

REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

NOVEMBER 14, 1996

MINUTES

Senators excused were: Gina Bryant, Daniel Callahan, Hugh Frick, Paul Hooper, Mark Huddleston, Dana Johnson, Lesley Knapp, John Kraft, Kevin Laverty, Charles Pavitt, Carolyn Thoroughgood, David Margalit

Senators absent were: Steven Helmling, Francis Kwansa, William Marshall, M. Zuhair Nashed, John Nye, Shawn Phillilps, Alvina Quintana, Tuncay Saydam

I. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved as distributed.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the October 7, 1996 meeting were approved as corrected for the list of Senators excused. Following is the corrected list:

Senators excused were: Gina Bryant, Pamela Cummings, Jack Gallagher, Larry Kalkstein, Edward Kerner, Francis Kwansa, Tommy Richardson, Carolyn Thoroughgood

III. REMARKS BY PROVOST SCHIAVELLI

The Provost mentioned two items of interest to the Senate. He thanked the Executive Committee for its willingness to involve the Senate in an examination of University-wide general education requirements, and asked that the University Faculty Senate coordinate its work with the College of Arts and Science which is currently examining its own requirements. Secondly, he noted that the number of National Merit Scholar semi-finalists that have accepted an invitation to visit the University with their parents is up 50 percent over last year. Since a large percentage of those who visit the campus choose to come to the University, this is good news.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Palley announced that there was one announcement for challenge, a proposed change in the name of the Department of Biology to the Department of Biological Sciences. There being no objection, the name change was approved.

V. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

President Palley brought to the attention of the Senate two "Sense of the Senate" Resolutions on two proposals for academic reorganization, originating outside the faculty. The two resolutions come with the positive recommendation of the Coordinating Committee which held separate open hearings on each of the two proposed mergers.

President-Elect Carroll, chair of the Coordinating Committee, introduced the first resolution. Following extensive discussion, much of which concerned whether or not various Senate Committees and various College Faculties had discussed and/or voted on the resolutions on the floor, and the response of the Deans of the affected Colleges on possible advantages to the mergers, the following resolution was brought to a vote. (The vote was 48 yes, 1 no, with 3 abstentions.)

WHEREAS, the Bylaws of the Board of Trustees state that the faculty shall be given the opportunity to consider and make recommendations on proposals originating outside the faculty regarding changes in the University organization before final action is taken by the Board of Trustees, and

WHEREAS, the faculty have developed a mission statement and administrative structure for a new college (described in the attachments), and

WHEREAS, this college will provide currently offered and enhanced academic programs to students and create significant opportunities for faculty and staff development, as well as the potential for new resources, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that effective July 1, 1997, the College of Physical Education, Athletics, and Recreation and the College of Nursing be merged to form a new college, the College of Health and Nursing Sciences,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

that this new college will include the following academic units: Department of Nursing, Department of Medical Technology, Department of Nutrition and Dietetics, Department of Physical Education, Athletics, and Recreation, and the Biomechanics and Movement Science Program.

The second resolution was put on the floor and a lengthy debate followed. The majority of questions concerned details of the proposed merger and just how it would work in practice. The Provost presented as two primary reasons for the proposed merger, the coordination of teacher education programs, which affect all three of the now-separate colleges, and the increase in flexibility of budget administration which would be possible for a merged college.

Senator Gottfredson, after raising a number of questions about implementation, moved that the resolution be tabled. That motion was seconded. The motion to table was defeated.

Questions were raised about budget implications and the Provost explained that there were no immediate budget implications, but did not guarantee that there would be none in the future depending upon what recommendations came from the merged College.

Senator Curry introduced a friendly amendment, which was seconded and accepted. That amendment inserted the word "temporarily" before the proposed name of the new College. Following discussion, that amendment was approved by vote.

Following discussion of such matters as who would vote, promotion and tenure procedures, and the comment by Vice Provost Andersen that such matters would be determined by the new organizations, and following the reading of relevant sections of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Senate regarding voting membership as defined by the Board of Trustees, and after assurance was given by Vice Provost Andersen that departmental promotion and tenure documents would remain in place and that only College Promotion and Tenure guidelines would have to be developed, a vote was taken on the amended Sense of the Senate Resolution. (The following resolution was adopted by a vote of 41 yes, 6 opposed, and 4 abstentions.)

WHEREAS, the Bylaws of the Board of Trustees state that the faculty shall be given the opportunity to consider and make recommendations on proposals originating outside the faculty regarding changes in the University organization before final action is taken by the Board of Trustees, and

WHEREAS, the faculty and staff have developed a mission statement and administrative structure for a new college (described in the attachments), and

WHEREAS, this college will provide currently offered and enhanced academic programs to students and create significant opportunities for professional development of faculty and staff, as well as the potential for new resources, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that effective July 1, 1997, the College of

Education, the College of Human Resources, and the College of Urban Affairs and Public Policy be merged to form a new college temporarily named the College of Human Resources, Education, and Public Policy,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

that his new college will include the following academic units: Department of Individual and Family Studies, Department of Textiles, Design and Consumer Economics, Department of Hotel Restaurant and Institutional Management, Department of Educational Development, Department of Educational Studies, School of Urban Affairs and Public Policy.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Dilley
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