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FACULTY SENATE

Minutes of November 12, 1985

The meeting was called to order at 2:07 p.m.

PRESENT: Wohlrabe, Miller, Goodrick, Sutton, Wiseman, Smith, Ozier, Coon, Stevens, Perkins, Heyduck, Sullivan

ABSENT: Janes, Norberg, Morice

VISITORS: Frank Parcels Chairperson of the Council on Graduate Studies, Robert Sonderman, Teri Brown EASTERN NEWS, Todd Miller Student Senate

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. From President Rives, copy of memo sent to search committee for the Acting Dean of the College of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation.
2. From President Rives, copy of memo to Dean Owens asking her to chair the search committee for the Acting Dean of the College of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation.
3. From B. Heyduck, Council of Faculties Agenda for meeting of November 10-11, 1985; copy of COF report to the October 10, 1985 BOG meeting; copy of COF letter to the BOG in reaction to the proposed Chancellor system.

The minutes of November 5, 1985 were considered. The following amendments were suggested: Change the date after Communication 4 to 10/29/85; Insert after "semester" in line 2, paragraph 2 of Old Business, "due to a heavy recruiting schedule"; Delete the paranthetical sentence in paragraph 2 of Old Business. The minutes were approved as amended.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Graduate Faculty Procedures Policy: In his discussion with the Faculty Senate Parcels indicated that the policy under consideration contains:
 - 1) A procedure proposed for nomination, not for application or renomination, to the graduate faculty.
 - 2) The newly proposed restrictions on adjunct faculty are intended to provide more motivation and more opportunity to teach graduate courses to full time faculty.
 - 3) Those with associate (formerly adjunct) membership will have expanded opportunities.
 - 4) Most of the areas under apparent attack have been unchanged from the previous 1983 procedures.
 - 5) The subject of "regional acclaim" is being restudied, redefined, and will be reworked.
 - 6) The level of competence in research continues to be left to individual departments to assess and to evaluate.
 - 7) The CGS does not and will not have a part in evaluating teaching competence. This is handled within the department and through the administrative line of department chairperson, College Dean, Dean of the Graduate School, and, if referred, to the VPAA.

The Council is now "holding" on final action until later in the year. Faculty with specific interests should contact or meet with the Graduate Council.

2. Committee Reports:

- 1) Installment Plan for tuition and fee payment: Goodrick reported that the committee will present a thorough plan soon.
3. Social Security and retirement system: Ozier reported that Dr. Dave Maurer, coordinator of Faculty Development, will work with the Master's program faculty in Gerontology to develop an informational seminar. The seminar will be held in January.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Council of Faculties Report: Heyduck, the Senate representative to the Council, reported on the November 10-11, 1985 meeting. The administrative implementation of the new 4-3-3-3-2 IBHE admissions guidelines was a major topic of concern. A committee was formed in the COF to study a means of determining the value of a public university education in Illinois.
2. Report on the "State of Our Public Universities" conference: Stevens reported on the conference. Among the areas of interest were sessions designed around: Mass education, diversity, and equality of educational opportunity should be a part of our national goals. There should be a growth in writing skills required in more fields. The drop-out (non-completion) rate, currently near 50 %, is too high. Too many faculty are not well-read in current research on successful practices in higher education. Exit assessment of skills is not a satisfactory way to evaluate student learning. The ultimate goal is reception by students of college level work. Universities are drawing more and more non-traditional students. Stevens indicated that the visual evidence of conference attendees showed a severe shortage of university classroom practioners. Most attendees were administrators, politicians, or invited speakers.

Wohlrabe and Perkins left at 3:22.

Miller left at 3:23.

With the loss of a quorum (10 senators) the meeting adjourned.

L. H. Coon
Secretary

The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will take place at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, November 19, 1985 in the Martinsville Room of the Martin Luther King University Union.