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# MINUTES OF THE FACULTY SENATE MEETING

Date: April 17, 1989

## Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by president Anne LeCroy at 3:30 p.m.

## Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes of March 20 and April 3. Any recommendations for changes were to be forwarded to the secretary and the minutes were approved.

## Announcements

Presidents Council to meet April 19.  
Executive Committee to meet April 21.  
Faculty Subcouncil (SBR) to meet April 26.  
Academic Council to meet April 27.

## Treasurer's Report

Bill Fisher reported on the solvency of the senate. Adequate funding for Hugh LaFollette's attendance at the faculty governance meeting was noted. In addition, there was sufficient funds for hiring of a student worker to cover the summer. The amount of \$196.92 under the heading of Data Processing was noted. It was not immediately evident how this amount was used and this expenditure would be investigated. A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report, it was seconded and the motion was approved.

## Committee Reports

Anne LeCroy briefly reviewed the handout covering minutes to the following meetings:

1. Executive Committee meeting with Dr. Beller.
2. University Council
3. Academic Council
4. President's Council

She was able to report that the Faculty Senate was approved to have office space in the Culp Center. It is currently used by Dr. Fendt but would be vacant shortly.

Committee on Committees: Bill Fisher reported there were numerous reports from faculty members. They were being collated for review and would be sent to Mr. ~~Erwin~~ Erwin. He mentioned a request by the College of Medicine for one of their faculty members to be included on the "animal use" committee.

Election Committee: The report was postponed until May 3.

Development and Evaluation Committee: Hugh LaFollette reported on the progress of the SAI form. He noted that if a new form is to be used, the computer services people need 3 1/2 months to get it ready for use. He encouraged the Senate to approve the new SAI for use in the coming Fall term, otherwise, the current form would be used until any changes could be made. A motion was made and seconded to approve the new SAI form. During the discussion Hugh pointed out that no form was appropriate for every situation. He noted that in

the preamble there was a statement encouraging each department to choose the items that would be appropriate for their department. Bill Fisher pointed out that the document would have to go through the SGA prior to being used. There were several comments upon the format and content and the articulation between the old form and the new. Hugh pointed out that the new document was meant to be evaluated at the end of two years to assure its validity. A motion was made to table the vote until the university faculty and SGA had some time to preview the document and respond. The motion was approved and carried. A motion was made by Bill Fisher to purchase a two volume edition of Evaluation Standards at the price of \$60.00, it was seconded and approved. Another motion was made to send a letter of support to the local legislators concerning House Bill 188 by the Faculty Senate secretary. Bill Fisher concluded the committee reports by noting the changes and concerns being addressed by the SBR Benefits Advisory Committee.

#### Program

Dr. Alfonso opened the discussion on the new core curriculum proposal. He spoke on the various methods, areas addressed and time frame involved in formulating the current proposal. The general education committee is continually meeting with departments to assure the best proposal possible. However, no one expects the final proposal to make everyone happy. After his opening remarks, Dr. Alfonso introduced the committee members that could be present and discussion of the proposal followed. One thing that was noted right away concerned the need to still fulfill the new SBR requirements. Concerns were addressed dealing with importance of items in reference to credit hours and how to manipulate some areas so areas would not be diminished in number. It was pointed out, that in the thematic areas, a significant number of the courses would have to be developed. This would necessitate faculty from all areas of the campus working together in support of a particular class or group of classes. It should support the writing across the curriculum concept which it currently being pursued. It was noted that some of the current core would fulfill the new integrated core's requirements. The thrust of the committee's effort was to develop the student beyond basic reading, writing, and math skills. Dr. Alfonso reinforced the concept that the proposal is not a finished document and the committee would welcome any ideas deemed necessary by individuals. He feels that the faculty should address the proposals appropriateness and forward this concern to the committee also.

#### New Business

The handout noting the various Bills before our legislators was noted. It was suggested to discuss these in detail at the May 1 meeting.

#### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Attendance

Present

David Close  
Christa Hungate  
Hugh LaFollette  
Colin Baxter  
Anne LeCroy (Pres)  
Edwin Williams  
Karen Renzaglia  
Al Tirman  
Bill Fisher  
George Granger  
Al Lucero  
Mary Nelson\*\*  
Charles Beseda  
Bill Campbell  
Margaret Hougland  
Sue McCoy  
Clark Gillett  
Mitchell Robinson  
Donald Ferguson  
Rosemary Brown  
Saralyn Gold  
Gene McCoy  
Werner Waldron  
Al Iglar

Absent

Charles Parker  
Jim Pleasant  
Etta Saltos  
Suzanne Smith  
Paul Walwick  
Charles Johnson  
Ernest Bentley  
Jean Frazier  
Don Jones  
Bob Acuff  
Brunhilde Tober-Meyer  
Richard Verhegge  
Joyce Bassham  
Katherine Dibble  
Marie Tedesco

\*\*Janis Weedman for Mary Nelson

Respectfully Submitted

Werner W. Waldron

**REMINDER: All committee reports are DUE  
to Anne LeCroy.**