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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Meeting No. 12
5:00 - 8:07 p.m.
Hovey 302

April 3, 1974

Members Present: Mr. Arnold, President Budig, Ms. Frankland, Mr. Henry, Mr. Hicklin, Mr. Kolasa, Mr. Liberta, Mr. Madore, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Tarrant, Mr. Young.

Visitors: Ms. Robbins, Vidette; Dean Helgeson

A motion (Mr. Madore, Mr. Budig) to meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 5:00 was approved. A motion (Mr. Madore, Mr. Liberta) to meet in the President’s Conference Room (Hovey 418) was approved.

The resignation of Senator Kachur was discussed. Because of the realignment of the College of Education, Clinical Experiences is no longer considered as an academic department. A motion (Mr. Hicklin, Mr. Madore) to direct the College of Education to hold a special election to fill the vacancy with the understanding that no one from Curriculum & Instruction can be elected because the department already has two representatives on the Senate was approved.

The recommendation of the Faculty Affairs Committee on APT-FSC Guidelines was placed on the agenda as an action item after approval of a motion by Mr. Madore and Mr. Young. A far-ranging discussion of the recommendation followed.

The request of a department to change the date of the election of the Faculty Status Committee members and the Appointment, Promotion, and Tenure Committee members was discussed. Mr. Madore moved that the revision of the election dates be placed on the agenda as an action item. The motion died for lack of a second. Mr. Madore will contact the department chairman about the situation.

The appointment of student members to external Senate committees was put on the agenda as an action item. Mr. Taylor’s name was deleted from the list because he is presently an Academic Senator. Mr. Hicklin asked if the present Student Association leadership endorsed these appointments. Mr. Arnold replied in the affirmative. A motion (Mr. Madore, Mr. Hicklin) to endorse the list with the removal of Mr. Taylor’s name was approved.

A motion (Mr. Madore, Mr. Budig) to schedule meetings of the internal standing committees after the adjournment of the April 10 Senate meeting was approved.

The location of the Senate meetings was discussed. It was the consensus of the ExComm that the meetings should continued to be held in Stevenson 401.

The resignation of Howard Hetzel from the Faculty Status Committee was discussed. A motion (Mr. Madore, Mr. Budig) to accept with regret the resignation of Mr. Hetzel but not to fill
the vacancy at this late date was approved.

The resignation of Ben Hubbard from the position of administrative representative on the Human Resources Management Task Force was approved. A motion (Mr. Tarrant, Mr. Madore) to ask James House, Foreign Languages, to serve on the Task Force as the administrative representative was approved with Mr. Henry and Mr. Arnold abstaining.

Permission was granted by the Executive Committee to distribute a memorandum to the department chairmen asking for nominees from the departments for Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee, Faculty Status Committee, and Faculty Grievance Committee.

A letter from Ms. Paula Conroy asking the Senate to pass a resolution in support of the Equal Rights Amendment was discussed at considerable length. The consensus of opinion was that this action was precluded by the statement on politicization of the University. It was suggested that the Chairperson communicate with Ms. Conroy and inform her that several of the internal committees of the Senate are trying to improve the situation. It was suggested also that she contact Ms. Chesebro regarding the action that Senators have taken as individuals on this issue.

A communication from Leger Brosnahan regarding the procedures followed by the Dean of College of Arts and Sciences Selection Committee was discussed. A motion (Mr. Henry, Mr. Arnold) that the Chairperson respond to Mr. Brosnahan asking for clarification of the points raised in his initial letter was approved.

A memo from Dorothy Carrington regarding the need for greater participation of women on Senate committees was referred to the Rules Committee on a motion by Mr. Budig, Mr. Hicklin.

A memo regarding appointments to the Curriculum Committee was referred to the Rules Committee.

A communication from Barry Chamberlain requesting that the Senate ask all faculty members to allow Student Association Assembly members and Academic Senators to identify themselves in order to increase input to the members was discussed. It was noted that to mandate faculty to do this might be an infringement of academic freedom. A motion (Mr. Hicklin, Mr. Tarrant) to refer Mr. Chamberlain's letter to the Rules Committee failed. A motion (Mr. Tarrant, Mr. Henry) to endorse the principle of Mr. Chamberlain's letter was approved.

A letter regarding variable annuities was referred to the Faculty Affairs Committee.

The Executive Committee assigned Senators to internal standing committees. A motion (Mr. Hicklin, Mr. Tarrant) to approve the nominations to internal standing committees was approved.

The membership of an Ethics Committee was determined by a random drawing of names of faculty members of the Academic Senate.

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.