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MINUTES OF THE FACULTY SENATE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 18, 1989

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Hugh LaFollette, President of the Faculty Senate, called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of the August 28, 1989 meetings (last meeting of the 1988-89 Senate and the first meeting of the 1989-90 Senate) were approved without corrections.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Because the treasurer, Bill Fisher, was not present, the treasurer's report was deferred until the next meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. LaFollette asked that senators indicate any errors found on the sign-up sheet (roster).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Policy on Promotion and Tenure Procedures

The 'Faculty Senate Executive Committee Report', which was tabled at the last meeting, was brought to the floor for discussion. The question was raised whether this report was prepared by the Executive Committee (of the 1988-89 Senate) or an individual. Dr. LaFollette responded that the report represented Dr. Bill Fisher's "synthesis" of the Executive Committee's thinking on promotion and tenure policies (based on the results of several meetings held during the past year with chairs of the college promotion and tenure committees). Drs. Margaret Hougland and Anne LeCroy discussed the history of the Executive Committee's study of the promotion and tenure process. Dr. Hougland made a motion to send the matter to a committee for study, with the choice of committee to be decided by the (present) Executive Committee. Her motion was amended to specify that the committee report back to the entire Senate by October 16, 1989. The amended motion passed.

2. Johnson Resolution on Promotion and Tenure

The proposed resolution concerning promotion and tenure introduced at the last meeting by Dr. Charles Johnson (and tabled for consideration at this meeting) was brought to the floor for discussion. Dr. Johnson spoke in favor of its adoption. Dr. Al Lucero expressed the opinion that the cases alluded to in the resolution have been decided and should not be discussed further by the Senate. Mr. Bob Riser pointed out that faculty members would have no voice in promotion and tenure decisions of their colleagues if this resolution were followed, since administrators would be bound by the Faculty Annual Evaluations. But faculty members have no input into the annual evaluation of their colleagues; that is determined solely by the chairs and deans. Dr. Ed Williams moved that this matter be sent for study to the same committee which is chosen to consider the Faculty Senate Executive Committee Report. The motion passed.

3. Senator's Responsibilities

The statement concerning 'Senator's Responsibilities', which was tabled at the last meeting for discussion at this meeting was brought to the floor for discussion. Dr. LaFollette pointed out that the statement does not create new power in the Senate with regard to dismissal of a senator, because the constitution provides that the Senate can dismiss a senator by a 2/3 vote. Several senators spoke against approval of the statement, including the characterization of the tone of statement as "very offensive" and an expressed opinion that the colleges should determine their representation. Following discussion, a vote was taken and the motion was defeated.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Smoking Policy (forwarded from the University Council)

A 'Proposed University Smoking Policy' (see August 28, 1989 minutes) was brought to the floor for discussion (with a motion that the Senate indicate its approval). The motion was assented to include the statement that batbroos not be designated as areas where smoking is permitted. After considerable discussion, the assented motion passed.

2. Representation for Developmental Studies

A resolution (dated 10 September 1989) concerning Faculty Senate representation for the Division of Developmental Studies (see August 28, 1989 minutes) was brought to the floor for discussion (with a motion by Dr. Saralyn Gold for its approval). Dr. Al Tirman read a statement supporting the motion. The motion was assented a) to specify that the relevant section of the Constitution is 1.4.4.5.D., and b) to include the statement that the Developmental Studies Division shall be entitled to elect one (1) senator until it can comply with the proportional representation arrangement listed in Article III.1.4.4.5.A of the Faculty Senate Constitution. The assented motion passed, the vote being 19 for and 6 against.

3. Scheduling of Suaser Courses

Dr. Gary Walters, Director of the Office of Evening and Suaser School Programs, discussed a proposal for scheduling suaser school classes. A number of students have objected to suaser classes being scheduled as MTX (meeting on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings). Many of these students work full time and therefore have no study time between the Monday and Tuesday evening classes. Dr. LaFollette briefly outlined a scheduling procedure forwarded to him by Dr. Walters which would alleviate some of the problems associated with scheduling suaser classes (See attachment). Dr. Ernest Bentley made a motion that the Senate support this procedure, with an explicit recommendation that the MTX schedule be discouraged for suaser school classes. The motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Present

Bob Riser
Carroll Hyder
Jim Pleasant
Nancy Gruel
Lattie Collins
Mark Holland
Scott Beck
David Close
Hugh LaFollette
Colin Baxter
Anne LeCroy
Edwin Williams
Alfonso Lucero
Charles Johnson

George Granger
Ernest Bentley
Mary Nelson
Charles Beseda
Bill Campbell
Bob Acuff
Margaret Hougland
Carol Gordon
Virginia Adams
Rosemary Brown
Phil Scheuerman
Debra Fortune
Saralyn Gold
Gene McCoy
Marie Tedesco

Absent

Christa Hungate
Bill Fisher
Katie Dunn
Chris Ayres
Brad Arbogast
Sue McCoy
Clark Gillett
Mitchell Robinson
Richard Verbege