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MINUTES OF MEETING OF FACULTY SENATE, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1971, 10:00 A.M. IN FRONTIER ROOM, MEMORIAL UNION.


ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Harbin, Dr. Jellison, David Tarrant, Mr. S. Johnson (parliamentarian)

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as distributed.

Chairman Staven reported on several items:

1. The college sick leave policy now is that colleagues will cover for a faculty member for 90 days, disability insurance covers any additional time off.

2. The Student Senate President reports that evaluation of faculty members who have agreed to be evaluated will be at the end of the first nine weeks of the Spring Semester.

3. President Gustad urges each faculty member to acquaint himself with the recently published NCA report. Department and Division Chairmen and Dr. Staven have copies.

4. The Council of State Faculty Senate Presidents meets January 11 to discuss legislative budgets.

5. Dr. Staven has been appointed to the committee to select a new football coach. If anyone has any suggestions contact Dr. Staven.

Dr. William Robinson announced that Dr. Donald Hoyt will meet with the Senate College Affairs Committee on January 6. Interested people are welcome to attend the meeting.

Dr. Staven remarked on the Leader's statement that Faculty Senate had refused to act on the proposed college budget. Dr. Staven had told the reporter that Faculty Senate had not had an opportunity to meet on the budget question. Therefore, he could not comment.

Lewis Miller reported that Dr. Garwood had appeared before the Academic Affairs Committee to propose that we do something about the way students have taken advantage of the new drop system. He feels some students are not seriously pursuing a degree. The Academic Affairs Committee is also discussing a proposal from Dr. Sackett for a major in Special Studies. It is also working on the ROTC question.

Mr. McConnell announced that the College Affairs Committee is still working on the Code of Ethics. It will probably be ready by the next meeting.

Mr. Fundis presented a report on academic rank and tenure. It is a tabulation for information purposes.

Dr. Oliva moved and Dr. Forsythe seconded a motion that the report be distributed to all faculty. Passed.
Dr. Forsythe presented Resolution 1 from the College Affairs Committee. (See attached sheet)

Mr. McConnell moved that the senate adopt Resolution 1. Mr. Rupp seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mr. Rupp reported that the Student Affairs Committee met to discuss the Student Bill of Rights. It made some corrections, but feels that it is much better than last year's document. The Committee recommends its adoption.

Dr. Jellison spoke in support of the Student Bill of Rights. It is greatly improved over last year's. He doesn't see anything in it that would be objectionable to the campus community. He recommends approval.

Mr. Tarrant believes the students need a codified set of rules. He pointed out that the document can always be amended. He recommends approval.

Dr. Slechta feels a couple of points need changing.

Since not all Senate members have copies of the Student Bill of Rights, further discussion was postponed to the next meeting.

Under new business the dissemination of senate information was discussed.

Dr. Robinson moved that the Executive Committee be in charge of releasing all Faculty Senate publications. Dr. Parish seconded the motion. It passed 27 for, 2 against.

Dr. Forsythe moved that the Senate adopt Resolution 2. It was seconded by Dr. Sackett and discussion followed.

Dr. Miller: The resolution is too vague.

Dr. Steven: Faculty should be involved at the departmental level.

Dr. Forsythe: Faculty should be involved at college level.

Mr. Drinan moved to amend the resolution by changing "decisions" in line 2 to "policy." Seconded by Mr. Rupp. Discussion followed.

Dr. Forsythe: We need some faculty input into budget decisions.

Dr. Parish: Faculty representation in policy making makes sense, but not in decisions.

The motion to amend passed 27 - 0.

The resolution as amended passed 27 - 5.

Dr. Oliva moved that the note following Resolution 2 be adopted as a resolution. The motion passed.

Dr. Forsythe moved the adoption of Resolution 3.
Dr. Sackett moved that the resolution be amended by eliminating "as it affects the summer school program." The amendment passed.

The amended motion passed.

Dr. Forsythe moved the adoption of Resolution 4. Seconded by Dr. Miller.

Dr. Oliva moved that the resolution be amended by striking everything after "administrative" in line 3. Seconded by Dr. Parish.

The amendment passed.

The motion as amended failed.

Dr. Forsythe moved the adoption of Resolution 5. Seconded by Dr. Oliva.

The motion failed.

In response to a question, Mr. Campbell said that last year the library budget was $142,000. This year it was $155,000. This amount has now been reduced to $85,000 of which $40,000 is for duplicating and other expenditures.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Ellen Veed, Secretary

LaVier Staven, Chairman