

Faculty Senate

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Memorandum

TO: Faculty Senators
FR: J Michael Thomson, Senate President *JMT*
DT: September 15, 1992
RE: Upcoming September 21 Senate Meeting

As you can see from the enclosed agenda, there are no voting items from the committees. I expect our meeting to be short.

Minutes of Faculty Senate Meeting August 31 1992 UC-Cafe A/B/C

(Experience the joy of giving and the joy of asking. Give 'til it feels good.)

Members present: Amburgey, Artzer, Blanchard, Bushee, Datta, Duggal, Forman, Frank, Furnish, Goacher, Gray, Hewan, Holt, Jacobsen, Kelm, Kempton, Knepper, Lye, McCartney, McKenzie, McNeil, Metz, Mittal, Jang, Pence, Scharlott, Scott, Smith, Stavsky, Thomas, Thomson, Wood.

Guests: Boothe, Chance, Harden, Hollister, Jorns, Legere, Reichardt, Schlacter, Smith, Tuhey, Vaughn.

- I. Meeting was called to order at 3 p.m. in University Center Cafe A/B/C
- II. Minutes of the May 14, 1992 meeting were approved without addition or correction.
- III. There were no changes to the agenda.
- IV. Senate President's Report:
 - A. New senators were introduced

B. Peter Hollister and Rosemary Schlacter reported on the Capital Gifts Campaign.

Cargill consultants were paid \$15,000 for their study and the expectation is to realize a goal of \$10 to \$15 million. Also, the expectation is that people will continue to give as well to the Annual Campaign. Hollister expressed optimism not only at reaching the goal but exceeding it. The pledge period is Sept. '92 through May '93. The conservative estimate is that the faculty/staff will pledge over the next three year period a total of \$300,000 to \$500,000. Gifts may be earmarked by the donor. The three year pay period can be extended. Pledges can be handled by payroll deduction. The president commented that when the public sector would be solicited it/they would want to know what the university employee's would be giving. Hence, we are **encouraged** to give to the campaign. (Cargill's estimate was that faculty/staff were capable of giving twice the stated goal of the campaign, according to Peter Hollister.)

- C. Status of Senate Committees:** Ray McNeil has volunteered to serve as vice-president and Clinton Hewan, untenured and willing, has taken on the chair of Professional Concerns. For their volunteering especially Clinton's appreciation and thanks are expressed. Remaining empty are the chairs of University Curriculum and Faculty Benefits. There was no rush to the fore. Consequently, Mike will meet with the two committees and see if anyone is willing to serve. Normally chairs must be a member of senate. Mike asked if the senate was willing to waive the rules. There was no objection and no discussion. **Sic transit gloria....**

D. Issue Status:

1. Enrollment is up over last year - 3% in head count; 6% in FTE. In terms of space, times and lecturers, **saturation would appear to be met and exceeded.**
2. **Release time for senate committee chair assignments** has been approved by Boothe.
3. The **recently revised Faculty Handbook** has been in the hands of the Provost and Ms. Bell and we await their responses. The goal is to have the handbook approved by Spring '93. Provost estimates being through the handbook this September--perhaps Bell.
4. The **Department of Education's request to become a School of Education** has been approved by President Boothe.
5. An **ad hoc committee on Selective Admissions** with Jerry Warner as the chair will be working on creating criteria for a selective admissions policy. The committee will also be comprised of four faculty members.
6. Status of higher salaries for summer school plus contributions to TIAA-CREF for same remains on hold.
7. Formal draft of the **Articulated Strategic Plan** is being sent out 9/1.
8. Early retirement policy is once again in process.
9. The Open Records Act requires that all written data be accessible to the concerned parties. Briefly, that means any letters, memos, etc. written about or for a student or faculty member for/in any process/purpose shall be accessible to that person. This does not apply to committee minutes.
10. State HB 109, called **Public Accountability**, is once more pressing the issue of requiring universities to report workloads. The issue this time would seem to go beyond punching a clock. Fueled by the bad economy and the public outrage with corruption in use of state funds, **this issue**, warned Boothe, **promises to bring a strong challenge to the concept of tenure.** Stay tuned.
11. The **CHE** has indicated that it wishes to use assessment data from this campus for comparative studies with other (state?) universities. Hmmm!?

V. Committee Reports: None.

VI. Old Business: None.

VII. New Business: None

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Assignment for the month. Consider the concept of entropy and its place in all of this.

D Kelm, Secretary