

MEMORANDUM

TO: Faculty Senators
FROM: Dennis O'Keefe
DATE: April 10, 1978
RE: Senate Meeting

The Faculty Senate will meet on Monday, April 17, 1978 in Landrum 110 at 3:00 p.m.

AGENDA

- I. President's report
- II. Committee reports
 - A. Budget and Administrative Services
 - B. Faculty Benefits
 - C. Curriculum
- III. New Business

letter for Dept. Sen. on at-large

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

April 17, 1978

Senators present: Doris Brett, Jonathan Bushee, Larry Giesmann, Ed Goggin, Beth Gwynn, Arthur Miller, Janet Miller, Peter Moore, Steve Newman, Dennis O'Keefe, Debra Pearce, Al Pinelo, Tom Rambo, Rose Stauss, Don Taplits, Chris Tetzlaff, Robert Vitz, Rose Zeiser.

Others present: Maryann Rehnke

President's Report

Ballots for Faculty Senate-at-large elections will be distributed on April 18 if the new Constitution is passed at the Regent's meeting on April 17. The Departmental elections will be held after the results from the at-large elections are known.

Steve Newman requested that the section on performance review of the minutes of the April 3 meeting be amended to read that according to Dr. Travis, each program may use its own evaluation form if approved by the Faculty of that program.

President Vitz thanked all of the Faculty Senate members for the good job that they had done this past year. He also moved that the Faculty Senate commend Mr. Vern Shelton, Acting Chairman of the Fine Arts Program, and the Fine Arts faculty for the quality and variety of cultural performances which they have sponsored in the current academic year. The motion was approved unanimously.

Budget Committee

Al Pinelo reported that the Budget Committee met with Dr. Albright concerning salary increases. The committee recommended that there be specific raises to go with promotions. Albright indicated that increases would be on the average, 5%. The committee has discussed with Dr. Albright what would be done with the 2.7 million dollars which is the new money appropriated. Dr. Albright had in mind setting aside between \$5000 or \$6000 for some long range improvements in the institution. Giesmann recalled that at an earlier meeting Dr. Albright had stated that there possibly would be a 15% increase in salaries. Al Pinelo stated that this might still be a possibility over the biennium. Jonathan Bushee indicated that he felt that faculty salaries are a very serious matter and that increases in the cost of living should be reflected in salary increases. He felt that this point should be made stronger and clearer. Peter Moore asked what portion of the budget went toward faculty's salaries. Pinelo replied that 30% of the budget went to faculty salaries. Janet Miller proposed a motion that the executive and budget committee meet after the April 10, Regent's meeting and look into what had happened at the meeting regarding salaries and decide if there should be a special senate meeting about salaries as soon as possible. It was seconded by Al Pinelo. A vote was taken and the motion was approved 13-0.

Calendar Changes

Maryann Rehnke elicited the Senate's reaction to the proposed winter intersession. The proposal was made in part to avoid scheduling regular classes during the snowy days of January. Doris Brett felt that winter intersession would work out beautifully because she had experienced it before. Maryann Rehnke pointed out that the Student Government had opposed a winter intersession. Rose Stauss pointed out that in many instances, students would lose jobs because as it is now, NKU students have a jump on other students for jobs because they get out sooner. Don Taplits stated that this intersession would affect the co-op students also. Dennis O'Keefe pointed out that going to a 7-8 week summer session would ruin any vacation plans that some professors, who teach summer course would have.

Maryann Rehnke then asked for the Faculty Senate's reaction to 5, 7, or 8 week summer sessions. Larry Giesmann pointed out that five weeks is not enough time to teach his Biology courses. Jonathan Bushee stated that he was in favor of eight week courses instead of 10 or 5 week sessions. Steve Newman stated that the math department was for the eight week sessions.

It was decided to have the Professional Concerns Committee look into the proposed calendar changes.

A motion for adjournment was proposed by Don Taplits and it was seconded by Rose Zeiser. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30.