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ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES

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Meetings of the Academic Senate are open to members of the University community. Persons attending the meetings may participate in discussions with the consent of the Senate.

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Academic Senate was convened at 7:08 p.m. in 401 Stevenson Hall by Mr. Morris. Mr. Charles A. White served as parliamentarian, substituting for Mr. Stanley Rives.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion (Mr. Linman, Mr. Finley) was passed to approve the Minutes of the meeting of September 16, 1970.

MASTERS DEGREE IN AGRICULTURE

Mr. Cohen reported for the Academic Affairs Committee, which had considered the proposal for a masters degree in agriculture. The Committee recommended approval of the program subject to editorial changes, such as consistency of style and clarification of credit hours for thesis. A question was raised as to why the proposal stresses Junior College Teaching and Agricultural Business programs. Dean Charles Porter stated that these two areas were deliberately chosen in order to create a unique program; the areas are not stressed in programs at other state universities, yet are necessary today.

By unanimous voice vote, the Senate approved a motion (Mr. Cohen, Mr. Grace) to approve the program and to ask the Graduate School to make certain editorial changes before the proposal is submitted off campus.

SENATE RETREAT

Mr. Gray reported that the ExCom discussed having a retreat for members elected to the next Senate; planning would have to be instituted now. Such points as the place, who is to attend, and the date should be determined soon.

A motion (Mr. Gray, Mr. Hicklin) was passed by unanimous voice vote that the Executive Committee appoint a committee to arrange for a retreat in the Spring of 1971 for the members of the new Academic Senate.
MEMORIALS

The Executive Committee asked for advice about memorials regarding deceased students and faculty members. Points raised included: should there be a resolution in the Minutes for each case, should the sympathy of the Senate be expressed at the time of death rather than later on, should the Minutes have a necrology section, should the Alumni office or the President's office handle memorials, and is it feasible to have memorials at all, in view of the large number of students and faculty.

The Executive Committee will attempt to work out a policy on this subject.

The Senate did approve, by unanimous voice vote, the following resolution, on a motion (Mr. Witte, Mr. Linman) to adopt:

The Academic Senate wishes to express its sympathy to the family, friends, and teammates of Fred Cleland, who passed away as a result of a heart arrest following his recent football injury. Fred was greatly respected both as an athlete and a student leader.

The Academic Senate hopes that his memory will serve as an example for other students.

TERM OF OFFICE FOR FACULTY REPRESENTATIVE TO AACMU

On October 21 the Senate will elect the faculty representative to the Academic Association of the Conference of Midwest Universities. By unanimous voice vote, the Senate approved a motion (Mr. Cohen, Mr. Sarlo) regarding the term of office of the faculty representative to the AACMU:

Section I: Be it resolved that the faculty representative to the Academic Affairs Conference of the Conference of Midwest Universities be elected by the Senate from among the full-time teaching faculty.

Section II: Be it further resolved that the term of office be for two years commencing on July 1 and ending June 30 two years later, with the single exception that the term of the faculty representative to be elected October 21, 1970 have his term of office end June 30, 1972.

Names of nominees should be sent to Mr. Cohen.
REPORT FROM COMMITTEE N

Committee N of the Board of Higher Education is a special committee charged with gathering opinion on campus relative to the structure of governance. The committee consists of Ben C. Hubbard, chairman, and M. M. Chambers, Richard Desmond, Charles Hicklin, and Gerald Smith. Mr. Hubbard reported that very few faculty members responded to the questionnaires and few students to the request for their ideas. The committee will report soon to the President, who then will report to the Board.

Mr. Hicklin said that, based on hints gathered at a meeting of the Board of Higher Education, some changes may be forthcoming in the system of governance, and that certainly there will be either fewer or more Boards involved in future governance.

REPORT ON THE INJURY TO DEAN GEORGE TAYLOR

The Senate received the report on the injury to Dean George Taylor on July 15 but had postponed discussion until a Fall meeting, when more members of the Senate would be present.

Mr. Morris turned over the chair to Mr. Hill, who presided during the discussion. Mr. Morris was chairman of the investigating committee.

Mr. Darryl Norton, a committee member, presented the background of the report and discussed procedures followed by the committee. He pointed out that the committee was not a legal body, had no legal powers, such as that of subpoena, and did not always receive information it requested.

The question was raised as to whether the injured party contemplated legal action. Mr. Norton said he could not answer that on behalf of the injured party. Mr. Norton did urge the Senate to establish a committee, with investigative procedures spelled out, which could be ready to function should such a case occur again.

In response to questions, it was pointed out that both the I.S.U. security force and the Normal Police department had not responded as well as the committee had wished.

Because the report was listed on the agenda as an information item, it was necessary to suspend the rules to consider a motion to adopt. By unanimous voice vote, the Senate approved a motion (Mr. Cohen, Mr. Gray) to suspend the rules.

A motion (Mr. Morris, Mr. Johnson) was passed by voice vote that the Senate accept the report and that appropriate committees of the Academic Senate consider the recommendations and, in turn, send their own recommendations to the appropriate administrative offices of the University. The motion passed with all "Yes" votes except for one abstention.
The recommendations are:


2. Cooperative training programs between the Normal Police Department and Illinois State Security Force should be considered by administrative officials.

3. Jurisdictional matters concerning the campus and the town should be clearly defined and should include a legal definition of the campus boundaries.

4. There is a need for closer communication and contact between ISU security officers and representatives of the Office of Student Services.

5. Attention must be given to the clarification of the legal implications when faculty, students, and civil service are assigned or asked to assume duties during time of campus unrest.

6. A program should be developed to promote constructive interaction between police (campus and municipal) and the student body.

7. By means of meeting issues before they become grounds for confrontation, demonstration or riot, general sessions should be held on current issues and open discussion of sensitive topics should be encouraged.

8. Consideration should be given to the use of methods of dispersing crowds and for the protection of people and property.

9. Studies should be undertaken as soon as possible on the condition of present campus lighting.

10. An appropriate commission should be formed immediately to develop a master plan to consider alternatives for University community action in times of crisis.
Following acceptance of the report, a motion (Mr. Walther, Miss Alexander) was introduced, and passed by voice vote, to suspend the rules to allow a visitor to speak.

Mr. Hearmon Gerald, chairman of the Black Affairs Council and a member of the investigation committee, expressed much displeasure with the Senate for taking no further action. He said that the Senate had the report for two months, had delayed action that long, and now was doing nothing more than merely accept it. He maintained that this made it appear that the Senate took no real action on the issue.

It was pointed out that the Senate had accepted the ten recommendations of the investigation committee. The question was raised as to how long it would be before any of the recommendations were implemented.

Miss Miriam Wagenschein was granted the floor. She said she was responsible for sending Dean Taylor out on duty the night he received his injury; she hoped the Senate would act on the recommendations with all due speed so as to avert another such incident should another crisis arise.

Mr. Hubbard pointed out that the Senate is a legislative, not an executive, body and that the Senate had taken legislative action. The Senate, through standing committees, will recommend action to the administrative officers of the University, and will do so soon.

After Mr. Gerald left, the discussion continued. Mr. Goodall reminded the Senate that some actions have already been taken: the security force has undergone special training and the ERIC (Educational Response in Crisis) committee has been established.

Miss Alexander reminded the Senate that the incident did occur five months ago, that the report was just now accepted, and that the matter was an issue of deep concern among black students. Mr. Morris repeated the fact that action on the report had been postponed from a summer session of the Senate so that the full Senate could be present and also so that other persons involved could be present.

Mr. Kagy, a member of the investigation committee, replied to a query about the recommendations by stating that the committee had made all the recommendations it could, based on the testimony received.

A motion (Mr. Hubbard, Mr. Drew) was passed by unanimous voice vote to have the record show that the Senate instructs the Executive Committee to assign recommendations to the appropriate Senate committees, to urge all possible action on them, and to have the committees report back at the next meeting of the Senate.

Mr. Morris resumed the chair.
Mr. John Hill, the interim faculty representative to the AACMU, reported on a meeting held in Chicago on September 25. The group elected Richard Bond, of Illinois State, chairman; Howard Olson, of Southern Illinois University, vice-chairman; Richard Bowers, of Northern Illinois University, secretary-treasurer. Terms of office are one-year for the chairman and vice-chairman and two years for the secretary-treasurer. The group also decided that posts should alternate between administrative representatives and faculty representatives. In the future, terms of office will begin on July 1.

Mr. Hill reported that one man was interviewed about the post of Executive Director; he, and other candidates, will meet with the Board of Governors in St. Louis in October. The topic of location of the AACMU office was deferred until an Executive Director is selected.

Southern Illinois University has suggested that an urban studies program be instituted by the consortium in Chicago; it could be housed in the Stone-Brandel center.

Details of a traveling art exhibit are to be worked out by the individual schools.

The Mackinac project involves use of buildings and equipment at Mackinac College on Mackinac Island in Michigan. The projected total cost is $950,000; to date, authorities there have not supplied the necessary information to the AACMU to enable action to be taken. Also, the University of Michigan, which operates a Sea Grant program at Traverse Bay, has offered its support should the consortium develop an ecological program at Mackinac.

Action was deferred on a proposal for a consortium of laboratory schools as well as on a proposal for an Academic Administration Internship program.

The next meeting will be in Chicago on October 30.

SENATE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee

Mr. Finley reported that the proposal for a program leading to the B.S. in Medical Technology was referred to the Academic Affairs Committee, as was a letter from Robert Young about the Council on Teacher Education. A letter from Senator Percy will be printed in the Vidette and made available to faculty members.
Mr. Charles Sherman was appointed chairman of the ad hoc committee on admissions. Mr. Witte and Mr. Zeidenstein continue to work on the matter of appointments, nominations, and replacements to committees. Miss Diane Barz was named liaison person between the Academic Senate and the ERIC committee.

Miss Alexander and Mr. Youngs, the two new Senators, should assume the committee assignments left vacant by the resignations of Mr. Berndt and Mr. Legge, respectively.

Mrs. Susan Thomas, the clerical secretary of the Senate, sent a thank-you note for the flowers which went sent to her following her surgery.

Rules Committee

Mr. Zeidenstein reported that the Committee is working on rules for the election of members of the next Senate. Also, individual members of the Committee have been assigned to recodify, as proposed by-laws, the rules governing reports from external standing committees. These are:

reporting to Academic Affairs Committee:

Academic Standards Committee - Mr. Turner
Council for General Education - Mr. Turner
Council for Teacher Education - Mr. Truex
Curriculum Committee - Mr. Truex
Honors Council - Mr. Zeidenstein

reporting to Student Affairs Committee:

Reinstatement Committee - Mr. Finley
*Athletic Board - Mr. Perry
ALSO Board - Miss Alexander
Entertainment Board - Miss Alexander
Union Board - Mr. Finley
*University Publications Committee - Mr. Zeidenstein

reporting to Administrative Affairs Committee:

*University Publications Committee - Mr. Zeidenstein
Library Board - Mr. Hicklin
Parking and Traffic Board - Mr. Hicklin
reporting to Faculty Affairs Committee:

*Athletic Board - Mr. Perry
Economic Well-Being Committee - Mr. Perry

others:

Faculty Status Committee - Mr. Hubbard
Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee - Mr. Hubbard

* reports to two Committees

Faculty Affairs Committee

Mr. McCarney reported the Committee has under consideration the proposals regarding University Professors and Distinguished Professors. Any comments should be sent to Mr. McCarney by October 14.

Academic Affairs Committee

Mr. Cohen said the Committee will have four items ready for Senate action on October 21:

1. Proposal for a School of Social Work
2. Reorganization of the College of Education
   a) reorganization of the laboratory schools
   b) proposal for a Department of Counselor Education
3. Report on the joint committee on advisement

Student Affairs Committee

Mr. Wedemeyer reported that the Committee is studying Student Life -- ISU and the use of student funds.

Administrative Affairs Committee

The Committee had no report.
COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Morris recognized Mr. Francis Belshe, who reported for Mr. Bond that the Task Force on Social Work has been designated the Selection Committee for the Dean of the School of Social Work; also, a committee has been appointed to determine the administrative placement of the School of Social Work. Members are: M. M. Chambers, Ira Cohen, Charles Gray, Milton Greenberg, Stan Rives, Shailer Thomas, and chairman Arlan Helgeson.

Mr. Cohen said that the Academic Affairs Committee will send to the ExCom the names of three nominees for the Honors Council.

Mr. Geigle and Mr. Bond sent notes expressing their regrets about missing the meeting. They were attending a meeting of the Board of Higher Education.

Mr. Johnson reported on the opening of bids for DeGarmo Hall; he said he hopes the bids on SMART Hall will also come in on the estimates.

Mr. Johnson was asked to comment on the parking situation and perhaps to say something hopeful. He could not, and he explained why. As more buildings are erected on campus, the land available for parking will diminish. In view of the state policy on funds, the cost of building parking lots will have to rest on students and faculty, and the cost will be high. He cited, as an example, the proposed high-rise parking building for Chicago Circle campus: student fees will be used to pay for it and the spaces will rent for $200 a year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An Executive Session was held from 9:27 to 9:35 p.m.

Mr. Morris asked that the Executive Committee meet after adjournment, in order to assign to Committees the recommendations in the Taylor report.

The Senate adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

For the Academic Senate,

John S. Hill, Secretary
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