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MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE
October 1, 1992

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by E. Evans at 4:05 p.m. in the Wiesenberger Alumni Center.

Present: Margaret M. Apostolos, William E. Bateman, Gary B. Brey, James G. Chaney, A. Charles Clark, Richard J. Collings, Roberta L. Crisson, Anthony Mascitti for Tara Durniak, Edward W. Evans, James M. Hvidding, Judith E. Kennedy, Kathy M. Lynch, Charles E. Marple, David R. Peterson, Timothy C. Running, Thomas A. Sanelli, John P. Schellenberg, Carol J. Teske, Robert T. Watrous, Samuel D. Westmoreland.

Absent: Gordon J. Goldberg, Linda K. Goldberg, Roger Kitchen, Edwin E. Nieves, David D. Wagaman.

Also in Attendance: Robert G. Rauenzahn, AFSCME President.

II. Announcements

E. Evans announced that he sent to APSCUF a copy of the motion that was approved at the previous Senate meeting relative to the faculty referendum on Senate representation.

E. Evans asked for a volunteer to serve on the President's Task Force on Student Safety.

E. Evans asked that Senate members remind committee chairs to send copies of minutes and mission statements to the Senate office.

E. Evans distributed copies of a proposed revision of the University Policy on Services for Students with Disabilities and indicated that any suggestions relative to the proposal should be forwarded to Basil Scott.

III. Approval of the Agenda

M. Apostolos moved, T. Running seconded, to approve the Agenda. The motion passed.

IV. Approval of the Minutes of September 17, 1992

M. Apostolos moved, J. Hvidding seconded, to approve the Minutes of September 17, 1992. The motion passed.

V. Committee Reports

A. Committee on Committees

R. Crisson reported that the Committee on Committees will be meeting in the near future to finish appointing people to committees due to vacancies that have occurred and to review requests from some committees for changes of composition.

R. Crisson distributed copies of a listing of chairs of committees for the 1992-93 academic year.

B. APSCUF/Senate Task Force on General Education

W. Bateman reported that the committee is in the process of revising the Goals and Rationale document to reflect the concerns expressed as a result of the meeting that was held on September 8 and through other written messages to the committee.

VI. Unfinished Business

A. AFSCME Representation on Senate

J. Schellenberg moved, D. Peterson seconded, to remove from the table discussion of AFSCME representation on the University Senate. The motion passed. It was noted by the chair that since a constitutional revision would be necessary to adopt this proposal, a two-thirds vote of the Senate membership is necessary for its approval.

J. Schellenberg moved, G. Brey seconded, to add "be referred to a Senate ad hoc committee" to the original motion of the September 17 meeting. The motion passed.

Motion with amendment: The matter of allowing one representative from AFSCME to sit on the University Senate be referred to a Senate ad hoc committee.

The motion as amended was approved.

B. Endorsement of an Academic Freedom and Political Correctness Policy Statement

G. Brey moved, J. Kennedy seconded, that the University Senate endorse the sentiments contained in the Academic Freedom and Political Correctness Policy Statement by

the American Association of State Colleges and Universities. The motion failed.

C. Questions Regarding Votes by Proxy

E. Evans asked for a clarification of whether or not an absent Senator can designate another Senator as a replacement and whether or not the absent Senator can send a written vote via any Senate member on any matter to be considered by the Senate.

W. Bateman moved, M. Apostolos seconded, that, because of the liberal substitution rule in our Constitution, the Senate not permit the use of proxy votes or the designation of another Senator as a substitute. The motion passed.

VII. New Business

A. Proposal to Expand the University Grading Policy to Include the Option of + and - in Addition to the Letter Grades Currently Available

J. Schellenberg moved, C. Marple seconded, to refer to the Academic Standards and Policy Committee the Proposal to Expand the University Grading Policy to Include the Option of + and - in Addition to the Letter Grades Currently available. The motion passed.

B. Ostar Report Recommendations

E. Evans asked for Senate input relative to different aspects of the Ostar Report recommendations.

VIII. Adjournment

J. Hvidding moved, S. Westmoreland seconded, to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

E. W. Evans

Edward W. Evans, President

Kathy M. Lynch

Kathy M. Lynch, Secretary

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