

REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE
September 14, 1998

SENATORS EXCUSED: Margaret Andersen, Costel Denson, Rudy D=Souza, Chris Kraft, Jerome Lewis, John Nye, Greg Weight, Rich Wolbers

SENATORS ABSENT: Gary Ebert, Brian Hanson, Clifford Keil, Jack Smith, James Thornton

I. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The Minutes of the May 4, 1998 meeting of the Senate were approved as distributed.

IV. REMARKS BY PROVOST SCHIAVELLI

Provost Schiavelli informed the Senate that the University=s capital campaign will be formally announced on October 2, 1998. The campaign will have two primary goals: 1) to raise contributions largely for endowment purposes, and 2) to maintain a new and higher level of giving to the University (\$30 million was raised last year). Provost Schiavelli noted that the proceeds from the capital campaign will be used for the following purposes in roughly equal measures: 1) Student support, including funding for undergraduate and graduate scholarships, undergraduate research, and internships; 2) academic program support, including funding for the library and such events as lecture series; 3) faculty support, including both professorships and opportunities for junior faculty; and 4) renovations, new space, and other expendables.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Keefe announced that recent Supreme Court decisions necessitated some changes in the University=s Sexual Harassment Policy. Specifically, the policy is being rewritten to eliminate the need for a written complaint before an inquiry proceeds. The revised policy is being forwarded to the Student Life Committee, and to the Committee on Faculty Welfare and Privileges.

President Keefe presented information about the functions and goals of the Faculty Senate so that all Senators can better understand their roles and responsibilities. As an addendum to describing the Senate roles and functions, powers of the faculty, privileges of the Faculty, standing committees, and Senate meeting structure, President Keefe noted that most of the Senate business is ordinary, but important. President Keefe also stated that perhaps the most important item on the Senate agenda this year will be the report from the Ad hoc Committee on General Education.

Assistant Provost Jeff Quirico informed the Senate about the University=s new Human Resources Management System (People Soft). The University purchased five modules designed for the public sector--human resources, benefits administration, flexible spending, payroll, and time and labor. These software programs promise greater productivity for the University, and easier functioning at the unit administrative level. Associate Provost Quirico stated that implementation will be by function as opposed to unit by unit. Provost Schiavelli commented that while other universities are turning to this system because of their Year 2000 problem, UD does not have that problem. Therefore, our purpose in turning to this new management system is to make life easier, not to solve a problem or to meet an implementation time deadline.

President Keefe proceeded to the Announcements for the Challenge. There being no challenges, the 1) new Honors BA in Chemistry Education, 2) the Asecond

option@ for the MA in Foreign Language Pedagogy (directed to the needs of in-service secondary educators) in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literature, and 3) revision to the MA and PhD Program in the Department of Mathematical Sciences were approved.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business on the agenda. President Keefe asked if there were other items of new business, reminding the Senate that such proposed items could not be acted upon until the next meeting. Hearing no proposed new business, President Keefe reminded the Senate that the next meeting is October 5, immediately following the general faculty meeting at 3:30, and then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted

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