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FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

May 5, 1980

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Louis Caplan, 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: Dr. James Stansbury, Ms. Orvene Johnson, Mr. Edgar McNeil, Ms. Joye Witten, Mr. Don Barton, Mr. Mac Reed, Dr. Lloyd Frerer, Dr. Sam Warfel, Dr. Al Geritz, Mr. DeWayne Winterlin, Dr. Lewis Miller, Mr. Robert Brown, Mr. Thaine Clark, Mr. Elton Schroder, Dr. John Watson, Dr. Max Rumpel, Dr. Richard Zakrzewski, Dr. Ervin Eltze, Dr. Charles Votaw, Dr. Louis Caplan, Ms. Carolyn Gatschet, Ms. Betty Roberts, Dr. Robert Meier, Ms. Patricia Baconrind, Ms. Sharon Barton, Mr. Daniel Rupp, Dr. Ann Liston, Mr. Richard Heil.

The following members were absent: Dr. Bill Daley, Dr. Emerald Dechant, Ms. Joanne Harwick, Mr. David Lefurgey, Dr. John Knight, Dr. Stephen Tramel, Dr. Ron Smith, Dr. Nevell Razak.

The following alternates were present: Dr. Stephen Shapiro for Lefurgey and Dr. Gerry Cox for Razak.

The minutes of the April meeting were approved with the following change: On Page 2, the fifth line up from the bottom of the page, the word "Participation" should be changed to "Participants."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Rose Arnhold has been appointed to represent the College of Arts and Sciences on the search committee for the Director of Placement.
2. Three candidates for the position of Vice President for Academic Affairs have been on campus for interviews. Two more will be on campus Tuesday and Thursday of this week. If you have any opinions or concerns about any of the candidates, direct these opinions or concerns to the members appointed by the Senate: Dick Heil, Allan Miller, and Wally Guyot.
3. Since the last Senate meeting, it has been discovered that credit hours produced in ROTC courses do not count towards base count at any of the Regents institutions. ROTC will still be housed in the Department of Education; but for bookkeeping purposes, the first three numbers of the Hegis code have been changed.

Dr. Frerer asked if Announcement 3 meant that Fort Hays State would lose the two hours of physical education credit for those participating in ROTC and not gain the credit hours anywhere else in the Fort Hays State base count. Dr. Caplan indicated that was correct. A student using ROTC to substitute for two hours of physical education credit could graduate with 122 credit hours applied to the Fort Hays State base count rather than the usual 124 hours.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Affairs, Dr. John Watson, Chair

On behalf of the Committee, Dr. Watson reported that a revised New Course Application form has been developed. He reported that the new form would provide more useful information than the old form. It was also the view of the Committee that the new form would be easier for chairmen to complete, plus the people responsible would be better able to compile information for the catalog. Dr. Watson reported that the Academic Affairs Committee had been asked to study the present General Education Program. After several months of study, the consensus of the Committee is as follows:

After studying the present General Education Program, the Faculty Senate believes the present program should remain unchanged. These beliefs are based upon the following reasons:

1. The ideals of the proposed interdisciplinary General Education Program sound worthwhile, but their practical implementation will tend to cause problems, such as:
 - a. the difficulties of finding instructors capable of team teaching;
 - b. the probabilities of increasing interdepartmental rivalries;
 - c. and, the possibilities of designing courses with questionable integrity of content.
2. The present General Education Program has not been in effect long enough to give it an adequate chance to be evaluated.
3. The future personnel and facilities of departments are based upon the present General Education Program.
4. The advisers already have students subject to General Education requirements previous to the present program. A new General Education Program would potentially increase confusion in advising such students.

The present General Education Program gives students flexibility in their choices and yet provides solid grounding in those disciplines valued by scholars of the liberal arts throughout the years.

Dr. Watson further reported that the Academic Affairs Committee had been given the task of reviewing the policy of general education requirements for students with double or triple majors. Presently, courses in a student's major cannot be used to satisfy general education requirements. The Committee decided that there were such a small number of students affected by this policy that such cases could be dealt with on an individual basis through the appeals process. The Committee decided to recommend no change in the present policy. Dr. Votaw moved that: "Students with multiple majors be allowed to count general education credit from other majors toward each given major" (seconded by Dr. Frerer). Dr. Zakrzewski asked for an explanation of the motion. Dr. Votaw explained that his motion would mean that, for example, a double major in Mathematics and Physics could count Physics courses as general education credit for the Mathematics major, and Mathematics courses for

general education credit for the Physics major. Dr. Frerer suggested that a student could declare a first major and meet the general education requirements for that first major but not be required to meet the requirements for a second or third major. Dr. Votaw agreed that Dr. Frerer's suggestion was an improvement over his motion. Dr. Zakrzewski asked the person making the motion and his second to agree on the wording of the motion. It was Dr. Watson's interpretation of the motion that it would allow students with double majors to count general education courses in both departments. Under the present system, it is not possible to count courses taken in a major department for general education credit. This motion would allow students to receive general education credit from their major department.

Dr. Caplan responded by way of an example. A Mathematics major could count Physics courses for general education credit but not Mathematics courses. A Physics major could count Mathematics courses but not Physics courses. Dr. Warfel stated that if this proposal is adopted, then a student could take all of his general education credit in the departments of his major and never have to take any general education courses outside his major departments. Dr. Caplan disagreed. He indicated that if a Physics major decided to take a minor in Mathematics, he could count Mathematics for general education credit in Physics, but if that student decided to take a major in both departments, he could no longer count Mathematics courses towards general education credit for the Physics major. This policy concerning the minor was approved by the Faculty Senate earlier during this academic year. Mr. Heil asked if anyone knew the number of persons on campus taking double majors. Dr. Votaw estimated the number at less than fifty students. Dr. Caplan said that almost all Physics majors had a second major. Mr. Rupp said that the same was true of most Economics majors.

Dr. Frerer inquired about the appropriateness of a substitute motion. Dr. Warfel said that a motion to amend by substituting was acceptable with the permission of the maker of the original motion. Dr. Frerer moved the following substitute motion: "A student with multiple majors need only meet the general education requirement for one of those majors." (This motion was not seconded and was later ruled out of order.) Dr. Miller expressed the view that Dr. Frerer's motion did not address the question which he viewed as whether a student could use the courses from one major department to satisfy general education requirements in another department. He saw that as no change from the current policy. Dr. Caplan pointed out that the current policy states that courses taken in a major do not count for general education credit. Next year, there will be a student with a triple major in Mathematics, Chemistry, and Physics. That student's general education requirement of 12 hours could only be taken in Biology and Earth Sciences. The rules state that a student cannot take more than 6 hours in one department, so there needs to be at least three other departments available to the student instead of two in the case of this triple major. Dr. Zakrzewski felt that one triple major was an unusual circumstance that could be dealt with on an individual basis. It was Dr. Caplan's position that the current policy is more stringent concerning double majors than it is for minors. Mr. Schroder disagreed with the viewpoint that a student was penalized by being required to take general education courses. Dr. Caplan pointed out that the double major is penalized by more stringent requirements. It was Dr. Miller's view that the issue raised by this motion was whether cases should continue to be handled by the Appeals Committee on an individual basis or should the Senate propose a general regulation for the University. Dr. Caplan asked what recourse is available to students if the Appeals Committee rejects appeals. The Senate has already approved a policy that courses in a minor field can be counted for general education credit. He stated that the policy would be more consistent if that was also the case with a second major.

Dr. Miller inquired whether a student can use the same courses for a minor and for general education requirements. Dr. Caplan said that the regulation did not clarify that point. Dr. Warfel ruled that Dr. Frerer's substitute amendment died for a lack of a second. Dr. Frerer proposed another substitute amendment. A₁ "Students may use courses in a second major to count for general education credit" (seconded by Dr. Liston). It was Dr. Votaw's opinion that third majors would be included in this proposal. There followed several suggestions to clarify the motion. Various suggestions were proposed as friendly amendments. That process resulted in A₂ the following substitute amendment: "Students with more than one major may use general education courses from the departments of all but one major for general education credit." Dr. Votaw expressed a preference for a University policy rather than dealing with the cases on an individual appeal basis. Dr. Frerer asked if the proposed amendment would solve the triple major situation described earlier. Dr. Caplan said it would.

There was no further discussion. A voice vote was taken. The substitute amendment was adopted. There was no further discussion. A voice vote was taken. The motion (A2) was adopted.

Bylaws and Standing Rules, Dr. Stephen Tramel, Chair

Dr. Caplan submitted the following report on membership of the Faculty Senate for the 1980-81 Academic Year:

Agriculture

Garry Brower (1983)
Alternate--Ruff Gentry

Art

Joanne Harwick (1981)
Alternate--Ellen Schiferl

Biological Science

Elton Schroder (1981)
John Watson (1982)
Alternate--Robert Nicholson

Business Administration

Patricia Baconrind (1981)
Larry Grimsley (1983)
Alternate--J. Dale Peier

Business Education

Sharon Barton (1983)
Alternate--Sandra Rupp

Chemistry

Max Rumpel (1982)
Alternate--Larry Nicholson

Communication

David Lefurgey (1981)
Dave Adams (1983)
Alternate--Lloyd Frerer

Earth Sciences

Richard Zakrzewski (1982)
Alternate--Paul Phillips

Economics

Dan Kauffman (1983)
Alternate--Bill Rickman

Education

James Stansbury (1981)
Billy Daley (1982)
Emerald Dechant (1982)
Alternate--William Robinson

English

Virginia Bornholdt (1981)
Albert Geritz (1982)
Michael Meade (1983)
Alternate--David Ison

Foreign Languages

DeWayne Winterlin (1981)
Alternate--Jean Salien

HPER

Orvene Johnson (1981)
Ed McNeil (1981)
Alternate--Gary Arbogast

History

Ann Liston (1981)
Alternate--Robert Luehrs

Home Economics

June Krebs (1982)
Alternate--Rosa Jones

Industrial Arts

Don Barton (1982)
Alternate--Jim Walters

Library Science

Jerry Wilson (1983)
Alternate--Martha Dirks

Mathematics

Ervin Eltze (1982)
Carolyn Ehr (1983)
Alternate--Ellen Veed

Music

Lewis Miller (1982)
Robert Brown (1983)
Alternate--Patrick Goeser

Nursing

Carolyn Gatschet (1981)
Betty Roberts (1982)
Alternate--Jane Littlejohn

Philosophy

Stephen Tramel (1983)
Alternate--Dana Radcliffe

Physics

Louis Caplan (1981)
Alternate--William Welch

Political Science

Richard Heil (1982)
Alternate--Patrick Drinan

Psychology

Cameron Camp (1983)
Alternate--Robert Markley

Sociology

Nevell Razak (1981)
Alternate--Gerry Cox

Student Affairs, Mr. Mac Reed, Chair

No report.

University Affairs, Mr. Dan Rupp, Chair

On behalf of the Committee, Mr. Rupp reported that he had asked President Tomanek about the possibility of reinstating the practice of reserved parking spaces for faculty members with physical disabilities. President Tomanek supported the idea. The details of creating such parking spaces will be handled in the near future. Dr. Caplan elaborated that there are some persons on campus who are physically handicapped but do not have handicapped license plates on their cars which means they cannot park in a handicapped parking zone. Until two years ago, those people all had reserved parking spaces. President Tomanek supported the idea of a restoration of reserved parking spaces. Dr. Caplan further stated that if other classified or unclassified employees feel that they might be entitled to such a reserved parking space, they should contact him, and he would pass the request along to President Tomanek.

Ad Hoc Nominating Committee, Mr. Dan Rupp, Chair

In addition to Mr. Rupp, the Committee of past Senate Presidents (Dr. Votaw, Dr. Forsythe, Dr. Drinan, and Dr. Miller) made the following nominations for Vice President: Richard Heil and John Watson. For Secretary, the Committee made the following nominations: David Lefurgey and Patricia Baconrind. Dr. Caplan asked for further nominations from the floor. There were no further nominations.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Heil reminded the Senators that three candidates for the position of Vice President for Academic Affairs had been on campus, and two more were scheduled for campus visits. He urged the Senators to communicate any views they might have about the candidates to the faculty members on the search committee. Mr. Heil is the Arts and Sciences faculty member. Dr. Allan Miller (Education) and Dr. Wally Guyot (Business) are the other faculty members. Ms. Calvina Thomas (Nursing) has resigned from the committee.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard P. Heil

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