Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting of 15 September 1975

Senators in Attendance: Boyd, Allyn, Carter, Cochran, Corbin, Dolive,
Goggin, Lindsey, Miller, Niewahner, Peterson, Pinelo, Rambo,
Rehnke, Satterfield, Stallings, Tetzlaff, Vitz, Wallace, Williams

Senators Absent: Adams, Grosse, Mullen, Sarakatsannis

The meeting was called to order at 3:08 p.m. by the President, Dr. Pinelo. The first item of business was the election of a new Academic Affairs Committee Chairperson. The only nomination was that of Dr. Thomas Rambo who was therefore elected by acclamation. Mr. Goggin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, that Dr. Pinelo write a letter on behalf of the Senate expressing its appreciation for Dr. Tihany's work in the Senate and in the College. After some discussion, an amendment by Dr. Vitz and seconded by Dr. Rambo to strike the words "and in the College" was approved by voice vote. The motion was then carried with one abstention. Dr. Pinelo expressed his concurrence with the motion passed and his personal regret at Dr. Tihany's departure.

In the President's Report, Dr. Pinelo read a letter from Dr. Steely to Dr. Pinelo expressing support for establishing a faculty review procedure for dismissal for cause prior to a hearing by the Board of Regents. The letter suggested that representatives of the faculty meeting with counsel for the College and Prof. Oberst of the University of Kentucky Law School who had personal knowledge of how such a review procedure operated at U.K. Dr. Pinelo said that he thought it would be useful to have counsel for the faculty present at these discussions. It was the sense of the Senate that Dr. Pinelo ought to appoint an ad hoc committee of faculty to work with the above-mentioned individuals on the establishment of the procedure. In the course of the discussion of this matter, Dr. Lengyel brought the Senate's attention to procedures involved in non-reappointment; his particular concern was that the same administrative officers responsible for notice of non-reappointment are responsible for the appeal hearing.

As part of the President's Report, a motion by the Executive Committee was introduced:

Whereas, the professional reputation of the faculty and administration of Northern Kentucky State College stands in jeopardy because of the recent publicity, some of which may not necessarily be representative of the whole institution,

the Faculty Senate requests, that in order to establish a more accurate representation of the feelings of the academic community, the Regents' Investigating Committee consider the desirability of a faculty evaluation of current conditions at the College, to be conducted by an independent, professional agency.

In the discussion that followed, it was pointed out that the Regents' Committee was aware that the Senate might pass such a motion and that the Committee had neither endorsed nor rejected such an action. After lengthy discussion, the motion carried by a vote of eleven for, nine against. It was moved by Mr. Goggin, and seconded by Dr. Wallace, that the motion should be reconsidered. The motion passed by a vote of thirteen for, four against, and two abstensions. An amendment offered by Mr. Lindsey, seconded by Mr. Goggin, to ask Dr. Stallings, Faculty Regent, to convey the essence of the

original motion by word of mouth to the other Regents was defeated by voice vote. An amendment was offered by Dr. Corbin and seconded by Dr. Wallace to substitute "possibility" for "desirability" and to strike "to be conducted by an independent, professional agency" from the motion. The amendment was approved by voice vote. Finally, the motion as amended was approved by a vote of fourteen for and five against.

The Senate then considered the tabled motion from the previous Senate meeting, concerning support for the Kentucky judicial reform amendment. After an amendment was accepted by the maker of the motion, Mr. Goggin, the following statement was passed by voice vote with two abstentions:

Be it resolved that the Faculty Senate of Northern Kentucky State College urges the members of the Northern Kentucky State College academic community to bring the Kentucky judicial reform amendment to the attention of the students and the members of the community at large so that the judicial reform amendment will be thoughtfully considered in the election this November.

There were no Committee Reports.

Under new business, Mr. Lindsey suggested that procedures should be established to insure the security of the election of Senate members. He said that while no problem has yet occurred, establishment of such procedures would decrease the possibility of such questions in the future.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

NOTE: THE NEXT REGULAR FACULTY SENATE MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON 20 OCOODER 1975 AT 3:00 P.M. IN ROOM 407 NUNN HALL.

Respectfully submitted,

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