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FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

April 7, 1987

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

ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Dr. Brent Spaulding, Mr. Frank Nichols, Dr. Zoran Stevanov, Dr. Jerry Choate (for Dr. Robert Nicholson), Dr. Thomas Wenke, Mr. Jack Logan, Ms. Joan Rumpel, Dr. Jim Rucker, Dr. Delbert Marshall, Dr. Fred Britten, Dr. John Ratzlaff, Dr. Bill Rickman, Dr. Billy Daley, Dr. Art Hoernicke, Dr. Ninia Smith, Dr. Paul Gatschet, Mr. David Ison, Ms. Leona Pfeifer, Dr. Mark Giese, Dr. Tom Kerns, Dr. John Klier, Mr. Jim Walters, Mr. Marc Campbell, Dr. Jeffrey Barnett, Dr. Ronald Sandstrom, Dr. Lewis Miller, Dr. Martin Shapiro, Ms. Mary Anne Kennedy, Ms. Eileen Curl, Dr. Paul Faber, Dr. Louis Caplan (for Dr. Roger Pruitt), Dr. Larry Gould, Dr. Robert Markley, Dr. Phyllis Tiffany, Dr. Nevell Razak.

Members absent: Dr. Lloyd Frerer, Dr. Merlene Lyman.

Also present: Ms. Silvia Castaneda, Ms. Leslie Eikleberry, Dr. James Murphy, Dr. Leland Bartholomew, Mr. David Burke.

The minutes of the March 2, 1987, minutes were approved.

Announcements:

The nominating committee will be composed of Dr. Bill Rickman, Dr. Elton Beougher, Dr. Bill Welch, Dr. John Watson and Dr. Mark Giese. Nominations will be received for President-elect and Secretary.

Chairpersons have been notified of senators whose terms will be up. Chairpersons need to submit names of new senators by April 17 so that they will be eligible for election to the positions of President-elect and Secretary.

Dr. Bartholomew, substituting for Anna Luhman, briefly talked about the Kansas Regents Honors Academy which will be held at Fort Hays State June 6 to July 3. The proposal for the Academy was passed and signed in 1986 and $94,968 was appropriated to have the first Academy here in the summer of 1987. Subsequent Academies will be held at the other campuses on a rotating basis. There will be 150 Kansas high school students who will be juniors or seniors in the next academic year participating. They were nominated by the school districts. Each participant will enroll in two team-taught courses, Topics in Philosophy: Living Reflectively in a Scientific World, and Topics in Sociology: Societal Transition and Emerging Futures. Funding will cover salaries for faculty and room and board for students. Students may take the courses for college credit, but will be responsible for the fees. Criteria for choosing participants was primarily academic, such as standardized tests, class rank, essays, and letters of recommendation. There will be approximate gender
equality and consideration was given to minority status.

Dr. Giese introduced our guests: Dr. Murphy, Dr. Bartholomew, Ms. Eikleberry, Ms. Castaneda, and Mr. Burke.

Dr. Gould announced that Dr. Hammond and Dr. Orenduff's names have been submitted to the Board of Regents as final candidates for the President of Fort Hays State. The decision will be announced on April 18 at 10 a.m. The person chosen will be encouraged to meet with the faculty on Monday, April 20.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS: Dr. Sandstrom presented two motions from the committee.

Motion A: The Faculty Senate recommend to the Academic Vice-President that the University strive to equip all classrooms with overhead projectors and screens.

Dr. Sandstrom emphasized that "strive" is the operative word. Faculty are teaching in buildings other than where their departments are located and the Audio-Visual Department does not have enough projectors to check out. Dr. Murphy asked if departments would still be allowed to purchase projectors. Dr. Sandstrom said departments should be allowed to purchase at the department level. After further discussion on the motion, it passed 26-4.

Motion B: This includes a package of courses from Mathematics for non-general education credit. Dr. Markley asked if the course MATH 262 is a replacement for the current Pascal course. Dr. Sandstrom explained that MATH 260 and MATH 360 will teach Pascal and replace the current course. The intent is to get to the concepts of computer science utilizing Pascal. MATH 262 and MATH 362 will emphasize the syntax of FORTRAN and PL/1 programming languages. The courses will teach implementation of the algorithms of the respective languages. Dr. Sandstrom also pointed out that MATH 262 and MATH 362 are one hour courses. The motion passed unanimously.

BY LAWS AND STANDING RULES: Dr. Gatschet thanked his committee members, particularly Dr. Nicholson and Mr. Walters for their work. Dr. Gatschet presented the proposed revision of the Bylaws and Standing Rules. There was some discussion on minor points in the document. Dr. Gatschet explained that if the Senate approved the revised document it would be submitted to the entire faculty for a vote, with a note that the Senate had approved the changes. The motion to submit the proposed revised document to the Faculty was approved 32 for, 1 against.

Mr. Ison asked that the Senate show a consensus of appreciation to Dr. Gatschet and his committee for their work.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: Dr. Rickman said that an Economic Development survey is being developed for distribution to departments to inventory the research and service activities and how they directly or indirectly relate to economic development. The survey should reveal what we are doing and identify areas of opportunity for augmentation of activities.
Representative Delbert Gross has been extended an invitation to attend the May 4 Faculty Senate meeting to present a post-legislative review in relation to higher education. There would be an informal reception in Stouffer Lounge following. At this point it is not certain that he will be able to attend. The Agenda for the May 4 meeting will indicate if he is to be in attendance.

UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS: Dr. Markley said that the committee has been discussing the proposed name change. The committee feels that the proposal is worth studying. Institutional Research has been asked to help, but the request is on budgetary hold. The committee will conduct a straw poll of the faculty to gather input on implications, ramifications and the impact or lack of impact of a name change.

Dr. Choate said that the original proposal for a name change was his and that he thought there would be a great groundswell of enthusiasm for a change. He does not feel that the objections meet the potential benefits and hopes that we do not let the idea of a change die.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

Dr. Gatschet moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Dr. Sandstrom.

The meeting adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Rumpel, Secretary
Faculty Senate