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FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

December 6, 1982

The meeting was called to order by Dr. John Watson, Faculty Senate President, at 3:30 p.m. in the Pioneer Lounge of the Memorial Union.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Mr. Frank Nichols, Dr. Frank Potter, Mr. Elton Schroder, Dr. John Watson, Ms. Martha Eining, Mr. Larry Grimsley, Ms. Sharon Barton, Dr. Larry Nicholson, Dr. Stephen Shapiro, Dr. Marcia Bannister, Dr. John Ratzlaff, Dr. Dan Kauffman, Dr. Billy Daley, Dr. William Robinson, Dr. Allan Miller, Dr. Richard Leeson, Dr. Michael Meade, Dr. Benito Carballo, Mr. Gary Arbogast, Dr. Mark Giese, Dr. Robert Luehrs, Ms. Rosa Jones, Mr. Don Barton, Mr. Jerry Wilson, Dr. Jeffrey Barnett, Dr. Elton Beougher, Dr. Lewis Miller, Ms. Marilyn Scheuerman, Dr. Stephen Tramel, Dr. William Welch, Mr. Richard Heil, and Dr. Nevell Razak.

Members absent were Dr. Garry Brower, Mr. Robert Brown, Ms. Rose Brungardt, and Dr. Cameron Camp. Ms. Clarice Peteete attended as alternate for Ms. Brungardt.

Others present were Dr. James Murphy, Vice President for Academic Affairs; Dr. Robert Camp, Dean of the School of Business; Dr. Wally Guyot, Chairman of the Department of Business Education and Office Administration; Ms. Mona Hill, Leader reporter; and Mr. Chick Howland, reporter for the Hays Daily News.

The minutes of the November 4, 1982 meeting were approved following a wording change.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The FHSU Faculty Executive Committee forwarded to Dr. Murphy a formal response to the Program Review Document which will be initiated in 1983. All programs will be reviewed once every five years under a staggered system.
2. An effort is being made by the Senate Presidents to convince the Regents to work very hard to convince the Governor's Office and the Legislature to invest in higher education resources which will attract high technology industry into Kansas. The Kansas Department of Economic Development released a study in November of 1982 which states that from 1974 to 1980 70% of the net growth in manufacturing employment was in high technology industry. "From now until the year 2000, it is estimated that over 75% of the nations industrial growth will be in the high technology industries." ... "the most significant locational factor for such a firm is labor: highly

skilled and available technical personnel. A university system which is noted for its excellence is viewed by these firms as a prime source of such labor: faculty consultants, research assistants, and graduating students."

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Affairs-Dr. Mark Giese, Chair

Dr. Giese announced that M₉ and M₁₀ were to be deleted from the agenda.

M₁ The Academic Affairs Committee moved that the Dean of Arts and Sciences shall be given the authority to appoint a committee to review their departmental courses in general education, and the findings shall be presented to the Academic Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate. There was no discussion. The motion was approved.

M₂ The Committee presented a motion that mid-semester grades shall continue to be issued under present policies. Dr. Allan Miller spoke against the motion explaining that the initiative for the motion to abolish mid-terms which he had presented in November had come from faculty members in elementary education who have 70-80 advisees each. He said that their belief was that the mid-term does not provide any information that the "students don't already have or more importantly that they shouldn't already have." He urged the abolishment of mid-term grades because of the (1) money to be saved, (2) image enhancement for the University, (3) need to put responsibility on the students. Mr. Heil spoke urging that the status quo be maintained for present since the Leader's student poll had indicated that students prefer mid-terms. However he suggested that a reevaluation might be made in a couple of years if students do not begin picking up their mid-term grades. Dr. Giese spoke in favor of the motion because of the difficulty in advising without mid-terms. Dr. Leeson said that students seem to want mid-terms but put little stock in them. Dr. Allan Miller also pointed out that I's seem to be given frequently. Mr. Nichols emphasized that we should be proud that we do spend time doing extra counseling with students. After clarification regarding the current motion, members voted 20-9 in favor of the motion.

M₃ Academic Affairs moved that a new program proposal for the Department of Business Education and Office Administration entitled Business Communications be approved. Mr. Heil asked if we were voting for a new title or new program. Dr. Camp responded that it is a new program. Motion carried.

M₄ Academic Affairs moved that a new course proposal for the Department of Business Education and Office Administration entitled 501 Managerial Communication, 3 credit hours, be approved. Dr. Tramel questioned whether this course might conflict with current Communication Department courses. Dr. Giese responded that Dr. Costigan, Communication Chair, had indicated no conflict with currently offered courses. The motion was approved.

M₅ Academic Affairs presented another motion for approval of a new course for the Department of Business Education and Office Administration. The course is 502 Seminar in Business Communications for 3 credit hours. The motion carried.

M₆ A third motion for course approval for the Department of Business Education was presented. It was for course 582 Office Information Systems for 3 credit hours. The motion carried.

M₇ Academic Affairs moved that the course 583 Labor Management Relations and Collective Bargaining, 3 credit hours, be approved for the Department of Economics. The motion carried.

M₈ A motion was presented for 770 Economic Education Workshop II, 3 credit hours, also in the Department of Economics. The motion carried.

By-Laws and Standing Rules--Mr. Frank Nichols, Chair

The Committee had no report.

Student Affairs--Dr. Allan Miller, Chair

Dr. Miller reported that 456 seniors were eligible to apply for Who's Who. From the 112 who did apply, 46 were selected for the Who's Who honor. Dr. Miller suggested that the timeline for selection be scrutinized with the possibility of moving it forward to allow more time prior to the deadline. Dr. Watson added that the Fall Senate calendar is currently under study and that by-law changes may be recommended. Dr. Miller also urged that the Who's Who criteria be examined because they seem to discriminate against the non-traditional student.

University Affairs--Mr. Gary Arbogast, Chair

Mr. Arbogast announced that University Affairs has been meeting monthly and is currently dealing with three concerns. The first is the extraction of appropriate AAUP guidelines for reduction and reallocation of faculty. A subcommittee chaired by Dr. Welch is working on that project. The University Affairs Committee is also gathering information about any tax-sheltered options and health insurance riders which may become available to the faculty. They are also trying to ascertain if progress is being made on an early retirement plan.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion 1 from November had been withheld from publication until clarification could be made before the Senate. Dr. Watson asked the Senate to approve the basic content of the former motion, i.e. allowing the Mathematics Department to 'establish an option in computer science.' as a friendly amendment to the broader motion. He then asked Dr. Beougher to explain the Mathematics major and the motion. Dr. Beougher reported that the math major currently has two options: (1) teaching and (2) industrial-academic. The current format proposal is for the purpose of bringing the computer emphasis within the second option up to the level of a third option. He restated the motion that the Mathematics Department proposal to establish an option in computer science in the mathematics major be approved. Dr. Grimsley inquired if there would be overlap with computer offerings in the School of Business. Dr. Beougher responded that the math students could take nine hours of computer courses from Business as cognate

courses to the math major. He explained that the computer science option within the math major should have the advantage of making students more employable. He said that the FHS proposal is based on a design of the Mathematics Association of America and the American Mathematics Society. The math major with a computer science option is 34 credit hours. There is no computer science major at Fort Hays State University. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business. Dr. Giese asked that the Academic Affairs Committee remain for a short meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20.

Respectfully submitted,



Marcia Bannister
Faculty Senate Secretary

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