

MEMO

To: Faculty Senators
From: Dennis O'Keefe, Senate Secretary
Date: August 24, 1977
Re: Faculty Senate Meeting

The next Faculty Senate meeting will be held Monday, August 29, 1977 in Landrum 506, at 3:00 p.m.

AGENDA

- I. President Albright's report on the University's financial situation.
- II. Committee Reports
- III. Old Business
 - Curriculum
 - Religion Minor
 - AVA 190: Introduction To the Travel Industry
 - Reorganization of Faculty Senate
- IV. New Business (From the Floor)

Minutes of Faculty Senate Meeting, August 29, 1977

Senators present: Larry A. Giesmann, Thomas C. Rambo, Ron Abrams, Sharlotte Williams, Ralph Peterson, Don Taplits, Janet Miller, Ron Gardella, Steve Newman, Peter Moore, Doris Brett, William McKim, Ted Weiss, Arthur Miller, Thad Lindsey, Lynn Ebersole, Robert C. Vitz, Rose Zeiser, Al Pinelo, Steve Boyd, and Dennis O'Keefe.

Old Business

AVA 190: Introduction to the Travel Industry.

The Senate considered this proposed course, but because Tom Edwards, the head of the aviation program, was out of town, there was no explanation of the content of the course. Moore moved and McKim seconded that the proposal be tabled until the next Senate meeting. Motion to table was passed unanimously.

Religion Minor. Rambo reintroduced the proposal for a religion minor. Joe Petrick explained the need for the minor and the planning of the courses undertaken by the Philosophy faculty. Petrick argued that the minor did include elements of non-western religions and non-religious views (agnosticism and atheism). The proposed courses were academically sound and non-parochial. All of the faculty who would teach the courses have Ph.D degrees in other philosophy or religious studies. There is a student demand for more religion courses, since an average of 50 students in each of the preceding three years have enrolled in the two existing religion courses. Finally, Petrick asserted that no additional faculty or moneys were needed for the proposed minor.

Ralph Peterson criticized the proposal for emphasizing christianity and for not including more content on non-western religions. Peterson also noted that the Sociology Department already offered a course in the Sociology of Religion (Soc 430) which was similar to one of the proposed courses, Religion and Contemporary Life (Rel 240). Peterson said that every member of the Sociology faculty, with one exception, was opposed to the proposed minor.

The question was called and the Senate approved the proposed minor by a vote of 10 - 7.

Pres. Albright's Report on the University Budget (1977-78).

President Albright noted that the budget for the second year of the biennium was very tight and required the paring down or elimination of some items such as research grants for faculty. He listed the following amounts as increases over last year's expenditures:

equalization of pay for female faculty	- \$ 50,000
merit salary increases	- 40,000
regular salary increases (\$500 per faculty)	- 350,000
new facilities	- 100,000
University reorganization	- 140,000
data processing	- 50,000
student activities	- 55,000
postal, xerox	- 25,000
new building	- 50,000
reserve	- 150,000

Albright also noted that salaries for part-time faculty were increased by \$50 per course to \$800. Finally, he promised that the University would commit funds for faculty research grants next year.

Senate Reorganization.

Debate on Al Pinelo's proposal for reorganization of the Senate resumed. Some Senators objected to the idea of moving away from the principle of departmental representation on the Senate. Pinelo argued that departmental representation may be too parochial and it would be advisable to elect Senators who had a broader view or interest in the affairs of the University. Pinelo asked for further comments in writing on his proposal.

Search Committee for Deanship of Basic Disciplines.

Pinelo reported that the Search Committee had agreed with Provost Travis on certain rules governing its procedure for consideration of candidates. The agreement prohibited the Provost from influencing initial selection of the finalists for the job, but allowed the Provost a veto over any person on the final list with whom she could not work effectively. Pinelo reported the procedure was followed faithfully and its integrity respected.

The Senate adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis O'Keefe, Secretary