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FACULTY SENATE
Minutes of July 31, 1968

MEMBERS PRESENT: Green, Lahey, Smith, Overton, Fagan, Ferguson, Price, Holley, Crane, Spaniol, Gover, Bouknight, Rawls.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Palmer, Tingley, (Price should have been included as present in the last minutes)

REPORTS:

- A. The third draft of the committee to form the Council of Faculties had been circulated to the members of the Senate. Crane and Ferguson made oral reports on the discussion leading to the third draft. The ad hoc committee spent a good portion of its time on the topics of reduced load for the Chairman of the Council of Faculties and the chairmen of the permanent committees - General Policy, Professional Relations and Finance - until the final recommendation was that the Chairman of the Council and "The Chairman of each committee, in order to perform his duties, shall have his teaching load reduced by the equivalent of a 3-semester hour course."

Another point of importance to the Senate was that of direct contact with the Board of Governors. The following section is quoted from the proposal returned by the ad hoc committee:

Relationship of the Council of Faculties to the Council of Presidents. The Council of presidents and the Council of Faculties have been authorized by the Board to consider any policies which affect all the institutions, any areas of coordination and planning which would be mutually beneficial to the institutions and their faculties and any procedures which if commonly pursued would lead to more efficient operation. If consideration of the enactment, revision or revocation of any policy, or a recommendation on any matter relating to faculty welfare, or any program concerning financial support or legislation, is initiated by the Board of Governors or one of the Councils the Executive Officer shall inform the Board and refer the matter to the other Council or Councils for evaluation and recommendation. If there are differences in view, every effort shall be made to reach agreement before a policy, recommendation, or program is presented to the Board by the Executive Officer. If, however, divergence of views on the entire matter or on any part of it cannot be reconciled, each Council, represented by its Chairman or by his designee as may be appropriate, will have the opportunity to present directly to the Board the reasons for the difference in view.

The proposed form of organization and the procedures does not give the Council of Faculties a direct line of communication with the Board of Governors as desired by the Faculty Senate in its previous conversations. It does offer the chances for a closer relationship between the Board and the faculties.

A question about the ratification process was raised. The draft says, "The proposal shall be ratified when it receives a majority of the total votes cast by the several faculties." With this recommendation, the possibility exists that one school which does not have a majority voting for approval will have to accept the form of organization.

Early in the discussion during ad hoc committee meetings, the topic of eligibility to vote for and to serve as representatives consumed a good deal of time. The final recommendation to the Board was: "Staff members eligible to vote shall include the full-time members of the academic staff except for President, Vice-President, Provost, Dean, Associate or Assistant Dean, Director, Registrar, Business Manager, Executive Assistant, Department Chairman or Head, Division Chairman or Head . . . To be eligible for election . . . members of the staff shall have served the institution they are to represent in a full-time capacity for a minimum of two consecutive years."

- B. In the report from the Council of Instructional Officers, it was mentioned that problems of room use and scheduling were of immediate concern. The possibility of an increase in class size was talked about and the advantages and disadvantages and disadvantages of large lecture sessions offered. It was agreed that these questions would be put on the agenda for the Senate to discuss at its meetings in the Fall.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. From Francis Pollard relative to the Council on Faculty Research and suggesting a reconsideration of policies.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Question of dismissal procedures - a committee was recommended under the chairmanship of Mr. Gover. Membership will be announced after individuals have accepted.
- B. Membership on the Honors Program Committee was established after the following faculty members have accepted appointments: Neil Thorburn, Lee Steinmetz, Giles Henderson, Clifton Foster, Helen Graves, Robert Weidner. Alternate members will be: Wesley Whiteside, Marian Stromquist, Ronald Basgall, James Krehbiel.
- C. Mr. Thut attended the meeting and pointed out the general lack of accomplishment of objectives by the Senate and the lack of referral of matters to the total faculty. He suggested that the faculty be canvassed in some way on salary, dismissal, promotion, retirement, and other items of importance. Similar feelings have been expressed by Senate members and methods of improving faculty involvement have been discussed. The possibilities of faculty feedback will be studied when the Senate meets in the Fall.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Discussion of the Council of Faculties - Discussion of the third draft of the proposal for a Council of Faculties was continued. On the point of released time for the Chairmen, approval was unanimous.
- B. Mr. Spaniol, Chairman of the Committee on Nominations and elections, presented the committee report for membership on the various appointive

committees. After the nominees' acceptance, the list will appear in the minutes of the Senate or as a separate notice to the faculty.

- C. Summer rotation was included as a main topic and it was generally felt that more material of a factual nature was necessary before opinions could be solidified. Dean Ringenberg should be able to supply information about contract, summer employment, policies related to summer employment, 10 and 12 month pay regulations. The Secretary was asked to compose a letter asking for as much information as possible.

CALENDAR

September	University Calendar
October	Welfare
November	Budget
December	-----
January	-----
February	Welfare
March	Committee Nominations
April	Elections
May	Buildings and Grounds

AGENDA

1. Revision of the Faculty Manual
2. Secretary to the Faculty
3. Procedures for study of the constitution
4. Hiring policies, consultation with department heads, year-round contract
5. Personnel Committee structure
6. Parking

William J. Crane
Secretary