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KUTZTOWN UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA  
Kutztown, Pennsylvania

Minutes of the Faculty Senate  
December 6, 1984

Chairperson Valuska called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Present were: R. Bazylak, P. Briere, R. Brumbaugh, D. Dahlman, L. Friedman, P. Garrett, C. Gearhart, J. Gerhard, G. Goldberg, R. Grabowski, A. Gundry, V. Gupta, T. Hartz, J. Hershberger, G. Innocenti, H. Jones, S. Keiser, M. Kennet, M. Kern, L. Ladd-Kidder, P. Laincz, P. Malpas, C. McFadden, P. Ori, I. Prokup, B. Ramsey, G. Schaeffer, J. Schellenberg, J. Simone, M. St. John, D. Valuska, R. Watrous, S. Westmoreland, J. Windle, R. Wittman, C. Yarrison.

Others in attendance were: J. Erdmann, L. Cohen - SGB Representative, L. Reed - SGB President.

I. Agenda

R. Bazylak moved, seconded by R. Wittman to accept the agenda as presented.

M. St. John moved, seconded by P. Garret, to amend the agenda, adding, under New Business, C. Penn State University Program Proliferation. The motion was approved.

The agenda was then approved, as amended.

II. Announcements

R. Wittman announced that the implementation in September, 1985, of the first day policy regarding withdrawals of students who have not paid their fees, will be delayed until the process has been further defined. J. Erdmann, G. Schaeffer, and S. Keiser spoke to the issue.

III. Minutes

R. Brumbaugh moved, seconded by R. Grabowski, to approve the minutes of November 1, 1984, with the following addition:

page 3: Paragraph 6. J. Gerhard abstained.

The motion was approved.

IV. Old Business

Chairperson Valuska read the following statement on the Policy Regarding Academic Honesty, submitted by L. Reed, SGB President:

At the last Faculty Senate meeting a policy was passed concerning Academic Honesty and the autonomy that the Faculty has regarding the dismissal of a student from the course in which the cheating or plagiarism allegedly occurred. Please be aware that this policy may possibly contradict University regulations as stated in the Key.

For example, on page 67 of the Key, section 4.4.5, Judicial Procedure states, "Any student accused of violating University regulation shall have the right to due process and to have his case considered by the appropriate judiciary. None of these judiciaries are legally constituted bodies except within the University System." On page 101, Academic cheating is listed as a major University regulation. On page 63, section 2.5 states "Any student who, after consultation with the faculty and/or department heads concerned, feels that his academic rights (as outlined in this article) have been violated, may file a complaint with the Ombudsman. An appeal may be made to the Divisional Dean, the Vice-President of Academic Affairs, and if necessary to the University President." Page 72, section 5.3.2 states that Student/Faculty Judiciary has jurisdiction of "Cases of academic dishonesty if appealed from the decision made by the Vice-President of Academic Affairs."

Please be aware that these regulations entitle the student to an appeal beyond the Divisional Dean. Also, the wording of your motion and the wording in the Key may need some revisions and/or clarifications.

R. Wittman, L. Cohen, and L. Ladd-Kidder spoke to the issue.

#### V. Standing Committee Reports

J. Schellenberg moved, seconded by P. Laincz, the approval of #85-4. R. Bazylak, P. Laincz, G. Goldberg, and R. Wittman spoke to the motion. Chairperson Valuska asked the Faculty Senate to vote on the motion in two sections. Section #1: That the name "Fine Arts General" be changed to "Studio Art" passed unanimously. Section #2: A. That nine semester hours of Art History be required for the Bachelor of Fine Arts in General Art degree instead of the present three semester hour requirement; B. That the nine required Art History hours be included under the general education requirements in Humanities; C. That ARH 020 History of Art be a required course within the nine required hours; and D. That the remaining six required semester hours consist of two Art History courses (ARH prefix and PHI 260 Philosophy of Art) failed by a closed ballot of 22-12.

G. McFadden moved, seconded by S. Keiser, that the Pass/Fail Policy be changed as follows:

## Pass/Fail Policy

As a stimulus to undertake coursework outside one's major students having completed at least 32 semester hours of college level work with at least a 2.75 average, or instructor's permission, may take one course per semester on a pass/fail basis. However, no more than 18 semester hours in the undergraduate program (exclusive of physical education) would be taken on that basis. Only free electives and courses in general education designed in the catalog as "electives" can be taken for pass/fail. Courses that are prescribed in any student's major program or concentration may not be taken pass/fail.

In order to take a course for pass/fail, a student registers for pass/fail with his advisor at the time of pre-registration.

The student may change his mind and must notify the Registrar in writing that he wishes to select the normal grading system for a specific course at any time before the first class.

Any evaluation which would normally constitute "D" work or better would receive a grade of "pass". Anything below "D" work would be considered unsatisfactory and would count as "fail". The determination of the grade A, B, C, D, F, I, Pass or Fail will be made by the instructor at the end of the course.

A pass/fail grade will not be computed in a student's semester or cumulative average, but credit for the course in the case of a "pass" will count toward credits needed for graduation.

J. Schellenberg moved, seconded by R. Grabowski to amend the motion to include a statement that "D" work is unsatisfactory and would receive no credit. P. Laincz and L. Reed spoke to the motion. The motion passed 17-14. G. Innocenti, J. Schellenberg, D. Valuska, C. McFadden, R. Wittman, and A. Gundry spoke to the main motion. G. Innocenti moved, seconded by P. Briere, to amend the motion to delete "permission of the instructor." S. Keiser spoke to the motion. The motion was approved. G. Schaeffer moved, seconded by S. Westmoreland, to amend the motion to change the 2.75 to 2.50. C. Gearhart and R. Wittman spoke to the motion. G. Schaeffer and S. Westmoreland withdrew the motion. The main motion was then approved.

There was no report from the Faculty Senate Faculty Affairs Committee.

There was no report from the Faculty Senate Student Affairs Committee.

## VI. Ad Hoc Committee Reports

R. Bazylak reported that the Faculty Senate Ad Hoc Committee on Advisement met on November 20, 1984, at which time they decided to solicit data from departments on campus. The next meeting will be in January, 1985. A report will be submitted to the Faculty Senate for its consideration in the spring of 1985.

S. Keiser reported that the Faculty Senate Ad Hoc Committee on Attendance/ Admissions met on December 6, 1984, at which time they reviewed the class attendance policy. The recommendation of the committee is to make no changes in the attendance policy as it is currently written. In the future, the Faculty Senate may wish to consider changing the word "expected" to "required." Admissions policies will be considered next semester.

There was no report from the Faculty Senate Ad Hoc Committee on Pre-registration.

R. Grabowski reported that the Faculty Senate Ad Hoc Committee on Drop and Add had met, at which time the members decided to seek written comments early next semester.

#### VII. New Business

R. Wittman moved, seconded by R. Bazylak, that on behalf of the faculty of the University I present to the Senate those students who anticipate the completion of degree requirements in December, 1984 according to review by respective departments in individual colleges. Subject to all respective degree requirements being satisfactorily completed and so verified by the Registrar, I move approval for the award of appropriate degree to those students whose candidacy has been submitted to the Senate. The motion was approved.

R. Wittman moved, seconded by G. Schaeffer, that on behalf of his faculty and in acknowledgement of the success gained in his study for degree, completion of which has been prevented by his untimely and tragic death, the degree of Bachelor of Science in Education is awarded posthumously to Robert R. Fox. The motion was approved.

R. Wittman moved, seconded by R. Grabowski, that be it resolved that the Faculty Senate of Kutztown University stand on record expressing great concern about what appears to be the development of an upper level nursing degree through Continuing Education at the local branch campuses of Penn State University.

Kutztown University is opposed to the offering of a program for nurses at the nearby branches of Penn State University as Kutztown University has a successful B.S. in Nursing program for registered nurses; add the qualification that if there is a misunderstanding of the information received, the matter will not be dealt with. I. Prokup spoke to the motion. The motion was approved.

#### VIII. Adjournment

P. Briere moved, seconded by R. Grabowski, to adjourn the Faculty Senate meeting.

Faculty Senate adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

*David F. Valuska*

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David Valuska  
Chairperson

*Ilene Prokup*

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Ilene Prokup  
Secretary

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