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(Sent with the Minutes of the December 3, 1992 Meeting of the University Senate)

Subjects: Proposal to Revise the Undergraduate Grading System and a Report on the Faculty Referendum on Senate Representation

To: All University Senate Constituents

From: Ed Evans, Chair *Ed Evans*
University Senate

The following items are presented for your information and/or reaction:

A. Proposal for Use of + and - in addition to the usual letter grades in grading for undergraduate courses

At its meeting on December 3, 1992, the University Senate discussed a proposal on the use of + and - in addition to the usual letter grades for the University's undergraduate course grading system. The proposal was tabled in order to give opportunity for response to the proposal by the Senate's constituency. The proposal is as follows:

To expand the University undergraduate grading policy to include the option of + and - in addition to the letter grades currently available.

A = 4.0	B- = 2.7	D+ = 1.3
A- = 3.7	C+ = 2.3	D = 1.0
B+ = 3.3	C = 2.0	F = 0
B = 3.0	C- = 1.7	

Please take the time to consider this proposal and its implications and give your reactions to your Senate representative(s) by February 3. It will help your representatives if you give a written response with reasons to support your opinion. You can, if you wish, use the back of this page. Thank you for your cooperation.

B. Faculty Referendum on Senate Representation

The results of the recent referendum on Senate representation are as follows:

129 in favor of departmental representation on the Senate

97 in favor of the current structure (college representation on the Senate)

As soon as possible, the University Senate will undertake the process of revising its constitution to set up the new structure of the Senate. If all goes according to plan, the new Senate will be in place in September, 1993.

(Over)

Response on proposed revision of undergraduate grading system:

I _____ am _____
_____ am not _____ in favor of the proposal to
use + and - in addition to
the usual letter grades.

Reason(s):

Name, if you wish

Please return to your Senate representative(s) by Wednesday,
February 3.

Kutztown University
Kutztown, Pennsylvania

MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE
December 3, 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, Carl E. Brunner for Richard J. Collings, Roberta L. Crisson, Edward W. Evans, Gordon J. Goldberg, Linda K. Goldberg, James M. Hvidding, Judith E. Kennedy, Kathy M. Lynch, Charles E. Marple, Edwin E. Nieves, David R. Peterson, Timothy C. Running, Thomas A. Sanelli, John P. Schellenberg, Carol J. Teske, Samuel D. Westmoreland.

Absent: Tara Durniak, Roger Kitchen, David D. Wagaman, Robert T. Watrous.

Also in Attendance: David W. Bullock, Matthew F. Daub, Richard L. Dietrich, AFSCME; David E. McFarland, University President.

II. Announcements

E. Evans reported on the status of the following policies approved by the Senate:

The Grade Appeal Policy remains with the state APSCUF.

The Written Course Guide Policy has been returned by state APSCUF to local APSCUF.

The proposal relative to the establishment of an Institutional Review Board and Policy was forwarded to the Research Committee who, in turn, returned it to the Senate because the committee felt that the matter did not fall within its purview. The policy was then forwarded to the Academic Standards and Policy Committee for its consideration and recommendation.

President McFarland reported on the anticipated budget shortfalls.

E. Evans announced that ballots relative to faculty representation on the Senate are due in the APSCUF office by 9:00 a.m. on December 8. E. Evans indicated that in the event the referendum results in a change in Senate membership, volunteers from the Senate will be needed to serve on a committee to consider the following items plus any other items that may arise:

- 1). constitutional revision;
- 2). the date when the new body would convene;
- 3). discussion on whether there would be any changes to the remaining makeup of the Senate.

E. Evans announced that J. Schellenberg has been added to the Senate Task Force on Center for Teaching Excellence.

III. Approval of the Agenda

J. Schellenberg moved, G. Goldberg seconded, to amend the Agenda by placing the Proposal to Raise the QPA Requirement for Teacher Education Transfer Students at Kutztown University under New Business, Item D. The motion passed.

E. Nieves moved, S. Westmoreland seconded, to approve the Agenda as amended. The motion passed.

IV. Approval of the Minutes of November 5, 1992

S. Westmoreland moved, M. Apostolos seconded, to approve the Minutes of November 5, 1992. The motion passed.

V. Committee Reports

A. Committee on Committees

R. Crisson indicated that any corrections to the Committee Membership List should be forwarded to either herself or the Senate office.

R. Crisson reported that the Space Allocation and Renovation Committee has added representatives from each of the undergraduate colleges plus a representative from Student Affairs.

R. Crisson announced that the Committee on Committees will meet relative to requests from some committees for structure changes.

B. APSCUF/Senate Task Force on General Education

W. Bateman reported that the revised Goals and Rationale document was presented to the University Curriculum Committee who, in turn, referred the document to the College Curriculum Committees. W. Bateman further

indicated that the Task Force continues to meet with special interest groups relative to the structuring of general education on campus.

- C. Academic Standards and Policy Committee - Recommendation on proposal to expand the University grading policy to include the option of + and - in addition to the letter grades currently available

E. Evans reported that the Academic Standards and Policy Committee recommends that no change be made to the present grading system.

J. Chaney moved, J. Schellenberg seconded, to approve the proposed policy to expand the University grading policy to include the option of + and - in addition to the letter grades currently available.

Matthew Daub reported on the contents and background of the proposal.

J. Hvidding moved, C. Marple seconded, to table discussion of the proposal. The motion failed.

After further deliberation, J. Schellenberg moved, E. Nieves seconded, to table discussion of the proposal. The motion failed.

J. Schellenberg moved, G. Goldberg seconded, to amend the proposal by inserting undergraduate in the first sentence of the proposal. The motion passed.

G. Brey moved, G. Goldberg seconded, to amend the proposal by removing the Rationale, Background (with the exception of the grading table), and Implementation from the document. The motion passed with C. Brunner opposing.

S. Westmoreland moved, C. Marple seconded, to table discussion of the proposal in order for the Senators from the various colleges to obtain feedback from their constituencies. The motion passed.

VI. New Business

- A. Approval of Candidates for Graduation

S. Westmoreland moved, M. Apostolos seconded, to approve the tentative list of candidates for graduation contingent upon successful completion of all requirements. The motion passed.

B. Proposed Revision of University Senate Constitution on AFSCME Representation on the Senate

T. Running moved, S. Westmoreland seconded, to approve the following revision of the University Senate Constitution relative to AFSCME Representation on the Senate:

~~---Add the statement "d. AFSCME: One (1) Senator." to Article II, Section A.2 of the Senate Constitution.~~

The motion failed.

J. Kennedy moved, T. Running seconded, to extend AFSCME a non-voting observer status (can address an issue as appropriate but cannot vote) and to send to AFSCME on a routine basis copies of minutes, agendas and other pertinent documents. The motion passed.

C. Proposed Policy on Outdoor Posting of Announcements

D. Peterson moved, S. Westmoreland seconded, to endorse the Proposed Policy on Outdoor Posting of Announcements.

G. Goldberg moved, T. Sanelli seconded, to table discussion of the proposal. The motion failed.

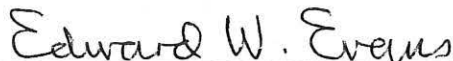
The motion to endorse the Proposed Policy on Outdoor Posting of Announcements passed.

D. Proposal to Raise the QPA Requirement for Teacher Education Transfer Students at Kutztown University

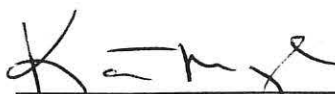
K. Lynch moved, L. Goldberg seconded, to refer the Proposal to Raise the QPA Requirement for Teacher Education Transfer Students at Kutztown University to the Academic Standards and Policy Committee. The motion passed.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.



Edward W. Evans, President



Kathy M. Lynch, Secretary

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