

Faculty Assembly  
Minutes- 5/2/73

The Faculty Assembly was convened by chairwoman Linda Dolive at 12:10 P.M. on May 2nd in Nunn Auditorium.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted without change.

Dr. Pearson moved that the motions regarding departmental chairman be removed from the table. The motion passed and the following motions thus came to the floor and were the topic of lengthy discussion.

- I. Department chairmen, if they are to be truly representative of their departments shall be:
  1. recruited or replaced by their department's faculty
  2. elected by the department for a three (3) year term
  3. evaluated annually by the department
  4. recalled by a two-thirds (2/3) majority
  5. tenured and promoted on the basis of departmental recommendation
  
- II. All faculty members shall be directly involved in all phases of the recruitment of new faculty members of their department. The appointment of the new faculty person shall be determined by a majority vote of the department.

Dr. Pearson spoke on the need and intent of his first motion.

Dr. Tesseneer observed that :

1. Chairmen are appointed by the President of the college on recommendation of the Vice-President of Academic Affairs. These chairmen have to shoulder certain responsibilities.
2. The Board of Regents is the only body which can grant or deny tenure.
3. The administration has to continue to hold department chairmen responsible for their activities.
4. The effect of this motion on the whole institution should be considered in deciding on its passage.

Other discussion followed.

Dr. Niewandher moved and Dr. Oliver seconded a motion that would have referred Dr. Pearson's motions to the Faculty Affairs Committee for study and recommendation. Motion lost, 28 against, 20 for.

Ms. Stauss moved and Dr. Pearson seconded the following.

If the main motion (Dr. Pearson's) is defeated the Faculty Affairs Committee should be given the charge of defining the role of departmental chairmen. Approved by voice vote.

Dr. Pearson's motions were then voted on by secret ballot. Motions failed. 37 against, 27 for, 1 abstention.

Dr. Pearson moved and it was seconded by Dr. Pinelo that AAUP be represented on the Faculty Affairs Committee during consideration of the role of departmental chairmen. Motion was tabled. Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Darryl Poole,  
Secretary, pro tem