

MINUTES OF THE FACULTY SENATE MEETING OF MARCH 17, 1975

Senators in Attendance: Adams, Allyn, Bushee, Cochran, Corbin, Couto, Dolive, Hur, Koehler, Lindsey, Pinelo, Rambo, Ryan, Sarakatsannis, Vitz, Wallace, Williams

The meeting was called to order at 3:35. In the President's report, Jeff Williams summarized matters discussed at the Administrative Council meeting of March 5. He also requested on behalf of the Rites of Spring Student Committee, that faculty members be urged to publicize and participate in Rites of Spring activities.

He reported that Mr. DeMarcus was unable to be present and did not yet have a complete report on the budget for the next fiscal year. However, Mr. DeMarcus continues to indicate his willingness to present the general outline of the budget to the Senate before it is presented to the Administrative Council.

President Williams referred to the sudden flurry of tenure decisions being made in the past week in different departments. Since the Regents' Tenure Committee had taken no official action and the administration had not communicated to the faculty any general explanation of the basis for tenure decisions at this time, the faculty seemed confused and uncertain about the entire matter. In order to clarify what steps were being taken by the various departments, each departmental Senator briefly summarized the actions concerning tenure that had been or were taking place in his or her department. The legal counsel for the faculty, Mr. Phillip Taliaferro, was present.

After considerable discussion, legal counsel was advised to correspond with the Chairman of the Board of Regents. The substance of the correspondence is contained in the following motion made by Dick Couto, seconded by Jean Koehler and approved by a vote of 15-0-1.

It has come to our attention that apparently a quota system is being applied with regard to recommendation for tenure. This violates the present faculty handbook. This new policy may deny tenure to faculty who merit it.

The Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate would like to discuss this with you immediately because contracts are being presently prepared.

A second motion was made. It read as follows:

The Faculty Senate requests faculty counsel to advise all untenured faculty on procedure for initiating their consideration for tenure according to the Faculty Handbook. Also, the Senate requests Counsel to advise the Board of Regents of the reasons for requesting that this letter be written.

The motion was made by Dick Couto, seconded by Al Pinelo and approved by a vote of 16 to 0.

Committee Reports

Faculty Affairs    Senators were given copies of the Committee's proposal on Academic Leaves. Departmental Senators were requested to inform their department members about the proposal. The Committee would like a vote on the proposal at the April Meeting.

Academic Affairs    Tu Rambo, Chairman of the Committee, requested and received Senate endorsement for a new course offering-- Biology 160 - Plant Kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,

*Warren Corbin*

Warren Corbin, Secretary