

Minutes  
The Faculty Senate  
Meeting #55, December 14, 1983

The Faculty Senate met on Wednesday, December 14, 1983, in the Senate Room of the University Center with William J. Mayer-Oakes, Vice President, presiding. Senators present were Adamcik, Bloomer, Burkhardt, Burnett, Chonko, Coulter, Cummings, Davis, Elbow, B. Freeman, R. Freeman, Gettel, Goss, Gott, Graves, Havens, Hickerson, Khan, McKown, McLaughlin, Mehta, Oberhelman, Pearson, Richardson, Sasser, Shine, Sowell, Sparkman, Strauss, Sullivan, Teske, Twyman, Urban, Welton, Williams, Wright, Wunder, and Zyla. Senators Berlin, Dvoracek, Eissinger, and Hudson were absent because of University business. Senators Anderson, Ayoub, Bubany, Dixon, Sosebee and Vallabhan were absent. Senator Maynard was absent because of illness.

Guests included Dr. E. Dale Cluff, Director of Libraries; Dr. C. Len Ainsworth, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs; John Murray, Parliamentarian; Preston Lewis, University News and Publications and Pat Graves, The Avalanche Journal.

SUMMARY OF BUSINESS CONDUCTED

At its December 14, 1983, meeting the Faculty Senate:

1. changed the location of the February 1984 Senate meeting to room 6 Holden Hall,
2. changed the meeting date of the April 1984 meeting to April 18, 1984,
3. designated Neale Pearson as the Senate's additional representative to the Council of Faculty Governance Organizations for the remainder of the 1983-84 academic year,
4. endorsed a resolution, with certain provisions, to approve publication of a new edition of the Faculty Handbook,
5. voted to refer the matter of uniform reporting dates for faculty members to the Senate's Academic Affairs Committee for its consideration,
6. instructed the Senate's Agenda Committee to refer reports of various committees who studied the "24 Issues" to Senate Standing Committees for their study and recommendations before forwarding the reports to the administration,
7. tabled a motion to establish an ad hoc Committee on Long Term Planning and Priorities for the University,
8. moved to refer to an appropriate Senate Standing Committee for its study and recommendations the matter of academic dishonesty,
9. voted to recommend to the Senate's Committee on Committees that librarians be appointed to appropriate university committees and
10. approved a motion that a nominating committee be appointed to name candidates for the Vice President of the Faculty Senate.

Mayer-Oakes, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m. He recognized guests and commented briefly on the pending resignation of the Senate President, Charles P. Bubany.

I. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 9, 1983 MEETING

Zyla moved that the minutes be approved as distributed. The motion passed.

II. CHANGES IN THE 1983-84 REGULAR MEETING DATES

Announcement was made of the necessity to change the meeting place of the Faculty Senate for the February 8 meeting. Arrangements have been made to meet, on that date only, in room 6 Holden Hall. Complying with a request from the Vice President for Academic Affairs to delay the regular meeting of the Senate in April one week (the Faculty Convocation is scheduled on April 11), Strauss moved that the April Senate meeting be scheduled for April 18. The motion passed.

III. CONVOCATION ANNOUNCEMENT

As a reminder to members of the Senate, Mayer-Oakes called attention to the agenda item stating that Fall 1983 graduation will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, December 16, in the Coliseum.

IV. COUNCIL OF FACULTY GOVERNANCE ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTATIVE CONFIRMATION

Faculty Senate Secretary, Murray Coulter, said that the Council of Faculty Governance Organizations Constitution has now been ratified on a state-wide basis and that the Senate should elect one person, in addition to the Senate President, to act as its representative to that organization. The Agenda Committee of the Faculty Senate suggests Neale Pearson be designated as the Senate's additional representative for the remainder of the 1983-84 academic year. The motion passed.

V. STATUS AND WELFARE COMMITTEE REPORT ON FACULTY HANDBOOK

Twyman, Chairperson of the Faculty Status & Welfare Committee, discussed recent committee activity and proposed the following resolution:

Be it resolved that the Faculty Senate approves publication of a new edition of the Faculty Handbook provided that

- (1) The new edition clearly states that a revision of the tenure policy is pending with the Board of Regents.
- (2) The "faculty committee" of Section IV. 8 of the tenure policy (so numbered in both the 1970 and 1976-77 editions of the handbook\*) be identified as the Tenure and Privilege Committee (as in the earlier edition).

\*See Faculty Handbooks - 1970 edition, page 22; 1976-77 edition, page 47

Twyman's motion passed. Further discussion revealed that a financial exigency policy is still in committee with The Tenure and Privilege Committee, rather than pending with the Board of Regents as had been thought by some faculty members.

VI. AGENDA COMMITTEE REPORT ON UNIFORM REPORT DATE CONCERNS

The Agenda Committee presented the following motion for Senate consideration and approval:

The Agenda Committee of the Faculty Senate (Vice President Mayer-Oakes and Secretary Coulter) recommend that: 1) individual TTU faculty check (and negotiate, if needed) with their department chairpersons regarding special needs or problems derived from the January 9 reporting date for Spring semester 1984 (cf. Darling October 20, 1983 memo); 2) the general topic of "uniform reporting dates" be considered by 1983-84 Academic Programs Committee and a report returned by April 1984 meeting.

Ainsworth said Academic Affairs wanted faculty to make informal (i.e., not leave forms) arrangements with their chairpersons. The motion passed.

VII. REPORT ON THE STATUS AND PROSPECTS OF THE "24" ISSUES

Mayer-Oakes referred to the exchange of correspondence between himself and Vice President Darling which was attached to the agenda of this meeting in which he sought to clarify the status of these various issues and to update the Academic Affairs office of actions that have been taken and those that are pending by the various committee to which the issues were assigned. Senators participated in a lengthy exchange of ideas and questions .... such as committee members desire to know the specific outcome of their work .... committee members would like to have a response from the administration in reaction to committee work and reports. The Senate as a whole would like to have written reports made available in the Senate office for their review. Sowell gave Senators a historical review of the issues in which she said the original chain of action had been that the Senate would receive reports from committees, forward them to the Academic Vice President who would in turn forward them to the University President and together they would react back to the Senate.

Shine moved that the Agenda Committee of the Faculty Senate assign the reports submitted by committees studying the "24 issues" to the appropriate standing committees so that the matters can be discussed, evaluated and recommendations made back to the Senate as soon as possible. The motion passed.

VIII. STATEMENT, PROPOSAL AND CHARGE FOR AD HOC COMMITTEE ON LONG TERM PLANNING AND PRIORITIES FOR THE UNIVERSITY

This item, introduced by Mayer-Oakes at the November 1983 meeting, had been tabled. Elbow moved the item be removed from the table and the floor opened for discussion. McKown called for a quorum count. A quorum was present. Elbow's motion to remove from the table was then voted on and passed. Mayer-Oakes asked Senate Secretary Coulter to chair the meeting and he presented the following charge as requested at the November meeting.

Agenda Item VIII. continued.....

Proposal for an ad hoc Committee on "Long Term Planning and Priorities for the University".

Charge:

The committee will examine ways in which the long term development of the University can be assisted and accomplished by focusing and using the accumulated wisdom, goals, and competencies of the faculty as an active, creative and initiative-taking partner (with the central administration and the Board of Regents) in the promulgation of the University enterprise.

Specifically, the committee should have as its prime objective the preparation of a detailed charge for a possible standing committee of the Senate.

This statement of charge for a standing committee will be the report of the ad hoc committee and is to be prepared and presented to the Senate at the March 1984 meeting so that action to establish a standing committee could be taken before the end of the current academic year.

The ad hoc committee should be comprised of three Senators and two additional faculty members, all to be designated by the President of the Senate.

Several Senators spoke against the motion. Sullivan and Adamcik spoke in favor of the proposal. Adamcik moved an amendment to substitute for the original language of the motion the following: "to refer the matter to Faculty Senate Standing Committee A." Adamcik explained this would eliminate the necessity of creating an additional ad hoc committee.

Strauss made a motion to table the motion and the amendment. The motion to table passed.

IX. PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF THREE ITEMS FROM VICE PRESIDENT DARLING

1. Academic dishonesty

In response to concern expressed by several colleges about increased involvement by students in academic dishonesty, the Office of Academic Affairs asked the Faculty Senate to consider the matter and, if possible, provide its evaluation and recommendations.

Twyman moved that the matter of Academic dishonesty raised by Dr. Darling's letter of November 7, 1983, be referred to the appropriate Standing Study Committee of the Senate for its consideration. Twyman's motion passed.

Agenda Item IX. continued.....

2. Library staff interests

In a recent letter to Dr. Darling, Dr. E. Dale Cluff, Director of Libraries, indicated an interest and willingness to have librarians and archivists available to participate on university committees. Elbow moved that the Faculty Senate recommend to the Committee on Committees that librarians be appointed to appropriate committees as appropriate. Elbow's motion passed.

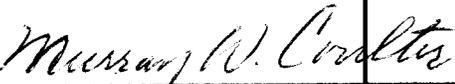
3. Faculty Development Leaves

Mayer-Oakes noted the doubling of the number of faculty development leaves to be available for 1984-85. He expressed approval of and support for this achievement by the office of Academic Affairs under Dr. John Darling.

X. NEW BUSINESS

1. Gettel made the following motion: At the earliest possible appropriate time a nominating committee be appointed to name candidates for our consideration for the (Presidency) of the Faculty Senate. She added: "I stress the words at the appropriate time." Pearson suggested a correction in the Gettel motion, (referring to the Bylaws, Section 3) the nominations will be for Vice President since the automatic succession of the Vice President to President if the President ceases to function is provided for in the Bylaws. Gettel accepted this correction and the motion passed. (This motion will be interpreted in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Senate that indicate that the nominating committee will be appointed by the Committee on Committees and they in turn will submit a slate of candidates to be considered by the Senate along with nominations from the floor.)
2. Pearson expressed concern over the fact that students had not received mid-term grades on time this semester. Associate Vice President Ainsworth responded that difficulty with programming the computer system was responsible for the lack of mid-term grades.
3. Senators voiced concern over the fact that buildings and/or classrooms were locked on Saturday morning when students came to take final exams.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

  
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Murray W. Coulter, Secretary

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