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FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

September 8, 1986

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

ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Dr. Bill Daley, Ms. Eileen Curl, Dr. Tom Wenke, Mr. David Ison, Dr. Merlene Lyman, Mr. Jack Logan, Dr. Roger Pruitt, Dr. Ronald Sandstrom, Dr. Jeffrey Barnett, Dr. Lewis Miller, Dr. Phyllis Tiffany, Dr. Zoran Stevanov, Mr. Marc Campbell, Dr. Delbert Marshall, Dr. Fred Britten, Dr. Martin Shapiro, Dr. John Klier, Dr. Paul Gatschet, Mr. Jim Walters, Dr. Tom Kerns, Dr. Jack Barbour (alternate for Dr. Larry Gould), Dr. Lloyd Frerer, Dr. Ninia Smith, Mr. Frank Nichols, Dr. Paul Faber, Dr. Bill Rickman, Dr. Robert Markley, Ms. Mary Anne Kennedy, Ms. Joan Rumpel, Ms. Leona Pfeifer, Dr. Michael Horvath (alternate for Dr. Art Hoernicke), Dr. Jim Rucker, Dr. Lloyd Frerer, Dr. John Ratzlaff.

Members absent: Dr. Nevell Razak, Dr. Brent Spaulding, Dr. Robert Nicholson.

Others present: Dr. James Murphy, Dr. Cathy Hall.

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of the July 7, 1986, Faculty Senate meeting were corrected on the following points:

- On page 1: first paragraph of announcement section, change "Fiese" to "Giese"
- Second paragraph of announcement section, line 6, insert "it" in of it being
- On page 2: first paragraph of University Affairs section, line six, correct "furhter" to "further"
- On page 3: last line, change "Academic" to "University"
- On page 4: first line, third full paragraph and first line, fourth full paragraph, change "Academic" to "University"
- On page 5: first full paragraph, second line, change "chaged" to "charged"

There being no further corrections, the Minutes were approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcement 1: Dr. Giese announced the following new chairs and secretaries for each of the Faculty Senate Committees:

- Academic Affairs: Ron Sandstrom and Nevell Razak
- University Affairs: Robert Markley and Joan Rumpel
- Student Affairs: Martin Shapiro and Fred Britten
- External Affairs: Bill Rickman and Lloyd Frerer

By-Laws and Standing Rules: Paul Gatschet will assume both offices
Announcement 2: Dr. Giese announced that the Board of Regents will meet at Fort Hays State on Thursday and Friday, September 18 and 19, 1986. There will be at least seven Senate presidents on campus, and all Senate members are invited to Dr. Giese's home, 2922 Skyline, to meet them on Thursday afternoon, September 18th.

Announcement 3: Dr. Giese announced that the Student Grade Appeals Policy which passed in June, 1986, is with the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Announcement 4: The Role and Scope Statement will be presented to the Board of Regents on September 25, 1986.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS: Dr. Ron Sandstrom

The Academic Affairs Committee moved to reinstate effective June 1, 1986, the following three courses into the list of courses approved for the General Education Program.

CHEM 100: The Chemist's View of the World. (3 credit hours)
Dr. Giese asked for discussion.
The motion to reinstate CHEM 100, The Chemist's View of the World, passed unanimously.

ART 180: Fundamentals and Appreciation of Art. (3 credit hours)
The motion to reinstate ART 180, Fundamentals and Appreciation of Art, passed unanimously.

ART 480: Approaches to Creativity. (3 credit hours)
Dr. Frerer asked if details were available on ART 480. The General Education Committee had previously severely attacked the courses. What changes had been made? Dr. Sandstrom replied that the Art Department's revision has met all earlier objections, e.g.:
1. Class management: In the past the instructor has divided the class into two subsections each meeting for half the scheduled time; the lost class time was to have been made up through visitations of art galleries, concerts, plays, etc. This practice has been discontinued to the extent that students are now required to attend class for the full period of scheduled time. Nevertheless class time is still used for visits of art galleries, concerts, plays, etc. The extent to which such visits are now used to replace formal class time has not been documented, but should be. The impression that the amount of class time devoted to field trips is substantial.

2. Academic standards which had been set at a level producing inordinate high grades. In the past the percentage of students receiving high grades of A exceeded 90%. More recently the percentage receiving A' has been reduced to 76.2% and 57.4%. Nevertheless, in the spring of 1984, 95.7% of those enrolled received grades of A or B.

3. Course should be a conceptual/theoretical study, but inadequate attention has been given to the extent of the body of knowledge of aesthetics and criticism.
It was the General Education Committee's feeling that item number 1 was taken care of, item number 2 needed some more work on it in terms of academic standards, and item number three still needs work.

Mr. Nichols said at this point the department had taken care of all the objections. If more substantiation is needed, it can be done. The art department assumed that had been done through Dr. Bartholomew's office. He is not at this point ready to go over each detail with Dr. Frerer, since he is not the instructor of the class, but that can be done.

Dr. Sandstrom presented the breakdown of percentage time spent on the individual items in the class. Dr. Frerer said his problem is that he does not know what the course is about. The course description does not let him know what the class is about. Dr. Gatschet asked Dr. Sandstrom for the response of the Academic Affairs Committee. The Committee had no objection. The General Education Committee as well as Dr. Bartholomew recommended reinstatement. Dr. Sandstrom read the course description to the Senators. Dr. Pruitt asked if this should carry a seminar number since it is a seminar course.

Dr. Shapiro asked if the course extended beyond the visual arts. Dr. Giese reminded senators that the description given to senators is lifted from a larger document. Dr. Sandstrom further read from the rationale for the course. He commented that there are eighteen readings listed, gave the evaluation process for the course.

Dr. Frerer said Dr. Sandstrom's comments on readings and evaluations in the course satisfied his question. The motion to reinstate ART 480, Approaches to Creativity, passed.

University Affairs: Dr. Robert Markley had no formal report.

Student Affairs: Dr. Martin Shapiro had no formal report.

External Affairs: Dr. Bill Rickman had no formal report.

Bylaws and Standing Rules: Dr. Paul Gatschet
Dr. Gatschet proposed to revise the terminology of the Faculty Senate Constitution and Bylaws to update them. He had no formal report.

Election of Officers:
Candidates for President-Elect: Dr. Larry Gould and Dr. Ronald Sandstrom.
Dr. Giese called for nominations from the floor. It was moved that nominations cease, seconded and passed.
Candidates for Secretary: Ms. Mary Anne Kennedy and Ms. Joan Rumpel
Dr. Marshall moved nominations cease. Dr. Markley seconded. Motion passed.
Dr. Giese and Dr. Barnett distributed ballots.

Old Business:
Dr. Giese reintroduced the Role and Scope Statement which was discussed in the previous Faculty Senate meeting. He announced that Dr. Murphy is here today to discuss the Statement.

Dr. Murphy's concerns are:
1. The timing: There has been little opportunity to develop the document.

2. There has been little time for faculty input. There has been a minor extension given by the Board of Regents to mid-September.

The Steering/Working Committee included Dr. Mark Giese, Dr. Bill Rickman, Mr. Ron Fundis and Chris Powers.

Unfortunately, the week of the faculty's return from the August break did not allow sufficient time for faculty input. Dr. Murphy asked for comments in either verbal or written form. The worst problem was lack of time for the faculty/administration to consider the Statement. The October 18th meeting of the Board of Regents is the first "reading" of the Role and Scope Statements. Fort Hays, Pittsburg and Emporia have 20 minutes each; Kansas, Kansas State and Wichita State each have 30 minutes. None will have enough time. Conflicts will be resolved by the Board of Regents.

Dr. Murphy distributed "most of the last chapter" of the Role and Scope Statement to Senators. He commented that the categorization of programs was an endeavor to which the Council of Chief Academic Officers objected strenuously.

The normal process will be employed for approval of new programs, etc.

Dr. Pruitt:

Dr. Rickman: How will the Board of Regents react to proposals of new programs, maintenance and enhancement of programs?
Dr. Murphy: Board of Regents will be disappointed that no programs are recommended to be deleted, especially MA/MS programs.
Dr. Gatschet: Will there be turf fighting? Is the Board of Regents not concerned over community college outreach and other programs?
Dr. Murphy: No. The Regents are concerned, but there is nothing the Regents can do about it? Our only option is to work with students and transfers from community colleges if we can't attract them as freshman students.

Dr. Murphy commented that copies of the final chapter do not include data (which is available from department chairs). The cost of duplication simply prohibited distribution of the entire document to all faculty.

Dr. Frerer asked about references of asterisked materials. Dr. Murphy commented on types of material in other portions of the document.

Dr. Smith asked about reference to the undergraduate program in Special Education? Since there is no program, does "maintain" mean the School of Education will continue not to have an undergraduate program in Special Education? Dr. Murphy replied yes.

Dr. Murphy indicated the document is "funding-driven"—"maintain" includes all, and of course excellent programs—and has to do with funding (not a measure of a program's quality or effectiveness). There may still be opportunity for change.
Dr. Giese asked if there were further questions. Dr. Giese asked if there was a search committee formed yet to find Dr. Tomanek's replacement. Dr. Murphy said we must wait for the Board of Regents to accept Dr. Tomanek's resignation; then a search committee will be appointed. This may be done at the September visit of the Board of Regents.

Dr. Giese expressed thanks to those who agreed to stand for election.

Dr. Barnett announced the results of election.
President-Elect: Dr. Larry Gould
Secretary: Ms. Joan Rumpel

Dr. Giese called for a motion to adjourn, there being no other business. The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Rumpel, Secretary
Faculty Senate