

MINUTES OF THE FACULTY SENATE MEETING OF APRIL 14, 1975

Senators In Attendance: Adams, Allyn, Bushee, Cochran, Corbin, Dolive, Coggin, Koehler, Lindsey, Pinelo, Rambo, Ryan, Vitz, Wallace, Williams

The meeting was called to order at 3:06. Jeffrey Williams gave the President's report. He reviewed the activities of the Executive Committee since the last Senate meeting. Although unsuccessful in arranging a meeting with the Regents' Committee on Tenure, the Executive Committee felt certain that the Regents were aware of faculty concern over the tenure decisions being made in mid-March. The Executive Committee had decided to seek clarification of a series of questions regarding the status of faculty completing their probationary period this year, and a letter to Dr. Steely concerning these points had been sent April 11th, and a reply was hoped for shortly. President Williams reviewed with the Senate the apparent fact that the numbers of faculty to be recommended by each department for tenure was no longer subject to numerical restriction (the term 'quota system' not being used, due to the recent linguistic debate over the meaning of that term). There was speculation whether departments were therefore being asked to reconsider their initial recommendations in light of the new open guidelines, but there is no consensus on how departments are reacting to the new situation. It was announced that contracts for next year, although stipulated in the Faculty Handbook to be distributed to the faculty by April 1, will not apparently materialize until after the Regents' Meeting of April 21. It was hoped that if such delays occurred in the future, the faculty would be notified of the reasons for the delay before April 1st so as to allay concern and uncertainty.

A two-page memorandum by Administrative Vice President John DeMarcus, dealing with the Internal Budget for 1975-1976, was distributed to the Senate. After considerable discussion, it was moved by Robert Vitz, seconded by Al Pinelo, and approved unanimously that a letter be sent by President Williams to Mr. DeMarcus communicating the feeling of the Senate that the consideration of the Memorandum was not in itself the meaningful faculty involvement in the formulation of the budget that had been understood by the Senate to have been agreed upon by the Executive Committee, Dr. Steely and Mr. DeMarcus last April. The Senate hoped that Mr. DeMarcus would find it possible to come before the Senate with the full budget in due course. Without such action, the Senate felt it impossible to take any position in regard to the Budget and would advise its representatives at the Administrative Council to abstain from any official actions by the Council in connection with the Budget.

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Jean Koehler, Chairman of the Faculty Affairs Committee, responded to questions in regard to the Academic Leaves Proposal. She indicated that since new Senators had questions concerning the proposal, she was not opposed to deferring action by the Senate until the new Senate membership convenes.

Thad Lindsey, Chairman of the Evaluation Committee, was urged by the Senate to conduct departmental chairmen evaluations under the procedures that have been used in the past.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:07.

Respectfully submitted,

Warren Corbin

Warren Corbin, Secretary