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Executive Committee

Meeting No. 6
Hovey 308
4:00 - 5:30 p.m. December 4, 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: Dean Rives, Dean Helgeson, Mr. McBee, Mr. Sims, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Brekke, Vidette.

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m.

The Chairperson stated that Dr. Charles Edwards had asked to address the group. Dr. Edwards stated that he was present as a disinterested third party but one who is very interested in the work of the Senate. He stated that he was requesting the help of the Senate sincerely and wholeheartedly. He said that the credibility of the University and its organizations is extremely hard to establish and easy to lose. He stated that we have an extremely fine reputation which has been earned on this campus. He said this has been accomplished by sticking to our procedures and our due process. He attributed our excellent internal and external credibility to the fact that we as a group had not broken due process. He stated that the previous president had been unable to break this and do what he wanted to do. He pleaded with the Senate to stay with established committee procedures. He said that most times when we have broken established procedures to take hasty action we regretted it later. He urged the Senate to withstand pressure as a group. He said that this was extremely important in being able to function. He urged that whenever a person insists on acting now, ask why. He said that this group needs to take the leadership in this area. He asked why should the Senate act outside of its established procedures. He said that established procedures protect people. He urged that if people wanted to break with established procedures these changes be made in an orderly method. Mr. Edwards said that Chairman Sutherland does his best, but is all alone unless this group backs him up. Mr. Edwards reiterated his plea to stay with established procedures which are a protection of individual liberties and rights. The Chairperson thanked Mr. Edwards for bringing his concerns to the Executive Committee. There were no comments or questions.

The Chairperson stated that he would like to include Dr. Budig’s statement on Dr. Geigle under Chairperson’s Remarks at the Senate meeting on December 11. It was the consensus of the group that the Executive Committee joins in the sentiments expressed by President Budig.

Chairperson Sutherland stated that letters of resignation had been received from Dan Taylor and George Wallace, and that Charles Hicklin had indicated his resignation would be forthcoming. The Chairperson said that John Briggs, a student member of the Selection Committee for Dean of the Graduate School, had also resigned. The runner-up in the election was Donna Maddox, a graduate student in art. Chairperson Sutherland suggested that the Executive Committee appoint Ms. Maddox and have the Senate ratify the appointment. A motion (Mr. Madore, Mr. Tarrant) to so move was approved.
The Chairperson stated that a replacement for Ms. Berlanga would be seated at the December II Senate meeting.

The Chairperson stated that an election for Secretary and an election for the Joint University Advisory Committee representative and the Board of Higher Education Faculty Advisory Committee vacancy would be necessitated by the resignation of Mr. Hicklin. Mr. Hicklin recommended that a person be elected to fill the remainder of his term and then the new three-year term also. Mr. Hicklin said that there was no set procedure for the election for the Faculty Advisory Committee member. A suggestion was made that the JUAC seat be allowed to lie dormant because of the length of term on the committee is so short. Mr. Tarrant said that he was against that action because not too many faculty will have the chance to attend officially a meeting of the Board of Regents. He stated that there are faculty members within the Senate who might be honored by being elected to the committee. The Chairperson said that filling Mr. Hicklin's Senate seat might necessitate a special election in the College of Education. He asked if we should leave the seat vacant. It was suggested that the Dean of the College of Education be notified to start conducting an election for the two month term. A motion (Mr. Tarrant, Mr. Hicklin) to so move was approved. Mr. Hicklin explained that the Faculty Advisory Committee to the BHE was a group of rotating members from both private and public colleges and universities. A motion (Mr. Tarrant, Mr. Budig) to have an election for the JUAC term was approved. It was suggested that for the Board of Higher Education position an announcement be made of the opening with a call for nominations and provision for a Senate election. It was clarified that this person did not have to be a member of the Senate. The Executive Committee was reminded that the rule re provision of vita means that more time has to be provided for this election. An alternative was suggested that the Executive Committee nominate someone for ratification by the Senate. A motion (Mr. Hicklin, President Budig) that Normand Madore fill that vacancy caused by Mr. Hicklin's resignation until such time as the vacancy on the Faculty Advisory Committee can be advertised throughout the University and another nomination made was approved.

The Chairperson stated that under the Chairperson's Remarks a report from Mr. Hickrod on the budgeting process would be made. He stated that Mr. Hickrod had asked that Dean Belshe and Warren Harden be invited to the meeting to add their comments.

Action items for the December II Senate meeting will be: 1. Change in ByLaw 4.4e; 2. Change in College Deans Selection Procedures; 3. Election of Secretary; 4. Election of JUAC member; 5. Ratification of Election of Donna Maddox to replace John Briggs on the Dean of Graduate School Selection Committee; 6. Ratification of Mr. Madore to replace Mr. Hicklin on the Faculty Advisory Committee of the BHE. A motion (Mr. Madore, President Budig) to approve these items for the action agenda was approved.

The Chairperson stated that information items for the December II meeting would be the CCGR Governance Revision Proposals, the Academic Plan, and the Incomplete Policy Proposal. The Chairperson stated that Dean Rives had stressed the urgency of getting Senate approval for the Academic Plan. He stated that it needs to be submitted to the Board staff in January. The Academic Affairs Committee has slated hearings on the
Plan for next Monday in various sites across the campus. Dean Rives stated that given the heavy agenda of the Senate it might be the better part of wisdom to allow this to remain as an information item. The Chairperson stated that it could be moved to an action item by a suspension of the rules. The Chairperson stated that Dr. Dieterle would be invited to the meeting to discuss the incomplete policy. Dr. Eimermann and his committee would be invited to be present for discussion of governance revision.

The Chairperson commented that it was difficult to know how long that discussion would last. The question was raised if the Board has mandated placing civil service personnel on the Senate. Mr. Hicklin answered in the affirmative. It was suggested that a time limit could be placed on the governance discussion.

The Chairperson reported on his discussion with Bud Clark re placing a civil service person on the Joint University Advisory Committee. He stated that this action presently would require a constitutional amendment. He said that both Mr. Clark and he did not wish the question of civil service representation on JUAC to be misconstrued by anyone as a tradeoff or an "end run" in exchange for civil service membership on the Senate. The two matters are separate and should be seen as such. He stated that JUAC membership for civil service should be independent of what else is done regarding their role in governance. It was stated that the JUAC matter could be accomplished without any effect on the CCGR governance proposal. It was suggested that the Rules Committee be asked to write out a sample amendment to allow a civil service person to be placed on JUAC. A question was raised if it would be better to fill Hicklin's vacancy now existant or leave it blank. It was pointed out that the Senate is not giving the person who is elected to the short term any assurance that he/she will get an extension. Mr. Tarrant said that he did not see anything wrong with filling the vacancy. It was stated that there is not a pressing urgency to place civil service on JUAC. It will take a while to get an amendment through. A motion (Mr. Hicklin, Mr. Madore) was made that we ask the Rules Committee to draw up a sample constitutional amendment which would provide for civil service personnel to take the upcoming vacancy on JUAC to include civil service on JUAC and to include civil service on the Senate. Mr. Arnold said, is this asking the Rules Committee to do the same thing as CCGR? Mr. Hicklin said that he was simply requesting information for this body. It was questioned if this action wasn't a little premature. It was stated that it would be better to have an amendment to consider as a simple option in case CCGR proposals break down. It was stated that the only thing that the governing board finds wrong with our present governing structure is that it doesn't have civil service representation. Mr. Arnold asked if this work of the Rules Committee would be an alternative proposal. The Chairperson expressed some uneasiness about the time frame. He stated that the Executive Committee has to be scrupulous in acknowledging the work of CCGR. He stated that this action at this time would be doing the Senate a grave disservice. He stated that such action was not only premature in view of the upcoming discussion of CCGR, we are also so deeply committed to the process that any action of this sort is simply "too late". Mr. Madore stated that he is trying to be consistent. He said that he hated to be caught in the situation where we have no alternative. Mr. Hicklin stated that the absence of an amendment being drawn up is being used as support for CCGR. It was asked why these concerns could not be brought up at the information item stage. The amendment was withdrawn.

A motion (Mr. Tarrant, Mr. Arnold) that the Senate instruct the Rules Committee to explore the possibility of drawing up a constitutional amendment for the election of a civil service person to JUAC was made. The motion was approved.
A memorandum on the establishment of a Teacher Education Review Board was transmitted to the Academic Affairs Committee on motion (Mr. Liberta, President Budig). Mr. Madore raised a point of personal privilege. He stated that the Council was changing its membership pattern and had proposed adding an additional student and a member from the field. The motion to add field-based people was voted down, he said. The reason was that the Teacher Education Council is a legislative body, and it is questionable if there could be outsiders serving on it. He questioned this position. The Chairperson said that Mr. Madore's comments would be recorded.

The Doctor of Education degree in Curriculum and Instruction was transmitted to the Academic Affairs Committee on motion (Mr. Young, Mr. Hicklin).

A communication from Mr. Madore re the laboratory schools was noted. Mr. Madore stated that there was a feeling that it is more difficult to use the resources of the lab schools for some of the functions it has served in the past. He questioned the kind of program ties presently available. He expressed a need to facilitate program support. It was suggested that this communication be transmitted to a committee which could respond to the problem. It was stated that the only department that is out of the program is Curriculum and Instruction. Other departments are being allowed to use the lab schools. It was suggested that Dr. Gnagey be contacted. The Chairperson asked Mr. Madore if he wished the letter to be officially referred to Dean Helgeson or if he wished to withdraw it and pursue the matter on his own. Mr. Madore indicated that he would pursue the matter on his own.

A resolution from the Student Association Assembly re surveillance cameras was noted. This resolution called for the Senate to design a policy banning such cameras on campus. A motion (Mr. Tarrant, Mr. Liberta) to refer this letter to the Student Affairs Committee was made. It was stated that the committee could delve into the broader aspects of the right to privacy. The motion was approved with a letter from the Executive Committee wishing them to explore the parameters of this.

Mr. Sims spoke on the interpretations of the new student records act that is being made on campus. Mr. Sims discussed the interim procedures. Mr. Sims stated that the Student Affairs Committee recommends the acceptance of all the points except the provision for hearing. He stated that the committee felt that students would be under a Catch-22 situation. The office administrator would be the one that would let the student take his file out. After all the procedures it would come back to the same person to decide if something should be removed. President Budig said that this interim compliance procedure was developed by all of the attorneys of the state. He stated that he found out late today that this would be discussed. He stated that the attorneys have spent many hours on this. He suggested that Mr. Sims raise his objection in a letter to Mr. Goleash to which Mr. Goleash would respond. He stated that this group needs to look at the question as it is stated. Mr. Henry asked how the committee was supposed to deal with the question raised by Mr. Sims. Mr. Young suggested that he needed more time to read the materials provided and that he would like to see the question and Mr. Goleash's response, and then study the situation. The consensus of the group was to have Mr. Sims follow President Budig's suggestion.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.