

REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

APRIL 1, 1996

MINUTES

Senators excused were: Kenneth Biederman, Stuart Cooper, Steven Helmling, Paul Hooper, Alvina Quintan, Carolyn Thoroughgood

Senators absent were: Steven Bennett, Christine Heyrman, Arnold Kerr, John Kraft, Kara Newport Paige, Tuncay Saydam

I. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved as submitted.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the March 4, 1996 meeting were approved as written.

III. REMARKS BY UNIVERSITY PROVOST SCHIAVELLI

The Provost had no remarks.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Hall announced that an attachment that was inadvertently left off the agenda had been sent out separately and that extra copies were available. He also explained that the speed with which the new changes had been made to the Faculty Handbook had resulted in the appearance of the new sexual harassment policy before it had appeared as an item of information on the Senate agenda.

Senator Gottfredson posed several questions regarding the new policy and suggested that the Faculty Senate may wish to consider future revisions of the policy. She remarked that it was her understanding that the new procedures require that the Office of Employee Relations do two things: (1) To notify the AAUP upon receiving a complaint, and (2) to hold a meeting with the accused and the accuseds supervisors. She asked if there were any other procedures that were routinely followed which were not spelled out, for example, an unannounced procedure that the administrative officer in charge should interview witnesses and or the complainant?

Professor David Colton, President of the AAUP Chapter, remarked that the changes in the Faculty Handbook were made to inform the faculty of what the existing procedures were and that the changes reflected present practice.

Senator Gottfredson remarked that the list of procedures undertaken when a complaint was made may not, in fact, be complete. Vice President Colm assured her and the Senate that these procedures spelled out just what her office has done in such cases.

After further discussion, Presiden Hall summarized the points.

ANNOUNCEMENT FOR CHALLENGE

The following Announcement for Challenge was accepted without discussion:

Clarification of GPA requirements for admission to EDDV 400 Student Teaching

V. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. There was only one item of new business, a motion from the Committee on Rules to postpone the reapportionment of the Senate, which would normally take place this year, until next year after the reorganization of the colleges

had taken place.

Senator David Bellamy asked if the motion required a two-thirds majority to approve and the chair ruled that it did.

There being no discussion, the following motion was unanimously approved:

MOTION TO POSTPONE REAPPORTIONMENT OF SENATE

The University Faculty Senate hereby instructs the Committee on Rules to postpone until February 1, 1997 the recomputation of faculty memberships in the Senate as required by the Constitution of the Faculty of the University of Delaware, Section IV, paragraph 4., of the Faculty Handbook.

The Senate or a committee that it designates shall be responsible every second year for recomputing the formula for faculty senators. . . and shall notify each Unit by February 1 of that year of the number of faculty senators it is to elect in each of the following two years.

and as detailed in the Bylaws and Regulations of the University Faculty Senate on page I-7, paragraph J.1., which reads:

By February 1 of each year, the Secretary of the Senate shall inform the Units of the Senate of (1) the names of senators whose terms will expire during the current academic year, and (2) any changes in apportionment every other year, as stated in the Constitution. . . .

- B. There being no further new business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Angell
Secretary
University Faculty Senate

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