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Faculty Senate Minutes, September 17, 1996

1. Called to order by Chair Gail Richard at 2:03 p.m.

Present: J. Best, G. Foster, F. Fraker, N. Furumo, B. Kirk, H. Nordin, J. Ozier, G. Richard, J. Schmidt, J. Simpson, J. Tidwell, L. Walker, D. Wolf, A. Zahlan
Visitors: C. Burke, J. McGrath

II. Approval of Minutes of September 10, 1996

Corrections: IV.D.4.c. A motion (Simpson/Foster) that the Faculty Senate supports the President's decision that Interim VPAA/Provost Terry Weidner . . .

A motion (Walker/Nordin) to table the previous motion passed (9-4-1).

A motion (Schmidt/Ozier) to approve the minutes as corrected passed (12-1-1).

Yes: J. Best, G. Foster, F. Fraker, N. Furumo, B. Kirk, H. Nordin, J. Schmidt, J. Simpson, J. Tidwell, L. Walker, D. Wolf, A. Zahlan
No: J. Ozier

Abstain: G. Richard

III. Communications

- A. Memo from Vice President Hencken re: policy on posting and distribution of materials
- B. Student Senate Minutes
- C. Staff Senate Minutes
- D. Memo from Kim Furumo re: CUPB meeting 9/20/96 at 3:00
- E. Memo of appreciation to Bill Witsman and Sue Harvey for attending 9/10/96 Faculty Senate meeting
- F. memo from Ted Weidner to John Simpson re: font size of Minutes and volume of paper used to publish Minutes

IV. Old Business

A. Interim VPAA Position

A motion (Simpson/Furumo) to remove from the table the motion made 9-10-96 (. . . that the Faculty Senate supports the decision of the President that Interim VPAA/Provost Terry Weidner should continue in that position) passed (12-1-1).

Yes: J. Best, G. Foster, F. Fraker, N. Furumo, B. Kirk, H. Nordin, J. Ozier, J. Schmidt, J. Simpson, J. Tidwell, L. Walker, D. Wolf
No: A Zahlan

Abstain: G. Richard

- 1. As author of the 9/10/96 motion, J. Simpson withdrew the motion.
- 2. J. Simpson offered the following motion: The Faculty Senate commends Dr. Terry Weidner on his service as Interim VPAA/Provost and in the spirit of ethical cordiality wishes him well in his continued service in this office.

3. Involved discussion followed some points of which are outlined below.

4. J. Ozier called the question to end discussion.

5. A motion (Walker/Zahlan) to continue discussion of the motion failed (4-9-1).

Yes: G. Foster, H. Nordin, L. Walker, A. Zahlan

No: J. Best, F. Fraker, N. Furumo, B. Kirk, J. Ozier, J. Schmidt, J., Simpson, J. Tidwell, D. Wolf

Abstain: G. Richard

6. A motion (Simpson/ Foster) that the Faculty Senate commends Dr. Terry Weidner on his service as Interim VPAA/Provost and in the spirit of ethical cordiality wishes him well in his continued service passed (6-0-8).

Yes: G. Foster, N. Furumo, J. Ozier, J. Simpson, J. Tidwell, D. Wolf

Abstain: J. Best, F. Fraker, B. Kirk, H. Nordin, G. Richard, J. Schmidt, L. Walker, A. Zahlan

a. L. Walker commented that the faculty were not informed of or consulted in the President's decision to extend Dr. Weidner's tenure as VPAA/Provost.

Senator Walker repeated several times his point of view that the President's decision falls under Article III of the Faculty Senate Constitution (Communication Responsibility/Major Academic or Administrative Planning). He also made the point that the Faculty Senate is the most powerful body on campus.

b. Chair Richard replied that she did not see the matter falling under Article III and that the President's decision was a contractual/personnel matter.

c. J. Best commented that the President's decision was his prerogative.

d. J. Ozier commented that the President should always consider the impact of ongoing interim positions on the well being of the campus.

e. J. Tidwell offered a motion that the Faculty Senate go on record opposing interim positions that continue more than one year. The motion died for lack of a second.

f. There were other comments regarding shared governance and dissatisfaction with the process of the President's decision.

7. A motion (Wolf/Nordin) that in the spirit of shared governance, the Faculty Senate expresses concern regarding the appointment of interim administrative personnel for longer than one year without consultation with Faculty Senate passed (13-0-1).

Yes: J. Best, G. Foster, F. Fraker, N. Furumo, B. Kirk, H. Nordin, J. Ozier, J. Schmidt, J. Simpson, J. Tidwell, L. Walker, D. Wolf, A. Zahlan

Abstain: G. Richard

a. J. Best commented that he considered satisfactory consultation to be of two sorts: (1) the President comes to the Senate and says something like, "Here's

my idea; what about it?" and (2) "Here's my plan. Unless you can give me compelling reasons not to keep this plan on track, it will be done."

B. Faculty Forum

1. The Faculty Forum is scheduled for Tuesday, September 24, 2:00-4:00, in the Effingham Room of the MLK Union.
2. No prospective speakers have yet made themselves known to Chair Richard.
3. A one page flyer re: the Forum has been mailed campus wide.
4. As previously announced, the primary topic of the Forum will be University College.

C. Committee Reports

1. Nominations

- a. No candidates for UPC have come forth from the old College of Fine Arts: Music, Art, Theatre Arts
- b. Discussions are ongoing with CAH Dean Jim Johnson re: an appointment to fill this position.
- c. This matter is particularly vexing because the UPC is mandated by the Agreement and must be fully staffed.

2. Elections

- a. The following six colleagues submitted nominating petitions and will be on the ballot for the Faculty Senate special election:
Heribert Breidenbach, Foreign Languages
Richard Hummel, Sociology
Robert Jorstad, Geology/Geography
Patrick M. Lenihan, Economics
Gail Lockart, Early Childhood, Elementary,
Middle Level Education
Howard Price, Journalism
- b. Senate candidates were asked to answer the following question: Comment on the discussions and actions of this year's Faculty Senate. Mention where you agree and where you disagree. What are the issues that you feel the Senate should discuss for the rest of 1996-97?

Patrick M. Lenihan -- The most significant issue facing the Faculty Senate is the new university college. The present Senate should be commended for making this the subject of the fall forum. Hopefully many of the questions concerning the new "college" will be answered then, and the Senate can make an informed recommendation to the President.

Gail Lockart -- one of the concerns of Faculty Senate this year has been the study of the concept of University College. I agree with the intent of the concept to improve services available to students through student academic services, enrollment, advisement, retention, and undergraduate studies. One area I would like to explore is the effect the University

College would have on the Counseling Center. In order for students to have appropriate counseling services, we need to have several doctoral level staff members in place. In addition, I would like to explore the effect that University College would have on advisement. I feel the Senate should consider University College to be one of its major issues.

c. The elections will be conducted Wednesday, September 25, from 8:00 to 4:00, across from the MLK Union Bookstore, and Thursday, September 26, from 8:00 to 4:00, on the bridge between the old and new wings of the MLK Union.

3. Faculty-Staff Relations -- No report

4. Faculty- Student Relations -- Student representatives to the Faculty Senate to be named soon.

5. The Parking Committee will meet October 1 at 11:00. Any concerns re: parking should be forwarded to Lankford Walker (AcctFin).

6. Owing to Chair Richard's schedule, Secretary Simpson will represent the Faculty Senate in her stead at the first meeting of the CUPB Friday, September 20, at 3:00.

V. New Business

A. The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be Tuesday, October 1, 2:00-4:00 in the usual venue.

B. Agenda items at the next meeting will include election results, reports on CUPB and the Board of Trustees meetings, and discussion of the Fall Faculty Forum.

VI. The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Simpson, Secretary