

Kutztown University

Research Commons at Kutztown University

Senate Minutes

Kutztown University Senate

Fall 11-16-1989

Senate Minutes 11-16-89

Kutztown University of Pennsylvania

Follow this and additional works at: <https://research.library.kutztown.edu/senateminutes>

Kutztown University
Kutztown, Pennsylvania

**Minutes
of the
Faculty Senate**

November 16, 1989

I. Call to Order

Secretary W. Bateman called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM.

Present were: C. Andrews, W. Bateman, L. Bonhage, R. Whitcomb for J. Brasted, A. Chasse, J. Collier, D. Dahlman, D. Sieger for F. Dreisbach, B. Firestone, R. Fisher, T. Hickman, S. Keiser, K. Kenney, S. Lipp, G. Rains for R. Lovell, R. Lucas, J. Luizer, C. McFadden, S. Westmoreland for P. Miller, K. Neyhart, E. Shultz for E. Nieves, B. Peters, C. Roth for D. Peterson, R. Reinecke, D. Roth, T. Schantz, R. Voytas for G. Sharp, P. Stepanovich, R. Gray for W. Towne, P. Traugott, D. Valuska, M. Dinger for D. Wagaman, R. Watrous, R. Wittman, J. Schellenberg for C. Yarrison, R. Ziegenfus.

Absent were: A. Bearse, H. Clinton, L. Crawshaw, D. Dietrich, L. Goldberg, A. Gundry, I. Hess, D. Hinkel, K. Holland, E. Rogol, C. Scanzello and student representation.

Others in attendance were: E. Evans, C. Hamel, S. Justham.

II. Agenda

W. Bateman called for a motion to allow the addition of an Item B. under VII., "December Graduation Clearance." R. Watrous moved, T. Hickman seconded, the approval of the revised agenda. J. Schellenberg moved, R. Reinecke seconded, an amendment to remove Item A. under VII., "Dissolving the Faculty Senate." After it was explained that the intention was to discuss the procedure for dissolution at some future date, not at today's session, it was agreed to change the wording of Item A. under VII. to "Transition from Old Senate to New Senate." With that editorial change made, the second and motion to amend were withdrawn. The motion to approve the revised agenda passed.

III. Announcements

W. Bateman announced that Chair K. Holland was in Allentown General Hospital for surgery and Vice Chair H. Clinton could not change plans (made before the November meeting time was delayed) to be off campus. B. Firestone agreed to take minutes.

IV. Approval of the Minutes of October 5, 1989

D. Roth moved, R. Watrous seconded, approval of the minutes. The motion passed.

V. Old Business

A. Joint Senate-APSCUF Committee on Governance

W. Bateman announced that the Committee had met for dinner over the weekend to celebrate the end of its activities, an event which had been planned before the results of the election were even known. In spite of the announcement from President McFarland that there would be a review of the governance structure by a different committee in a year and a half, questions about the election still remained. In light of the call from two departments, Psychology and English, for a new election because of the close vote on the size of the new Senate, the Committee felt that the old Senate would be a proper forum to discover if there was a widespread feeling that the election process was flawed. With that said, W. Bateman called for discussion on the matter.

R. Voytas, replacing G. Sharp who was ill, reviewed the points made in a handout authored by G. Sharp, given to Senators just before the meeting began. The numbered points were as follows: (1) Numerically coded rather than anonymous ballots; (2) Missing votes in various categories; (3) Ambiguous wording of ballot; (4) No announced criteria for passage; and (5) Poor procedures and control of the election process. He also reviewed the points in a handout he authored and distributed before the meeting which ended by saying "Power to the people and a Departmental Representative Senate!"

Asked by the chair whether he would like to make a motion, R. Voytas moved, R. Gray seconded, Item 2 from his handout: "Recommendation to the Governance Committee and the President that movement toward the Reduced Governance be suspended till further notice."

R. Whitcomb, as chair of the Governance Committee, responded in detail to each of the points made by R. Voytas. He revealed that the Committee expected that the larger Senate would win. He stated that a cover letter was sent to departments and units voting which explained how the blue colored ballots and goldenrod colored Final Recommendations were to be distributed. The numbered ballots were to be shuffled and given only to those full time tenure-track faculty and professional staff on a list provided by the personnel office. It was also revealed that 7 late ballots received by mail after the deadline would have changed the vote on the size of the new Senate.

R. Voytas raised the question of whether or not ballots with the ballot number clipped off were counted. C. Hamel reported that clipped ballots were counted, having left the meeting temporarily to call Tim Running who chairs the APSCUF Elections Committee which counted the ballots.

D. Sieger and J. Schellenberg enunciated the position that most people felt that we should get on with it and support the new structure. P. Stepanovich explained that her department favored the smaller Senate to help eliminate time wasted serving on a larger less efficient body. She also stated that people who missed the deadline have no one to blame but themselves if they don't bother to read what they receive in the mail.

R. Whitcomb pointed out that the University Community is clearly split on the issue of the size of the Senate and that it would be unwise to expect that voting again would create an overwhelming sentiment one way or the other. In fact one could expect that if a second election called for a larger Senate, then the losers would call for yet another election.

R. Voytas requested a secret ballot for the question on the motion. Acceding to advice from K. Neyhart that the chair has the prerogative of calling for a secret ballot, the chair so ruled and named D. Valuska as teller with S. Keiser his helper. Since the tally reported was as follows: "yes" votes nine (9) and "no" votes twenty-five (25), the chair declared that the motion did not pass.

R. Voytas moved, D. Rains seconded, that the Faculty Senate poll the electorate to see if they want to vote again. The motion failed.

B. Item 90-10: Program changes, Russian and Slavic Studies

D. Valuska moved, K. Neyhart seconded, to untable Item 90-10. The motion passed. Since the missing syllabi have not been supplied, D. Valuska spoke to the defeat of the original motion to approve Item 90-10. The motion failed.

VI. Standing Committees

A. Curriculum Affairs:

R. Ziegenfus moved, R. Watrous seconded, that all eleven (11) items listed in the printed report of the committee be approved as a group. In answer to committee concerns, E. Evans stated that CIS 136 was the prerequisite for CIS 3XX and that the description for CIS 128 should state that the course is for non-majors. The motion passed.

90-07: New course, BIO 298: Honors Seminar in Biotechnology.

90-13: Changes in Journalism/Public Relations Concomitant.

90-14: Revision in the B.S. Program for Computer Science.

90-15: New course, CIS 3XX: Introduction to Programming Languages.

90-16: New course, CIS 3XX: Data Communications.

90-17: New course, CIS 1XX: Computing – An Overview.

90-18: Revision in the B.S. Program for Mathematics.

90-19: Revision in the B.A. Program for Mathematics.

90-20: New course, MKT 347: New Product Management.

90-21: Change in BFA/RA to replace ARH 020 with ARH 024 and ARH 025.

90-22: New minor, Telecommunications.

B. Academic Affairs: No report.

C. Faculty Affairs: No report.

D. Student Affairs: No report.

VII. New Business

A. Transition from Old Senate to New Senate

R. Voytas asked whether the old Senate would have to vote to dissolve. J. Schellenberg responded that the Governance Committee had envisioned a formal, ceremonial transition which would have taken place on December 7, but clearly the election of the new Senate would not be completed by that time. It was agreed that the old Senate would consider to function until the new Senate is formed. At that point in time the old Senate would then pass from existence. The chair agreed to list this item as an agenda item for the next meeting.

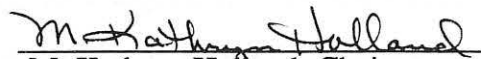
B. December Graduation Clearance


R. Wittman moved, R. Watrous seconded, that the Faculty Senate on behalf of the faculty of Kutztown University approve for December graduation (December 16) the list of candidates distributed to Senators before the meeting, provided all requirements for their respective degrees have been satisfied and so verified by the registrar. The motion passed.

VIII. Adjournment

D. Valuska moved, S. Keiser seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed at 5:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


M. Kathryn Holland, Chairperson


William E. Bateman, Secretary