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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. in 401 Stevenson Hall by Chairman Edwards. After a roll call, the Chairman declared a quorum to be present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

IV,40

A motion (Mr. Kagy, Mr. Hill) to approve the minutes as issued was approved.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Chairman referred to a letter from the President concerning the appointment of a committee to review the constitution. The President reported that he was selecting a committee to look at the technical and long-range problems. They are charged first with completing the technical problems before looking at the long-range problems. Professor Eimmerman has been appointed executive director of the committee. The committee will consist of nine members--three faculty, three civil service staff, and three students. The President has asked for recommendations for names. The Chairman asked that names be turned in to Phil Steffan and to Mr. Edwards for service on this committee. The civil service staff will be forwarding theirs to Mrs. Eckhardt of the civil service staff.

REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

The first item on the agenda was a report on recent actions of the University Curriculum Committee. Dr. Woodson was invited to come to the table for a presentation on the Curriculum Committee actions. The report dated January 10 called "An Annual Report on the Proceedings of the University Curriculum Committee" is available in the Senate office with the full details of the programs that have been approved during the year, program consolidations, the concern for the addition of new courses, and the guidelines for the approval of new courses, the listing of the courses approved, and the modifications of existing courses that were approved, including course number changes. The Chairman thanked Mr. Woodson for his report.

PROPOSALS FOR MASTER OF FINE ARTS IN ART AND THEATRE

The second and third items on the agenda were the proposals for Masters of Fine Arts in Art and Theatre. Mr. Mohr reported for the Academic Affairs Committee on the proposal for a Masters of Fine Arts in Theatre. Dean Helgeson passed out summaries on the proposals. Dean Budig explained that both of the Master of Fine Arts proposals would help strengthen the position of our students in terms of job placement. Then Dean Budig stated that this would more accurately describe what we are doing in the area of theatre and art. In response to a question about the state of the Board of Higher Education, Dean Budig said that the Board of Higher Education had stated that they would be receptive to approval of a Master of Fine Arts if the Departments would relinquish the offering of the Master of Arts in these areas, and both Departments have in fact agreed to this.

Dean Budig called upon Dr. Pritner to explain the Master of Fine Arts in Theatre. Dean Budig, in response to a question, said that the staff and their facilities were in fact adequate without additional cost to offer this degree. Mr. Mohr, Chairman of the Academic Affairs Committee, stated that the Committee had approved both Master of Fine Arts proposals and has requested that both proposals proceed to the action item stage.

REPORT ON UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The Senate proceeded to a report on undergraduate degree requirements. Mr. Mohr, Chairman of the Academic Affairs Committee, reported that there was opposition from the Academic Standards Committee to the reduction of University-wide graduation requirements to 120 hours from the present 128 hours. Mr. Mohr stated that the Academic Affairs Committee was not prepared at this point to comment on the changes which have been recommended and urged the total Senate to acquaint themselves with the pros and cons of this item. The communication from Stan Rives, Chairman of the Undergraduate Degree Requirements Committee, is on file in the Academic Senate office. Mr. Kennard was invited to join the Senate in discussion, and he discussed the possibility of a maximum number of hours for the requirement being established as well as a minimum number of requirements. Chairman Edwards suggested that senators contact the Academic Affairs Committee for further comments on this proposal. Dean Rives explained the major points and focus of the Undergraduate Degree Requirements Committee report. The Committee report focused on the possible reduction of the number of University hours required for graduation and on the elimination of the requirement that the last course for graduation be taken at Illinois State University and retained the half of the last two years requirement. The report focused on the replacement of the 128 hour requirement with the University-wide requirement with special considerations for programs which require more than that. He also recommended a one hour reduction in the number of courses numbered 200 and above that would be required--reduced from 43 to 42. Mr. Koch raised the question what would happen to the Board of Higher Education funding formula if we dropped the eight hours from the average minimum required hours for a Bachelor's degree. Mr. Woods pointed out that there appears to be a discrepancy between the recommendation of the reduction of a Bachelor's degree to 120 hours and the recommendation that we increase the requirement in art and theatre to 60 hours from 30. Several senators who are students testified to the fact that 120 hours would match the average load per semester much better and would fit in better with realistic completion of the Bachelor's degree in four years. Dean Budig responded that the proposal needed much discussion. It needs exploring because it has not been explored for some time, but this is not to deny other approaches. Dean Rives requested that the Senate take this item up as an action item at the next meeting; he stated in response to a question that it could still get in next year's catalog.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee

Mr. Raymond reported for the Executive Committee. The Environmental Health Program has been referred to the Academic Affairs Committee. The memo re University Record Policy and Administrative Withdrawals has been referred to Student Affairs Committee. The memo from Harvey Woods to Dr. Berlo re retirement benefits has been referred to the Faculty Well Being Committee. The Student Affairs Committee has been charged with developing procedures to

dissolve the Academic Life and Student Organization Board and the President's Student Activity Fee Advisory Committee when the President requests that the Student Government be advisory to him.

Student Government Revamp Committee

Mr. McConnell read a letter from the Student Government Revamp Committee. This letter contained questions which the student government is trying to answer. The Revamp Committee asked for the postponement of the senate elections until March 28, 1973.

Rules Committee

Senator Hathway reported that the election committee has requested that the elections be held on March 7. Mr. Hathway said that the Rules Committee would ask for Senate approval of that date for the elections. Mr. Hathway also stated that there might have to be a college reapportionment made before the elections.

COMMUNICATIONS

Chairman Edwards recommended to all committee chairmen that they give sufficient notice in University, campus-wide press sources of the exact times of their meetings and their agenda if possible.

Senator Charles Hicklin reported that we had received a thank you note from Betty Wiechman, the former civil service secretary, for a music box which had been purchased for her on behalf of the Senate.

It was recommended that the Executive Committee take on the duty of screening names that were recommended for the constitution revamp committee before they are forwarded to the President.

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The motion (Mr. Snavelly, Mr. Reynolds) to adjourn passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:13.

For the Academic Senate,

Charles R. Hicklin, Secretary

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ACADEMIC SENATE ATTENDANCE

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1. Amster, Stephanie	P	26. Price, Samuel	A
2. Arnold, William	P	27. Raymond, David	P
3. Baker, Paul	A	28. Rennels, Max	A
4. Bickel, Patti	A	29. Reynolds, Robert	P
5. Brundege, Bill	P	30. Rich, John	P
6. Calef, Wesley	A	31. Roderick, James	P
7. Chesebro, Patricia	P	32. Schermer, Mike	P
8. Chisesi, Larry	P	33. Snavely, Bill	P
9. Crew, John	P	34. Spencer, Carole	A
10. Edwards, Charles	P	35. Stein, Ethel	A
11. Fuehrer, William	A	36. Sullivan, Dan	A
12. Gillett, Jan	A	37. Sutherland, Robert	P
13. Haig, Connie	A	38. Tarrant, Patrick	A
14. Hathway, Robert	P	39. Vowell, Denise	A
15. Hicklin, Charles	P	40. Walker, Linda	P
16. Hill, John S.	P	41. Williams, Sherra	P
17. Hubbard, Ben	P	42. Woods, Harvey	P
18. Kagy, Fred	P	43. Workman, Donna J.	P
19. Koch, James	P	44. Young, Robert	P
20. Madore, Normand	P	45. Steffen, Phil	P
21. McGuckin, Mike	P	46. Budig, Gene	P
22. Merker, George	A	47. Berlo, David K.	A
23. Mohr, Coenraad	P	48. Hulet, Richard	A
24. Pierce, Robert	P	49. Johnson, Eric	A
25. Plummer, Mark	P		