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

ROLL CALL

The secretary called the roll and the following members were present:

Ms. Joanne Harwick, Ms. Virginia Bornholdt, Dr. Sam Warfel, Mr. Dewayne Winterlin, Mr. Robert Brown, Dr. Lewis Miller, Dr. Lloyd Frerer, Mr. David LeFurgey, Mr. Thaine Clark, Mr. Elton Schroder, Dr. John Watson, Dr. Charles Votaw, Ms. Ellen Veed, Dr. Louis Caplan, Ms. Sandra Rupp, Dr. Robert Meier, Ms. Patricia Rhoades, Mr. Bill Rickman, Dr. Ann Liston, Dr. Allan Busch, Mr. Richard Heil, Dr. Ron Smith, Dr. Nevell Razak, Dr. James Stansbury, Dr. Billy Daley, Ms. Donna Harsh, Ms. Orvone Johnson, Mr. Edgar McNeil, Ms. Sandris Lindsay, Mr. Glenn Ginther, Mr. Mac Reed, Ms. Carolyn Gatschet.

The following members were absent: Dr. Steven Tramel, Dr. Ed Shearer, Dr. Paul Philips, Ms. Calvina Thomas.

The following alternate was present: Dr. Delbert Marshall for Shearer.

The minutes of the February meeting were approved as distributed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Professor Richard Heil, Chairman of the University Affairs Committee has written letters to area state legislators, thanking them for their efforts to achieve the governor's recommended 7% faculty salary increase and urging them to seek amendment of the House Ways and Means Committee bill from the 6% reported by the committee to 7%.

2. A search for a FHSU Director of Space Utilization and Scheduling is underway, chaired by Mr. Steve Wood. Professor Charles Votaw is the faculty member at large serving on the search committee.

3. The Regents University Faculty Senate Presidents met in Wichita, February 15, 1979, to discuss plans for their proposed meeting with Governor Carlin in March and the general faculty senate officers meeting in Lawrence, April 19, 1979. There was no RICC meeting on February 15. The Senate Presidents met again, March 15, 1979, in Topeka and were received by the governor in his office. The group discussed better faculty liaison with the governor and legislature, formula funding, and the misunderstandings about average professors' salaries generated by the average salaries drawn from the unclassified salary budgets of the Regents' universities. At the RICC meeting, March 15, presentations were made by Professor William Perel of Wichita State on the Faculty Senate Presidents' meeting with Governor Carlin and by KU Chancellor Archie Dykes on the erosion of Regents' universities' unique mission and independence by non-academic state and federal agencies.
4. President Tomanek has approved all the Faculty Senate's recommendations of February 13, 1979.

5. The President's Advisory Committee on Faculty Salary and Fringe Benefit Requests has met and is preparing a recommendation for FY81 which will be submitted to the President by April 1, 1979. Professor Jack McCulloch, chairman of the Advisory Committee, prepared a "Real Income" survey of average FHSU faculty salaries 1967 to 1978. The survey shows that the real income of FHSU faculty for 1977-78 was virtually unchanged relative to 1967-68 and actually declined 4.5% relative to 1972-73.

6. The ad hoc Academic Advising Committee at FHSU has reported to President Tomanek a comprehensive program for academic advising at FHSU, to be implemented on an interim basis this spring term. The Academic Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate will now consider the program before it is permanently installed.

7. The ad hoc Faculty Promotions Criteria Committee has completed a study of promotion practices at FHSU from 1970 to 1978; it has prepared descriptions of each rank and the university criteria for promotion to each rank. The committee will soon make its recommendations to the Academic Council after which the University Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate will consider the report.

8. Enrollment Report, Fall 1979, as of March 6, 1979:

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9. The ad hoc Proficiency Examinations Committee held an open meeting with Dean Peterson of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, ESU, February 27, 1979. Dr. Peterson discussed the implementation of proficiency examinations in the ESU College of Arts and Sciences for reading, composition and computation skills. Those examinations will be mandatory for ESU liberal arts juniors in the Fall Term 1979. Anyone desiring input on this issue should contact Professor John Watson, chairman of the committee.

10. At the February 20, 1979, meeting of the Academic Council, it was announced by Vice President Eickhoff that the new Faculty Handbook would be ready in about ten days. The handbook has not yet been distributed.

11. The Destiny Statement Implementation Task Force has been meeting weekly to consider the Programs Committee reports. A recommendation to the President on the committee's report touching general education at FHSU is nearly complete. The Research Committee has also completed a report to the Destiny Task Force and the Cultural and Intellectual Committee is near completion of its report to the Task Force. All Destiny Statement committees are scheduled to make reports to the Task Force by April 15, 1979.

12. The FHSU 1979 Torch Award Committee is being formed and four faculty members are needed to serve with Faculty Senate President and others on this committee. It will meet at 3:15 PM, April 10, 1979, in the State Room of the Memorial Union.
Dr. Miller asked what misunderstandings about average salaries were referred to in announcement 3. Dr. Busch explained that the Faculty Senate presidents had explained to Governor Carlin that professors' salaries are lower than the average unclassified salaries because this average includes administrators' salaries.

Dr. Busch added with reference to announcement 1 that there was reason to believe that the Senate Ways and Means Committee might report 7% rather than the 6% the House committee has recommended. This would require a compromise.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Affairs Committee--Dr. Smith, Chair

Dr. Smith moved that the following courses be approved:

M1 Nursing 294 Nursing Transition. (Stansbury seconded) Dr. Smith explained that this course was intended to help nurses who have less than a bachelor's degree to enter the FHS degree program. The motion carried.


M4 Home Economics 472 Teaching Family Relations. (Stansbury seconded) This motion included the stipulation that the course include as prerequisites Psychology 100 General Psychology and Sociology 488 Sociology of the Family. The motion carried.

By-laws and Standing Rules--Mr. Lefurgey, Chair

On behalf of the committee Mr. Lefurgey moved that the following titles be given to Standing Rules 1 through 5:

SR 1 Student Representation on Standing Committees
SR 2 Instrument for University President's Response to Senate Meetings
SR 3 Committee Proposals to be Considered at Senate Meetings
SR 4 Department Representation on Faculty Senate
SR 5 Department Notification of Expiring Terms of Senators

(Mr. McNeil seconded)

Dr. Razak suggested that By-law number 2 was poorly worded. The rule does not really state a rule. Mr. Ginther called the question. Dr. Busch asked for a voice vote on the call for the question. The call was upheld.

The motion carried.
Mr. Lefurgey reported that the committee was in the process of publishing a revised, and up-to-date version of the By-laws and Standing Rules which it hoped to have available to Senators by the next meeting.

He also reported that the committee was in the process of notifying department chairmen of the procedures for electing Senators and alternates for next year.

Dr. Frerer moved that the By-laws and Standing Rules Committee be empowered to rewrite Standing Rule 2 to read more like a rule. Dr. Busch ruled the motion out of order, explaining that such a motion would have to be considered under New Business.

Student Affairs—Dr. Liston, Chair

Dr. Liston reported that members of the committee are attending the meetings of the Student Senate. The Student Senate is involved with establishing election procedures.

University Affairs—Mr. Heil, Chair

Mr. Heil reported that the committee had considered a proposal from the Long-range Planning Committee for increased parking through the building of a parking lot north of the present lot west of the Memorial Union. The cost would be about $150,000 which could be raised by increasing the parking fee to about $20 per year. The consensus of the committee was that the Faculty Senate should wait to consider the matter until the students are more certain about their desires. Mr. Ginther added that the reason for the increase in fees would be that the lot would be built with bonds which would have to be retired over a 20 year period.

Dr. Miller asked if the parking lot issue was a concern of the Faculty Senate. Dr. Busch said that the Senate could act to recommend to the president as in any other matter. Mr. Heil said that if the issue became more certain the committee would bring it to the Senate.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Dr. Frerer moved that the By-laws and Standing Rules Committee be instructed to rewrite Standing Rule 2 so that it is in the same form as the other standing rules. (Dr. Stansbury seconded)

The Senate had the following wording for Standing Rule 2 before it.

An instrument for securing the University President's approval or disapproval of Senate actions was brought before the Senate at the November 8, 1976 meeting. It was adopted as a Standing Rule that this instrument be used for said purpose. (Nov. 8, 1976, revised July 18, 1977.)
Dr. Busch stated that standing rules take a two-thirds vote for adoption and that he was uncertain if it would be possible to delegate the authority to write a standing rule to a committee.

Dr. Warfel suggested that it might be simpler to adopt a more clearly worded standing rule to take the place of the present wording so that the committee could proceed with its plans to publish the revised edition on schedule. He said that he had written a possible rule.

Dr. Busch suggested that the By-Laws and Standing Rules Committee take a moment to change the wording while other new business was considered so that the standing rule could be adopted later in the meeting.

In light of this suggestion Dr. Frerer withdrew his motion with the consent of the second.

Dr. Miller suggested that the minutes of the meeting at which Standing Rule 2 was adopted should be consulted to determine the wording which was passed. Dr. Busch said that in all probability the minutes would show that the form being used to report to the president was approved for use rather than a formal rule stated.

Mr. Lefurgey said that a copy of the form is attached to the most up-to-date copy of the By-laws and Standing Rules. He suggested that perhaps a reference to the attachment could be made in the wording of Standing Rule 2.

Mr. Ginther said that as he remembered the adoption of Standing Rule 2 the form was adopted and the use of the form was called a standing rule.

Dr. Votaw asked to hear the proposed statement of Standing Rule 2 which Dr. Warfel had written.

Dr. Warfel read the following:

Recommendations to the University President shall be written on a standard form which provides a place for him to indicate approval or disapproval.

Mr. Ginther moved that Standing Rule 2 be left as presently worded. (Mr. Schroeder seconded)

Dr. Votaw called for the question. Dr. Busch asked that he yield to further questions and comments.

Dr. Miller repeated that he thought that the minutes of the earlier meeting should be consulted for proper wording.

Dr. Busch stated that he interpreted the motion to mean that the wording originally passed in the meetings of November 8, 1976 and July 18, 1977 should be the standing rule.

Mr. Ginther said that he meant the wording given in the document called By-laws and Standing Rules which is the same as that distributed at the meeting.
In accordance with requirements for recording attendance, Dr. Stansbury asked to be excused to leave for a continuing education class.

Dr. Votaw made a point of order. He said that a simple voice vote was not sufficient for a standing rule.

Dr. Busch ruled that the motion was a sense of the Senate rather than a vote on a standing rule.

Dr. Busch was uncertain of the voice vote and called for a show of hands. The motion carried by a vote of 17 to 13.

Dr. Caplan moved that the By-laws and Standing Rules Committee look up the original motions involving Standing Rule 2 and report back to the Senate. (Dr. Razak seconded)

The motion carried.

M7 Dr. Caplan moved that the percentage equivalent of letter grades (the numbers in parentheses) on the grade chart under the heading "Grades and Grade Points" in the General Catalog (page 63 in the 1977-1979 edition) be deleted in the next edition of the catalog. (Dr. Frerer seconded)

Dr. Caplan said that he felt that these equivalences should be left up to the individual instructor.

M8 Dr. Miller said that he thought that the issue required more study. He moved to table the motion. (Dr. Marshall seconded) The motion failed.

The original motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35.

Respectively submitted,

Sam L. Warfel, Secretary