

REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE
MAY 5, 1997

SENATORS EXCUSED: Margaret Andersen, Stuart Cooper, Chris Craft, Paul Hooper, Mark Huddleson, Jeff Jordan, Larry Kalkstein, Vera Kaminski, Lawrence Nees, John Nye, Charles Pavitt, Roland Smith, Lynn Snyder-Mackler, Carolyn Thoroughgood, Richard Wolbers

SENATORS ABSENT: Steve Bennett, Edmund Bunkse, Douglas Buttrey, Pamela Cummings, Barbara Curry, Lesley Knapp, John Draft, Jessica Krumerman, Shawn Phillips, Peter Vagenas, Dana Johnson, Debra Cooperman, David Margalit, William Marshall, Dewey Caron, Alexander Cheng, Thomas Church, Ronald Cole, Norman Collins, Lesa Griffiths, Leo Lemay, Victor Martuza, John McLaughlin, Harris Ross

I. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The Agenda was modified by consent to add a Resolution which had been placed in the name cards of Senators in advance of the meeting. The resolution came from Cynthia Robbins, Chair of the Committee on Student Life, on a matter referred to that committee at the October 7, 1996, meeting of the Senate.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The President announced that the Minutes of the April 7, 1997 meeting contained an error pertaining to Resolution 4, and corrected that error. The minutes should have reported that the phrase "comprised of tenured faculty of the college" was deleted. She noted that the policy document as distributed did not contain the error. The Minutes were then approved as corrected.

III. REMARKS BY PROVOST SCHIAVELLI

The Provost reported that as of the day of the Senate meeting, 3,200 first time freshmen had paid their deposits, which was the target number. The average SAT scores of those freshmen were 10 points higher than the comparison group from last year. He also reported a record number of paid deposits, 430, in the Honors program and a 6 point increase in average SAT scores.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR CHALLENGE

There being no challenges, the following items were approved

1. Change of the degree title in Human Resources from a B.S.H.R. to a B.S.
2. Revision of the Ph.D. in Math Education
3. Revision of the B.S. in Nursing

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. The Committee on Student Life brought forth the following resolution, which was the result of the Senate's having referred this item back to them for consideration at the October 7, 1996, meeting.

Recommendation to rescind the No Pledging Policy"

WHEREAS: The Student Life Committee (Cynthia Robbins, Chairperson) has considered the motion of Senator McNeil introduced at the October 7, 1996, meeting of the Faculty Senate

WHEREAS: A student's first semester is the most critical period in the transition to college life

RESOLVED: that, beginning 1997-1998, only a fraternity or sorority with a current Five-Star rating in the Greek Organization Accreditation Process, be permitted to rush first-semester students.

That Resolution was adopted with one dissenting vote.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. The appointments listed at the back of the Agenda were approved by a unanimous vote.

B. The following persons were elected as officers of the Senate or members of Committees:

Victor Martuza, President-Elect
Joann Browning, Vice President
Frank Dilley, Secretary
Jon Olson, Member and Chair, COCAN
Beth Haslett, Member, COCAN
Ted Davis, Member, Rules
Robert Taggart, Member, Rules

C. A resolution to delete the Communications Condition was referred back to the Committee on Undergraduate Studies with a request that they look for alternatives which would enable the Communication Condition to be continued as a graduation requirement, while providing a more timely response by students who have received the Communications Condition, and while retaining supervision over the process in the Writing Center.

There being no more new business, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frank Dilley, Secretary
University Faculty Senate

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