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FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
JANUARY 10, 1989

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Ron Sandstrom, President of the Faculty Senate, at 3:30 PM in the Pioneer Lounge of the Memorial Union.

The following members were present: Mr. Rick Mullen, Mr. Dale Ficken, Ms. Martha Holmes, Dr. Fred Britten, Dr. Thomas Wenke, Dr. Manton Gibbs, Ms. Joan Rumpel, Dr. Jim Rucker, Dr. James Hohman, Dr. Bill Watt, Mr. Jack Logan, Dr. Bill Powers, Dr. Paul Phillips, Dr. Bill Rickman, Dr. Paul Gatschet, Mr. David Ison, Dr. Tom Kerns, Dr. John Klier, Dr. Merlene Lyman, Dr. Ron Sandstrom, Dr. Jeff Barnett, Dr. Lewis Miller, Dr. Martin Shapiro, Ms. Marcia Masters, Dr. Paul Faber, Dr. Jack Barbour (for Dr. Larry Gould), Dr. Robert Markley, Dr. Richard Schellenberg, Dr. Nevell Razak, Dr. Michael Kallam.

Members absent: Dr. Bill Daley, Dr. Lloyd Frerer, Ms. Leona Pfeifer, Mr. Glenn Ginther, Mr. Marc Campbell, Mr. Kevin Schilling, Ms. Dianna Koerner, Dr. Maurice Witten,

Also present: Dr. Jack McCullick, Dr. James Murphy, Dr. Ellen Veed, Dr. Robert Meier.

The minutes of the December 5, 1988 meeting were approved as distributed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The members of the Ad Hoc Committee to deal with the graduation ceremonies are: Dr. Merlene Lyman, Chair; Ms. Martha Holmes, Dr. Al Geritz, James Sechrist, and Melanie Stube.

There has been a resignation from the Executive Committee. Dr. John Klier will not be on campus during the 1989-90 academic year. Since Dr. Klier is currently president-elect of the Faculty Senate, it will be necessary to have an election at the February meeting. The nominating committee will be submitting names and nominations will be accepted from the floor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS: Reported by Mr. Jack Logan.

The first motion presented by this committee is:

Motion 1:

A computer literacy requirement will be added to the degree requirements for the Bachelor's Degree.

Dr. Miller indicated that the Senate needed more information on how this will be done. Dr. Murphy said that it is assumed that the requirement will be fulfilled as students fulfill any other university requirement. It does not necessarily add to the total hours, but as a student goes thorough the process, this requirement is met along with other requirements. Mr. Logan indicated that this idea does come from the President.

Dr. Lyman asked about those programs which are already in excess of the 124 hours, would this add to this number? Dr. Murphy indicated that no one told us that we could not go beyond the minimum of 124.

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Dr. Kerns asked when this would be effective. Mr. Logan said that it would be a part of our next catalog. Dr. Murphy said that it would not be retroactive and that a decision would be made that starting after a particular date, all students would need to meet this requirement.

Dr. Powers asked if this would be for all programs. Mr. Logan answered that it would be for all programs.

Dr. Miller asked about the process for a student who chose to quiz out of a course and who would monitor it. Mr. Logan indicated that this would be an option and would be worked out among the departments.

Dr. Phillips indicated that his department is uncomfortable with the term 'literacy'. If a student has competency on one system, would they have to learn a new system? Mr. Logan said that if the student can demonstrate concepts using other software, then it will fulfill this requirement.

Dr. Miller inquired if there were enough stations to handle the number of students. Mr. Logan indicated that there were enough stations.

Dr. Markley asked that if the minimum degree requirements is 124, would departments need to reduce the number of hours for their major by 3 or would they need to eliminate 3 hours of electives or are we now saying that the minimum degree requirement is 127? Mr. Logan indicated that it is a departmental decision. Dr. Gatschet indicated that most students graduate with more than 124 hours. He said that if you change the number of hours required for the degree, then you require more hours for those students who are already literate.

Dr. Schellenberg reminded the Senate that this motion deals with the idea that there be a requirement for computer literacy. This is independent of how the requirement would be met.

Dr. Miller indicated that he is in favor of the idea, but would like to see more information about the testing system, etc. Mr. Logan indicated that the motion was intended to be very general.

There was a call for the question.

The motion carried with several dissenting votes.

Motion 2:

Contingent upon acceptance of a University computer literacy requirement, MACS 163 or CIQM 101 [should be] accepted to fulfill such a requirement.

[]: friendly amendment changed this to 'will be'.

Mr. Logan explained that this motion deals with two courses from different departments. The courses share a common syllabus.

Dr. Phillips noted that it appears that these two courses will determine what computer literacy is on this campus. Mr. Logan stated that that was correct. Mr. Ison noted that these courses are dealing with minimum levels only. Dr. Phillips asked how many students could test out of this course.

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Mr. Logan said that even though three students tested out of CIQM 101 in the fall, several students decided not to test out and to complete the course.

Dr. Powers asked if there were any provisions for students to meet this requirement in any other way. Mr. Logan said that the goal is to have a common base for everyone.

Dr. Hohman stated that several members of his department raised the concern that we may be repelling those students that we want to attract. Many students may have had extensive training from previous experiences, but may not have had specific experience with one aspect of the course. He stated that he would like something in this motion that other experiences with computers may be acceptable. In addition, if we require three hours, will this be added to the requirements or could it be elective hours from general education requirements or even reduce the number of general education hours required? Mr. Logan stated that he felt these ideas went with the previous motion.

Dr. Phillips stated that geology students are required to take several courses dealing with programming. Mr. Logan stated that programming alone did not make a student computer literate.

Dr. Klier asked about the information in the course outline which states that departmental applications will be included within the course. He asked how departments will know that these interests are being addressed. Mr. Logan and Dr. Veed both indicated that applications are covered from many different areas and that students are often asked to complete a paper on applications within their specific area. Guest speakers could also be used.

Dr. Miller inquired that if this motion passes, then the student must fulfill the computer literacy requirement by: (1) taking one of these two courses; or (2) submit to and pass an examination prepared by the instructors of the courses. Mr. Logan said that that was correct. Dr. Miller said that the second phrase of the motion would make more sense if it said 'will be' rather than should be. Mr. Logan asked if he was offering a friendly amendment. Therefore, the motion now reads:

Contingent upon acceptance of a University computer literacy requirement, MACS 163 or CIQM 101 will be accepted to fulfill such a requirement.

Dr. Phillips asked if departments will have the opportunity to see or have input on the exams that are used to test-out of this course. Mr. Logan said this is up to the individual faculty member teaching the course, but that he felt that they would.

Dr. Hohman asked if a statement that equivalent demonstration of computer literacy would be accepted to meet this motion. It was stated that a student already has that option through the test-out option. Students should be encouraged to challenge the requirement if they feel that they have this requirement. Dr. Hohman said that he would like to see every student tested through some standardized procedure.

Mr. Mullen asked if a transfer student could bring a course with them from another institution. Mr. Logan said that they could.

There was a call for the question.

The motion carried with several dissenting votes.

UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS: The report was presented by Dr. Faber.

Dr. Faber asked for questions to be directed to Dr. Klier regarding the reassigned time policy.

Dr. Markley asked why we are voting on this again since we had voted on it once before. Dr. Klier said that Dr. Hammond had accepted Track I of the policy, but wanted us to reconsider Track II and realize that the money was coming out of the general salary pool. Track II will allow smaller departments to participate in this program.

Motion 3.

The Faculty Senate reaffirms its' decision to have the reassigned time policy as proposed and passed on May 10, 1988 implemented at Fort Hays State University.

Dr. Miller asked that if we currently have the 60-20-20 division available with flexibility, then do we need a reassigned policy? Dr. Klier said this was needed in order for all departments to be able to participate. The dollars will come out of the salary pool during the first year only.

The motion carried.

Dr. Faber distributed revisions of Appendix O. President Sandstrom indicated that he would limit debate on this topic to 15 minutes at this time and will vote on this at the next meeting.

Discussion included some clarifications of the amendments and the process of the candidates receiving feedback. In addition, the composition of the tenure and promotion committees was discussed.

STUDENT AFFAIRS: No report.

BY-LAWS AND STANDING RULES: No report.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: No report. Dr. Sandstrom asked Dr. Razak to convene this committee and elect a new chair.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

LIAISON REPORTS

LIBRARY: Dr. Barnett reported that the library will be sending additional information for serials review in the near future.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT: Ms. Holmes reported that the Student Government had rejected the suggestion for a change in graduation ceremonies as presented by Dr. Geritz.

The meeting adjourned at 4:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Fred Britten, Secretary
FHSU Faculty Senate