

Minutes of Faculty Senate Meeting, September 19, 1977

Senators Present: Dennis O'Keefe, Robert C. Vitz, Don Taplits, Ron Abrams, Larry Giesmann, Arthur Miller, Rose Zeiser, Tom Rambo, Steve Boyd, Rose Staus, Ralph Peterson, William McKim, Doris Brett, Chris Tetzlaff, Peter Moore, Ted Weiss, Al Pinelo, Debra Pearce (sub. for Lynn Ebersole), Ron Gardella, Janet Miller, Thad Lindsey, and Steve Newman.

Curriculum Changes

A new form from Dr. Travis' office has been initiated for curriculum information. This is for course deletions, course changes, or additional courses. It included a page on approvals as a sort of checklist of the people who need to sign for a change in curriculum.

Proxy Votes

It was asked last week at the Executive Committee meeting what to do about proxy votes. It was decided that at a regular Senate meeting a substitute would not have a vote.

Peter Moore made a motion that a substitute for departmental Senators be allowed to vote in the Faculty Senate Meetings provided there is a written statement from that Senator giving this person permission to do so. Don Taplits seconded the motion. The question was called and the Senate opposed by a vote of 19 to 3.

Lengyel Lawsuit

The matter of the Lengyel lawsuit was brought up by Robert Vitz. The question of whether we are covered by liability insurance was discussed. The University does have a faculty liability insurance policy with the Horace Mann Insurance Company, but according to the company the policy exempts lawsuits between members of the faculty. Because Lengyel was a member of the faculty at the time the lawsuit was filed, defendant faculty were informed that they were not covered and they have hired their own counsel.

The insurance policy with Horace Mann will expire on November 1, and the University will not be picking it up again. The University is trying to find an insurance company that will provide more coverage than the Horace Mann Insurance Company. Gene Scholes will be meeting with representatives of various insurance companies from Louisville on Thursday, September 22. He said that by our next meeting, he would have further information on this.

Janet Miller made a motion to have the Faculty Benefits Committee look into the matter of prepaid legal insurance for the faculty. Al Pinelo seconded the motion.

### Senate Reorganization

Robert Vitz is planning a meeting of the Executive Committee on the proposed reorganization of the Senate. The proposal will be presented at the next Senate meeting.

### Library Holdings

The Library is concerned about the unequal holdings that are developing in the Library. The Library feels that some departments are not doing much ordering. Dr. Travis is in favor of having the Library analyze its holdings to determine which areas are the weakest; and then to have it spend a large amount of funds in those areas. Each year this would be done to try to keep some balance. This will take money away from other departments and benefit those who have weak holdings at this time. Faculty opposed to this plan should contact Bob Holloway, department chairpersons, one's department Library Committee representative, or the deans.

### Committee Reports

Budget & Administrative Services Committee Report. Al Pinelo reported that the Administration Budget Office is working on a budget proposal which should be finished by September 23. The proposal will be submitted to the Council on Public Higher Education. After the Council on Public Higher Education, it will go to the Governor and in to the Legislature. We should know what the University's allocations will be by early February at the latest.

Curriculum Committee Report. Tom Rambo said there are two new courses that have been recently approved--Human Services 192, Rehabilitation of the Geriatric Patient and Biology 251, Histology. A vote was taken to accept these courses, and it was passed unanimously.

AVA 190: Introduction to the Travel Industry. Tom Edwards discussed with the Senate the proposed course, AVA 190. Robert Vitz took a vote for including AVA 190. Sixteen were in favor, five opposed. Motion was carried.

Faculty Benefits Committee. Arthur Miller mentioned that in a meeting with Dr. Travis, he was given encouragement that money will be available for research grants.

Professional Concerns Committee. Bill McKim discussed the issue of high grading within the University. There are more A's than C's. The committee will review the issue.

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Student Affairs Committee. Chris Tetzlaff said the Student Affairs Committee has begun procedures for nominating students for Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges. Departmental representatives to the committee will soon be receiving their list of majors in junior and senior standings of 3.0 or better.

We are also beginning to consider a proposal for a student grievance procedure. Tom McKim is doing some initial work of this.

The Committee is considering the creation of a student honor plaque in the University Center.

Parking

Thad Lindsay brought up the parking problem and suggested that the Faculty Benefits Committee look into it. Al Pinelo said that the parking situation would be investigated by the Administrative Services Committee.

The Senate adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis O'Keefe