

REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

October 3, 1994

MINUTES

Senators excused were: Edmunds Bunkse, Stuart Cooper, Karen Curtis, Christine Delbeau, Ardeshir Faghri, Arnold Kerr, Roger Murray, James Pizzuto, Henry Reynolds, Peter Roe, David Roselle, Charles Rowe, Carolyn Thoroughgood, Raymond Wolters

Senators absent were: Robert Knecht, David Stone

I. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted without change.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The minutes of the September 12, 1994 meeting were approved as submitted.

III. REMARKS BY UNIVERSITY PROVOST SCHIAVELLI

Provost Schiavelli reported that he asked the Faculty Senate Executive Committee to consider reviewing the University promotions and tenure procedures, particularly since the College of Arts and Science is revising their promotions and tenure procedures and criteria this year. In humor Provost Schiavelli also noted that at the end of this year he would have some biases which may or may not be healthy in the reconsideration process.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Dean Betty Paulanka, Chairperson of the Search Committee for the Vice President for Student Life, reported on the progress of the Committee. Outside advertisements have been placed in The Chronicle of Higher Education and in the Black Issues of Higher Education and outside solicitations for applications have been made. At Delaware advertisements has been placed in Update and on e-mail, and The Review has described the position in several articles. The Committee feels that there are a number of well qualified applicants within the University, and Dean Paulanka urged all to submit nominations from both within and outside the University. The review of candidates will begin November 15. The qualifications for the position can be found on e-mail (Gopher).
2. President McLaughlin announced three open hearings:
  - a) discussion of the report from the Ad Hoc Committee on Freedom of Expression in Public Events in Room 108 Memorial at 3:30 PM, October 5, 1994,
  - b) discussion of the report from the Ad Hoc Committee on Smoking Policy in Room 007 Willard Hall at 4:00 PM, October 20, 1994, and,
  - c) review of the proposed Bachelor Program in Environmental Engineering in Room 007 Willard Hall at 4:00 PM, November 9, 1994.

President McLaughlin also noted that there has been scant use of the recently established faculty electronic bulletin board.

3. University Secretary Pierre Hayward was introduced to speak about the United Way campaign. The pace setters campaign raised \$22,000 of the \$150,000 goal, a substantial improvement over last year. Secretary Hayward noted that the usual excuses for not participating have disappeared; specifically, one can designate charities not in the core group and only \$0.75 of each \$100 donation goes to the National United Way headquarters.

Secretary Hayward closed by asking us to participate in the United Way because we want to and not because we have to.

V. OLD BUSINESS - None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Recommendation from the Committee on Faculty Welfare and Privileges (H. Hall, Chairperson '93-'94), amending the Faculty Handbook concerning the retirement policy.

The following resolution was passed overwhelmingly without discussion:

WHEREAS, there is no longer a mandatory retirement policy at the University of Delaware, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the following retirement policy as it appears in the Faculty Handbook, Section III, page III-3, paragraph 4, be deleted:

4. Retirement and Emeritus Status

Retirement from active service is mandatory at the end of the appointment year in which a faculty member reaches his or her seventieth birthday. In rare instances and for exceptional reasons, by mutual agreement between the Board of Trustees and the individual concerned, a faculty member may be continued in service through annual appointments.

B. Introduction of New Business

No New Business was introduced.

Senate President McLaughlin adjourned the meeting at 4:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon Olson  
Secretary  
University Faculty Senate

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Attachment: Annual Report from Cte. on Diversity & Affirmative Action

UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

CHARGE TO THE ACADEMIC PRIORITIES REVIEW COMMITTEE

This committee shall provide direct faculty advice concerning long-term priorities for the University to the Office of the Provost. The committee will also advise the Office of the Provost in preparing materials for Middle States Accreditation reviews and updates, which occur on a five year interval. The committee will be provided with information secured by the Coordinating Committee on Education and other Faculty Senate committees concerning such matters as budgets and programs under review, and it will meet regularly with the Provost.

The Committee shall consist of five members, who shall be the present and three most recent former chairpersons of the Faculty Senate Coordinating Committee on Education and one former winner of the Francis Alison award. In the event that a former chair of the Coordinating Committee cannot serve, another former Senate officer may be appointed as a substitute. Members shall serve four year terms, with one Senate member joining and one leaving each year. The committee will elect its own chair.

WHEREAS, some abuses of the credit-by-examination option have been noted, and

WHEREAS, the current credit-by-examination application

form contains a misleading option as a basis for request, and

WHEREAS, the current credit-by-examination application permits only three grades (A, B, P), and

WHEREAS, a broader range of grades can be achieved in most University courses, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the relevant paragraph in the Academic Regulations section of the Undergraduate Catalog, page 21, be amended as follows:  
[Deleted text is double underlined and added text is in bold type.]

CREDIT BY EXAMINATION

The University provides to all matriculated and Continuing Education students the opportunity to obtain college credit by examination for demonstrated competence attained through professional experience, independent study, or some similar learning experience, but not by previous enrollment in a University of Delaware course. General inquiries concerning credit by examination should be directed to the department offering the course for which the student seeks credit. Credit by examination is not allowed in experimental courses or independent study courses. A credit-by-examination form, available at the . . . .

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

that any legal grade may be assigned to performance in credit-by-examination substitutions and that the application form reflect that range of grades.