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Executive Committee

Meeting No. 5
President's Conference Room
4:00 - 5:30 p.m. 
November 6, 1974

Members Present: Mr. Arnold, Mr. Henry, Mr. Hicklin, Ms. Frankland, Mr. Kolasa,
Mr. Liberta, Mr. Madore, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Tarrant, Mr. Young,
Dean Helgeson (for the Administration)

Guests: Mr. Gavin, Mr. Allred, Mr. Woods, Mr. McBee, Ms. Robbins, Vidette

The Chairperson called the meeting to order.

The proposal to change Bylaw 4.4e and the proposal to change the college deans selection procedures were put on the agenda as information items on motion (Mr. Tarrant, Mr. Henry).

Faculty appointments to external standing committees and the election of members to the Advisory Committee on Affirmative Action for Minorities were placed on the agenda as action items on motion (Mr. Madore, Mr. Henry).

Student appointments to SCERB were placed on the action item agenda on motion (Mr. Arnold, Mr. Madore) with the understanding that these are nominees from which the President will make three appointments.

Mr. Kolasa asked if he could suggest an information item. He stated that he had recently found out that SCERB is one of our external committees, yet the Senate is not allowed to attend hearings or learn of sanctions. It was explained that final results from faculty appeals committees are reported to the Senate. A question arose if the individual who is brought up before SCERB is allowed to have persons available for consultation or advice. Mr. Arnold reminded the members that the court system was public. Mr. Hicklin countered that the hearing part is public but not the deliberations. Mr. Sutherland said that grand jury proceedings were not public. The analogy to the court system does not hold up in all cases, it was pointed out. Mr. Hicklin stated that the student body would have some feelings on this. He questioned if the students were sure that they are reflecting the feelings of all students. The committee members were reminded that students have the right to deny parents the right to their records; it is important that they also have the right to bar strangers from the proceedings. Mr. Kolasa suggested that students be given the option of inviting non-members out. The response was given that some students might not know who the members were and might not realize that there were non-members present. Mr. Hicklin suggested that protection of students' rights was at stake here. Mr. Kolasa discussed the difficulty he was having in identifying students involved in housing violations. It was suggested that he could ask these persons to come forth. Mr. Kolasa stated that student senators had no input into Housing any more. Mr. Tarrant suggested that Mr. Kolasa concentrate on this particular position. He suggested that there are many instances when students might not want others to know about their cases. It was suggested that to allow others into the hearings might be damaging later. Mr. Hicklin stated that at the urging of students the Senate had last year abolished the Housing Committee. He said he knew that this Student Association was a different entity than last year but that he was having difficulty inter-
preting what the students' wishes really are. He reminded the committee that he had tried to keep this committee. He said the Senate did have the right to reestablish the committee but grabbing back power isn't easy. He suggested that this action would make the Senate look contradictory. A question arose if Mr. Kolasa's proposal was consistent with Federal guidelines. A question arose if the Senate was empowered to change SCERB's procedures. It was suggested that a resolution might be the place to begin changes since it would provide visibility for the problem and might generate possible solutions. It was suggested that an information item on the recreation of the Housing Committee be placed on the agenda. It was suggested that the Legal Counsel and/or the Student Attorney be present to provide legal expertise. A motion (Mr. Henry, Mr. Madore) to put the recreation of the Housing Committee on the agenda was approved.

The Seating of Senators and the Resignation of Senator were added to the agenda on motion (Mr. Arnold, Mr. Madore).

Harvey Woods shared some concerns over parking. Mr. Woods reminded the committee that some time ago he passed out a memo on University Farm parking problems. He stated that he had attended a Parking Committee meeting recently where he discovered that some members didn't know that they were a part of the Senate. The Parking Committee minutes recorded some members' concern over the importance of the Parking Committee. Several members indicated that the committee was a waste of time; others felt it was only used to hear parking citation appeals. Mr. Woods stated that one of the faculty members on the committee was considering resignation because the committee does nothing and because decisions are made before the committee is given a chance for input. It was stated that if these are the conceptions of the members of the Parking Committee, then the Executive Committee should look at the committee's functioning. It was suggested that administrative lines be exhausted first.

Mr. Sutherland stated that these people answer to Morris and that he should clear up the matter. Another suggestion was made that the Administrative Affairs Committee pursue an investigation of this matter to gain an impression of the temper of the committee. Mr. Henry reminded the Executive Committee that he had expressed his concern last summer that parking proposals were not being brought to the Senate for approval. It was remarked that if the Parking Committee feels that they are being bypassed, it might be partly the Senate's fault. The suggestion was made again that the Chairperson contact Dr. Morris and ask him to take care of the problem. A motion (Mr. Helgeson, Mr. Tarrant) was made that the Chairperson communicate with Dr. Morris with regard to concerns over the use of the Parking Committee and its functions as part of the decision-making process and with regard to the specific problem raised by Mr. Woods. Mr. Henry remarked on the use of this body as a forum for frustrated people to air their grievances. He suggested that this process seems to speed the process up and he expressed his hope that we don't start dismissing complaints. Mr. Hicklin described the proposed action as a part of accountability. He said that if the Chairperson comes back and says that Dr. Morris won't do anything, then he would be willing to carry this out to make sure that Board policy re delegated authority is obeyed. He stated that we shouldn't automatically take off and solve the problem before we try to get accountability working again. Mr. McBee provided a historical background on the University Farm parking situation. He stated that when Mr. Duncan came to campus, a decision was made that anyone who worked at the farm had to have a sticker. It was felt that if an exception was made for the University
Farm, then everyone else would want an exception. Mr. McBee stated that students who work and take classes at the Farm have no transportation furnished for them by the University and actually are doing the University a favor by driving to the farm, since many universities do provide transportation. Mr. McBee stated that persons using the Golf Course lot do not need stickers. He said that if the University would put up lot markers, then Parking might be justified in giving tickets, but the Parking people have done nothing except provide tickets. A suggestion was made that Mr. Pendleton, Acting Chairman of the Parking Committee, be written and told to send recommendations and decisions to Administrative Affairs Committee for review. The consensus of the Committee was to accept this suggestion. The motion to write to Secretary Morris was approved.

Mr. McBee discussed a problem he had encountered regarding the committee nominations submitted by the Student Association and approved by the Academic Senate. Mr. Arnold said he would take the concerns and follow through on them. It was the consensus of the group that the Student Association should provide names, addresses, and social security numbers.

The Chairperson stated that he had received a memo from Ray White regarding the Teacher Education Review Board. He suggested that action be deferred on this until Dean Hermanowicz’s letter arrives. It was stated that most students would probably applaud the idea of a Teacher Education Review Board.

A letter to Pat Chesebro from Jeffrey Butler was noted regarding the Special Education Department’s limitation on hours taken by students who were employed full time. Dean Helgeson stated that it was really a graduate problem, and he suggested that Dean White be sent a copy of the letter. He commented that the students have probably been misadvised.

The Chairperson reported on the status of the Human Resources Management Task Force. He reported that student nominees were never received and the committee has not been functioning. It was suggested that the Human Resources Management Task Force be sent back to Faculty Affairs Committee to be recodified. Mr. Tarrant pointed out that this was another example of a committee not meeting because one member was missing. A motion (Mr. Hicklin, Mr. Young) was made to send the entire Human Resources Management Task Force back to the Faculty Affairs Committee for recodification and restudy of its membership and functions. The motion was approved, with Mr. Madore and Mr. Henry abstaining.

The Chairperson reported that the Rules Committee had suggested a format for vitae. A motion (Mr. Madore, Mr. Henry) to approve the format suggested by the Rules Committee was approved.

The Chairperson reported on a memorandum to Bud Clark and himself from Dr. Morris re representation on the Joint University Advisory Committee for civil service. The Chairperson stated his personal feelings that JUAC should have civil service input. A motion (Mr. Hicklin, Mr. Liberta) that the Chairperson consult with the President of the Civil Service Council about placing a representative on the JUAC from the civil service was approved.
A memo from William Savage re appointment of a black faculty member on the committee reviewing APT procedures was noted.

A memo from Mr. Godfrey re changing the chairman designation to chairperson was noted. The consensus of the committee was that this item be placed on the agenda as an information item generated by the Executive Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.