The motion passed. R. Collings indicated that he will have additional information at future Senate meetings.

B. Academic Standards and Policy Committee

B. Wlazelek reported that the Academic Standards and Policy Committee will be meeting in the near future to discuss proposals regarding international student testing, Break Session, mid-term grading, and a policy on academic forgiveness.

C. Task Force on the Center for the Enhancement of Teaching

J. Vafeas moved, G. Brey seconded, to approve the proposal from the Task Force on the Center for the Enhancement of Teaching that the matter of the creation of an advisory board be referred to the Committee on Committees. The motion passed.

D. Ad Hoc Committee on Academic Honesty

C. Clark reported that the committee is reviewing the suggestions made relative to the Policy on Academic Honesty.

V. Special Orders

A. Election of Senate Secretary

K. Lynch was elected Secretary of the University Senate for the 1994-95 academic year.

B. Approval of Schedule of Meeting Dates for 1994-95

E. Beaven moved, A. Bearse seconded, to approve the schedule of meeting dates for the 1994-95 academic year. The motion passed.

VI. Unfinished Business

A. Plus/Minus Grading Proposal

L. Norris moved, B. Cap seconded, to accept the modification of the grading system as outlined in the report of the Academic Standards and Policy Committee dated April 28, 1993.

L. Norris gave background information relative to the proposal.

G. Innocenti moved, J. Hall seconded, to amend the proposal by assigning appropriate value for C-, D+ and D-. The motion failed.

E. Beaven moved, J. Hall seconded, to refer the matter of plus/minus grading back to the Academic Standards and Policy Committee to look at the suggestions made by Senators and report back to the Senate at its October meeting. The motion passed.

B. Proposal from Physical Sciences Department Regarding Faculty Referendum on General Education Proposal

N. Shea moved, P. Dougherty seconded, to approve the proposal that an all faculty referendum as regards the proposed General Education Model be conducted after the Model is approved by the University Curriculum Committee but before it is considered by the University Senate.

G. Brey moved, D. Khanna seconded, to amend the proposal as follows:

"An all faculty binding referendum as to whether or not the General Education Model will go into effect should be conducted after the General Education Model is considered by the Senate and APSCUF Rep. Council."

The motion passed.

The motion to approve the proposal as amended passed.

C. Statement of Appreciation to Edward Evans

It was unanimously approved to enter into the Minutes of the University Senate a statement of appreciation to Edward Evans for his service as President of the University Senate.

VII. New Business

A. Grade Appeal Policy

B. Reagan moved, D. Khanna seconded, to approve APSCUF's version of the Grade Appeal Policy.

B. Reagan outlined the differences between the policy approved by the Senate and the policy approved by APSCUF.

R. Collings moved, G. Innocenti seconded, to insert the following into APSCUF's version of the Grade Appeal Policy, Section III, Paragraph A, third sentence:

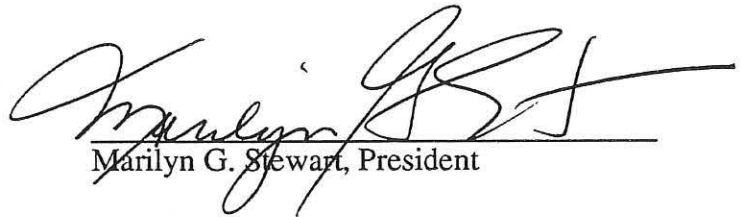
"In order for the petition to go to the Grade Appeal Board, a statement from either the department chairperson or the dean must be included indicating that the student's appeal has sufficient merit to be heard by the Grade Appeal Board."

G. Brey moved, E. Beaven seconded, to table discussion until the next meeting. The motion passed.

VIII. Adjournment

R. Crisson moved, C. Clark seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed.

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



Marilyn G. Stewart, President



Kathy M. Lynch, Secretary

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