

Minutes
The Faculty Senate
Meeting #54, November 9, 1983

The Faculty Senate met on Wednesday, November 9, 1983, in the Senate Room of the University Center with William Mayer-Oakes, Vice President, presiding. Senators present were Adamcik, Berlin, Burnett, Coulter, Cummings, Davis, Dixon, Dvoracek, Elbow, B. Freeman, Gettel, Goss, Gott, Graves, Hickerson, Hudson, Khan, McKown, Maynard, Mehta, Oberhelman, Pearson, Sasser, Shine, Sowell, Sosebee, Sparkman, Strauss, Sullivan, Teske, Twyman, Urban, Welton, Williams, Wright, Wunder and Zyla. Senators Havens, McLaughlin, and Richardson were absent because of University business. Senators Anderson, Ayoub, Bloomer, Bubany, Burkhardt, Chonko, Eissinger, R. Freeman, and Vallabhan were absent.

Guests included John R. Darling, Vice President for Academic Affairs; John Murray, Parliamentarian; Preston Lewis, University News and Publications; Dan Waggoner, President, Student Association; Pat Graves, The Avalanche Journal; and John Reid, The University Daily.

SUMMARY OF BUSINESS CONDUCTED

At its November 9, 1983, meeting the Faculty Senate:

1. heard a report on the status of the Faculty Handbook,
2. voted to have the Faculty Status and Welfare Committee review accumulated policy and procedural changes yearly to determine when and if such changes should be incorporated into the Faculty Handbook,
3. appointed a member of the Faculty Status and Welfare Committee to convene that committee before the December 14, 1983, Faculty Senate meeting,
4. approved the Committee on Committees' slate of nominees to fill committee vacancies,
5. passed a motion to recommend that the chairpersons of the Ethnic Studies and Women's Studies Committees be invited to join the Minority Affairs Committee,
6. heard a motion to establish an ad hoc Committee on Long-Range Planning and Priorities for the University,
7. voted to table the above motion until more written information is provided to the Senators and,
8. passed a motion to refer the decision of the Academic Council to establish a uniform reporting date for faculty for the spring and fall semesters, 1984, to an appropriate standing committee of the Senate for its evaluation.

William Mayer-Oakes, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m. and recognized guests present.

Twyman requested a point of personal privilege at which time he recalled discussion at the October Senate meeting of the possibility of changing the meeting date of the January 11, 1984 meeting. At that time the Senate voted to leave the January date as it is. Subsequently, a memo from the Academic Council was received by faculty members which established the date of January 9, 1984 as the time when faculty should report for duty on campus. "Is this a coincidence?", Twyman asked.

I. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 12, 1983 MEETING

Corrections were noted, page 2, item II, fourth line, the word recommended was misspelled. Also on Page 2, item IV, skepticism was misspelled. On page 3, item VII, the last paragraph of the minutes was incorrect. There was not a formal call for a quorum count. Burkhardt did move that Wunder's resolution concerning the name of the University be tabled, however, the phrase until such time that the Senators can see the resolution in writing was omitted. The underlined portion of the previous sentence should be added to the minutes. Pearson moved the minutes be approved as corrected. The motion passed.

II. REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE FACULTY HANDBOOK

Coulter said that he had recently discussed the status of the handbook with Leonard Brownlee, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs. Brownlee reported that essentially the handbook is in final form, waiting action of the Board of Regents on the new Tenure Policy and the Financial Exigency Policy, before being printed. Berlin said that the Faculty Senate should have the Faculty Handbook under constant review and moved that the Faculty Status and Welfare Committee be charged with the ongoing oversight of the Faculty Handbook and with keeping abreast of changes that should be incorporated into the handbook. The motion passed.

After some discussion about the membership of the Faculty Status and Welfare Committee, Mayer-Oakes directed Twyman, a member of the committee, to convene the committee before the December Senate meeting and that this committee should be prepared to report at the December meeting on the status of the Faculty Handbook.

III. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Hudson, chairperson of the committee, referred to the committee's slate of nominees to fill vacancies on various university committees and moved the Senate approve and forward to the appropriate administrative officers the nominees. Hudson's motion passed.

Elbow moved that the President of the Faculty Senate be instructed to write a letter to the Vice President for Student Affairs requesting that the charge for the Minority Affairs Committee be modified to indicate that, where possible, the chairpersons of the Ethnic Studies Committee and the Women's Studies Committee be members of the Minority Affairs Committee. The motion passed.

From the floor, Hudson added the name of a nominee to serve on the Convocations Committee and asked for Senate approval. Hudson's motion passed.

IV. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPOINT A SENATE COMMITTEE ON LONG-RANGE PLANNING AND PRIORITIES

Mayer-Oakes asked the Senate Secretary, Coulter, to chair the Senate meeting while he presented a motion for the establishment of an ad hoc Committee on Long-Range Planning and Priorities for the University. Sasser moved to cease debate on Mayer-Oakes' motion. Sasser's motion was defeated.

Senators Elbow, Zyla, Adamcik and Pearson discussed Mayer-Oakes' motion briefly

Consideration of a Motion to Appoint a Senate Committee on Long-Range Planning and Priorities continued.....

and urged that the words ad hoc be deleted from the name of the committee. Adamcik put that suggestion into the form of a motion. Sparkman requested further information regarding composition and function of such a committee. Mayer-Oakes responded by saying that he saw a need for flexibility for such a committee in its beginning.

Elbow moved that Mayer-Oakes' motion be tabled pending a report from Mayer-Oakes in which he outlines a written charge for this committee along with other specifications. (This is to be circulated with the agenda of the meeting in which it is to be considered.) The motion to table Mayer-Oakes' motion, with its amendment, passed.

As a point of information, Sasser referred to The Faculty Senate Bylaws, Section 9, Agenda and Procedure which states that motions of the nature of the one just considered are to be printed and circulated with the agenda of the meeting or printed and distributed immediately before the Senate meeting at which time it is considered. It was suggested that Senators adhere to this policy in the future.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Twyman introduced the following resolution and moved its endorsement by the Senate:

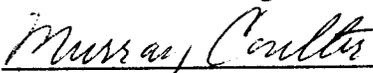
Whereas the decision of the Academic Council on October 18, 1983 to establish uniform reporting dates for faculty for the spring and fall semesters of 1984 one week in advance of the beginning of classes is a departure from long established practice and in some instances may impede faculty research activities,

BE IT RESOLVED that this novel policy be referred to the appropriate standing committee of the Senate for evaluation of its propriety, legality, and desirability.

Elbow, Sullivan, Sowell, Darling and McKown discussed the Academic Council memorandum. Darling said the intent was to establish a uniform "target" reporting date for faculty and any deviation from that date is to be handled informally through the department chairpersons.

Twyman's motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.


Murray Coulter, Secretary

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