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The Executive Committee met at 8:05 p.m. and went into executive session with the Chairman of Faculty Status Committee, Margaret Jones, to consider the additional promotion and tenure recommendations resulting from the appeal procedures. At 8:20 the Executive Committee went to open session and spent some time discussing the tenure policies which apply to Laboratory School personnel. Mr. Sutherland and Mr. Tarrant raised several questions which Ms. Jones promised to raise with the Faculty Status Committee as a whole.

The next seven items in the CCGR Report were placed on the agenda.

A letter from Dean Belshe about religious observances was discussed. The suggestion was made in this memo that perhaps we need a policy statement on the matter. The issue was referred to the Administrative Affairs Committee.

Student members of the Athletic Council and Reinstatement Committee were discussed. A question was raised on the screening process used by Student Association to fill committee appointments. In light of time and necessity, it was decided to accept these but a statement suggesting that the screening process be looked into is needed. Chairman Edwards will write a letter to Mike Schermer about the screening process. A motion (Mr. Merker, Ms. McMillan) to accept the list of nominations carried.

A memo from the President was discussed. The President asked why the Administration had not received the advice of the Senate on a general policy on memorials. The Chairman stated that the Administrative Affairs Committee had recommended no changes in present policy the last time the President had referred the matter to the Senate. The Chairman stated that we might like to refer the matter back to the new Administrative Affairs Committee. It was suggested that we should refer the whole matter of the Kent State memorial situation to the committee also. A motion was made to: 1) respond to the President re action taken, 2) send the proposal to the Administrative Affairs Committee, 3) suggest that they consider the possibility of formulating a policy for a specific memorial day and ways of having memorial days. The motion (Mr. Merker, Mr. Mensinger) passed unanimously.

Civil Service appointments to the Parking and Economic Well Being Committees were received. A motion (Mr. Hicklin, Mr. Tarrant) to receive and transmit these appointments carried.

A letter by President Berlo outlining a plan to take appointment of the Vidette Editor out of the hands of the Publications Committee was read by the Chairman. President Berlo suggested his plan would avoid campus politics.

Copies of correspondence relating to ACLU concern for open access to the university were read and distributed. No action was taken.

The first regular Senate meeting in June is during the week we are gone so it will not be held. The first ExComm meeting in June will be June 19; the first Senate meeting will be June 27.

A question was raised as to why Honorary Degree Recipients weren’t brought to the Senate in executive session as is usually the case. Chairman Edwards will contact Dr. Morris about this.