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FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

December 11, 1984

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Elton Beougher, Faculty Senate President, at 3:35 p.m. in the Pioneer Lounge of the Memorial Union.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Dr. Brent Spaulding, Mr. Frank Nichols, Dr. Zoran Stevanov, Dr. Frank Potter, Mr. Jack Logan, Ms. Joan Rumpel, Ms. Sandra Rupp, Dr. Larry Nicholson, Dr. Marcia Bannister, Dr. Lloyd Frerer, Dr. John Ratzlaff, Dr. Bill Rickman, Dr. Mike Currier, Dr. Art Hoernicke, Dr. Carl Singleton, Mr. David Ison, Dr. Jean Salien, Dr. Mark Giese, Dr. Tom Kerns, Dr. John Klier, Mr. Don Barton, Dr. Elton Beougher, Dr. Jeffrey Barnett, Dr. William Wilkins, Dr. Lewis Miller, Ms. Rose Brungardt, Ms. Eileen Curl, Dr. Stephen Tramel, Dr. Richard Heil, Dr. Robert Markley, Dr. Phyllis Tiffany, Dr. Nevell Razak, Mr. Mac Reed.

The following members were absent: Mr. Elton Schroder, Dr. Bill Daley, Mr. Glen McNeil, Dr. Roger Pruitt.

Alternates present: Dr. Robert Nicholson for Mr. Elton Schroder, Dr. Merlene Lyman for Mr. Glen McNeil, Dr. Louis Caplan for Dr. Roger Pruitt.

Others present were: Dr. James Murphy, Dr. Jim Costigan, Dr. Stephen Klein, Mr. John Huber, Mr. Larry Dreiling, Dr. Leland Bartholomew, Dr. Clifford Edwards, Mr. Darrel Preston, Dr. Stephen Shapiro, Mr. John Thorns, Dr. Ellen Veed, Dr. Maurice Witten.

Approval of minutes: The November 12, 1984, Faculty Senate Minutes were approved as distributed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Dr. Beougher reported on the November Board of Regents meeting. Five Masters degree programs at Emporia State University will be discontinued. An Educational Service Center will be established, pending funding from the Legislature. The Center is one-half of the Center for Excellence in Education to be established by the Board.
2. The Board of Regents approved new options in the retirement plan. The four options allow faculty to contribute to either Aetna Life Insurance and Annuity Company, Lincoln National Life Insurance Company, Union Mutual Life Insurance Company, or TIAA/CREF. Faculty will be asked to choose one of these options by July 1, 1985. The option selected by each faculty member may be changed yearly. Representatives from each company will be available in April to explain their particular plan.

3. Dr. Beougher reported that the Regents are requesting a 7% increase in faculty salary for the 1986 budget. The Governor's budget director is requesting a 5.5% increase. For operating expenses, the Regents are requesting a 7% increase, and the budget director a 5% increase. The Regents have also requested an additional 1% state contribution to faculty retirement. This was approved by the budget director. Faculty members will continue to contribute 5%, and the state will contribute 6%.
4. Dr. Beougher distributed copies of Executive Director Koplik's response to Dr. Beougher's letter of October 29, 1984, regarding the discontinuance of Russian and Latin courses at FHSU. Koplik's letter contained a statement that FHSU did not choose to respond to the Board's action when given the opportunity to do so. This is incorrect as Dr. Murphy and Dr. Caplan did respond to the Board's action, through proper channels. This was pointed out to Mr. Koplik, who acknowledged his oversight in a letter to Dr. Beougher. Dr. Beougher read the letter to the Senate.
5. The Board of Regents approved the request of the Faculty Senate Presidents for representation at the Board meetings. A representative of the Faculty Senate Presidents will be formally recognized at each meeting. The Board has also agreed to provide information prior to the meetings so that the representatives can be prepared for the discussions.
6. Dr. Beougher announced that the January 7, 1985, meeting of the Faculty Senate has been rescheduled for January 14, 1985. This action was taken by the Executive Committee to allow the maximum number of senators to be present for the debate on the General Studies Report.
7. Dr. Beougher announced that Mr. Mac Reed will be the permanent replacement for Mr. Stephen Clark as the library representative to the Faculty Senate. Mr. Clark has accepted a new position at another university.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Affairs - Dr. Mark Giese, Chair

- M1 The Academic Affairs Committee moved to accept Earth Sciences 780 - Depositional Environments (3 credit hours). The motion passed unanimously.
- M2 The Academic Affairs Committee moved to accept Earth Sciences 499 - Senior Thesis (3 credit hours). The motion passed unanimously.
- M3 The Academic Affairs Committee moved to accept Biological Sciences 600 - Scanning Electron Microscopy - Theory and Operation (3 credit hours). The motion passed unanimously.
- M4 The Academic Affairs Committee moved to accept Communications 588 - Principles of Public Relations and Organizations (3 credit hours). The motion passed unanimously.

Bylaws and Standing Rules - Dr. Stevanov, Chair

No report.

Student Affairs - Dr. Kerns, Chair

No report.

University Affairs - Dr. Potter, Chair

Dr. Potter distributed a handout reviewing the Course and Program Approval Procedures document, which the Faculty Senate approved last year. The handout listed the administration's concerns with the document and proposed an amendment. Brief discussion followed.

M5 The University Affairs Committee moved that the document, Course and Program Approval Procedures, be amended as follows:

New courses numbered 000-799 will be approved by the Faculty Senate. Courses numbered 500-799 are to be submitted, after Faculty Senate approval, to the Graduate Council for approval. Courses numbered 800-999 need only to be approved by the Graduate Council. New undergraduate programs need to be approved only by the Faculty Senate. If a new graduate program consists of both undergraduate and graduate courses, the program will be approved by first the Faculty Senate and then the Graduate Council. If the program consists of only 800 and 900 level courses, the program needs only Graduate Council approval. All of these recommendations are then submitted to the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

The motion passed 35 in favor of the motion, 1 opposed to the motion.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Beougher stated that he has received new guidelines for establishing the university calendar for the next 3 years, which the Board of Regents will consider at the February meeting. Dr. Beougher will refer the document to the University Affairs Committee.

Dr. Beougher stated that he has heard a number of complaints about the new medical insurance program for faculty. He invited Senate members to relay any problems and anecdotes regarding the medical insurance program to him, so that he can pass this information on to the proper committee for the review of the medical insurance package sometime next year.

Dr. Beougher outlined the format for the discussion of the General Studies Report. He explained that the Department Chairs were invited to speak at the Senate meeting, to give them one last opportunity to state their cases, before

the entire Senate. Each Chair will be allowed to have the floor for a maximum of 10 minutes. Faculty Senators will then have the opportunity to ask informational-type questions of the Chairs. Each Chair who wishes to speak will provide a written statement of his position to the Faculty Senate Secretary, and these statements will be made available from the Secretary upon request.

Dr. Beougher recognized Mr. Thorns from the Art Department. Mr. Thorns' statement is available from the Faculty Senate Secretary, Dr. Barnett, upon request. There were no questions from the floor.

Dr. Beougher recognized Dr. Costigan from the Communications Department. Dr. Costigan gave the floor to Dr. Frerer. Dr. Frerer's statement is available from the Faculty Senate Secretary upon request. Dr. Singleton asked for the names of the films used in the course Introduction to Motion Pictures. Dr. Frerer listed Solulent Green, Citizen Kane, Looking for Mr. Goodbar, Catch 22, Alien, Paths of Glory, Romeo and Juliet, LaStrada, Altered States, The Seventh Seal, Ghandi, Day or Night, Ten, Saturday Night Fever, Battle of Algiers and Ballad of a Soldier. There were no further questions.

Dr. Beougher recognized Dr. Shapiro. Dr. Shapiro's statement is available from the Faculty Senate Secretary upon request. There were no questions from the floor.

Dr. Beougher recognized Dr. Edwards from the English Department. Dr. Edwards' statement is available from the Faculty Senate Secretary, upon request. Dr. Frerer asked how the course, Themes and Major Figures in Literature, fits into the concept of a limit of 6 general education courses for each department. Dr. Edwards responded by stating that this course allows the English Department to develop the literary text in a number of different ways, while keeping the content of literary knowledge the same. Dr. Caplan asked if a student can take two different sections of a variable content course and count both of them for general education credit. Dr. Edwards stated that a student cannot do this at present. Dr. Currier asked if the English Department anticipated offering the course Language in the Professions as a general education course. Dr. Edwards stated that this course is a skills course, not a humanities course.

Dr. Beougher recognized Mr. Huber from the Music Department. Mr. Huber's statement is available from the Faculty Senate Secretary upon request. Dr. Rickman asked Mr. Huber to respond to the General Education Committee's comment that the Jazz course was not required of music majors. Mr. Huber stated that this comment was a change on the part of Dean and the Committee's recommendation.

He further pointed out that Jazz is an elective for music majors and that there are several other departments that have general education courses not required of their majors but available as electives. A question was raised as to the extent the Jazz course explored the influence of Jazz on other areas of music in general. Dr. Miller reviewed the content of the Jazz course and how its themes were developed and related to other areas.

Dr. Beougher recognized Dr. Witten from the Physics Department. Dr. Witten's statement is available from the Faculty Senate Secretary upon request. There were no questions from the floor.

Dr. Beougher called on Dr. Slechta from the Political Science Department. Dr. Slechta was not present.

Dr. Beougher recognized Dr. Klein from the Psychology Department. Dr. Klein stated that the Psychology Department considered the criteria in the General Education Report to be reasonable, logical and worthy of support. He stated that some of the current general education courses in Psychology do not meet the criteria in the Report and therefore would not be defended as general education courses. Dr. Klein further stated that there were other general education courses in Psychology that the Department felt did meet the criteria, and these courses have been submitted to the General Education Committee for future consideration. There were no questions from the floor.

Dr. Beougher stated his appreciation to the Department Chairs for their attendance, statements, and keeping within the allotted time schedule.

Dr. Beougher called on Dr. Tramel to answer questions from the floor regarding the General Education Report. Dr. Tramel reviewed the history of the criteria used in the Report, and clarified its application. He stated that those courses in economics which are offered for general educational credit are being prepared for submission to the General Education Committee's consideration early next semester. Dr. Tramel reviewed the composition and selection process for membership in the General Education Committee.

Dr. Bartholomew expressed his appreciation to the Faculty Senate for considering the Report and to the members of the General Education Committee in general, and to its Chair, Dr. Tramel, in particular, for all of their hard work. He further stated that he hoped that the Faculty Senate would consider the merits of the Report, as a whole, for the benefit of the university. Dr. Frerer asked the extent of agreement between the Committee's recommendations to the Dean, and the Dean's final report. Dr. Tramel stated that there was substantial agreement in most cases, but there were a few situations where the committee members were divided or the Dean's recommendations were somewhat different.

Dr. Edwards expressed his hope that the Report would not be viewed as an "all or nothing" situation, but that modifications could be considered. Dr. Beougher stated that the Academic Affairs Committee would consider this question.

Dr. Tramel pointed out that the recommendations in the Report would not take effect for one year. Courses recommended for removal would not be affected till the spring of 1986.

There was a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey C. Barnett

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Faculty Senate Secretary