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MINUTES OF THE FACULTY SENATE MEETING
(SPECIAL CALLED MEETING)
February 26, 1990

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Hugh LaFollette, President of the Faculty Senate, called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m. A quorum was present.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. LaFollette pointed out that this was a special called meeting to discuss the proposed core curriculum. Dr. LaFollette recognized Mr. Bob Riser, a member of the Executive Committee, who discussed a resolution concerning the "new core" which had been offered for consideration by the Executive Committee (mailed to Senators in advance of the meeting).

Following a motion (by Mr. Riser) for adoption of the resolution, a general discussion ensued, in which senators and visitors spoke on both sides of the issue. Points discussed included the following:

1. How specific would the proposal be which is scheduled for "Executive review and approval at ETSU" in April-May, 1991 (General Education Committee Proposed Schedule, Page 2 of 2)? The response was that this proposal would be rather specific, including course syllabi, bibliographies, etc.
2. Administrative details (such as allocation of credit hour production, effects on accreditation, long-term effects on staffing and resources) related to the implementation of the new core: While some thought more information about such matters should be given at this time, others felt that it is too early to discuss such details.
3. The proposed timetable for implementing the core: Some disagreed with the proposed timetable for instituting the new core, especially in view of the fact that it specifies that the Curriculum Committee and President should approve the core next spring -- before the courses are ever taught -- others expressed the view that nothing would get done without a timetable.

Following discussion, a vote was taken by a show of hands. The motion was defeated (9 for, 12 against).

Four other Senators had indicated their wish to vote by proxy, but they failed to comply with the constitutional provisions concerning proxies, so these 'votes' were not counted.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Present

Bob Riser
Jim Pleasant
Suzanne Smith
Mark Holland
Scott Beck
Christa Hungate
Hugh LaFollette
Colin Baxter
Anne LeCroy
Charles Johnson
Bill Fisher
George Granger
Mary Nelson
Brad Arbogast
Bob Acuff

Sue McCoy
Carol Gordon
Rosemary Brown
Phil Scheuerman
Saralyn Gold
Gene McCoy
Marie Tedesco
Robert Davidson

Absent

Carroll Hyder
Lattie Collins
Alfonso Lucero
David Close

Edwin Williams *
Katie Dunn
Chris Ayres
Ernest Bentley
Charles Beseda
Bill Campbell
Margaret Houglund *
Clark Gillett
William Stone
Virginia Adams
Richard Verhegge
Deborah Fortune

* - excused