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Executive Committee

Meeting No. 6
Hovey 401L
4:00 - 5:40 p.m.

January 15, 1975

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

Guests: James McBee, Daniel Taylor, Arlan Helgeson, Dan Brekke, Vidette

Chairperson Sutherland called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

President Budig reported on an alternative plan for incorporating civil service into the governance structure. He expressed his willingness to meet on a regular basis with appropriate civil service representatives in an attempt to seek their judgments on issues of importance to them. He said that he had met with the Civil Service Council officers who expressed a desire to discuss the plan with the entire Council. President Budig reported that the Civil Service Council had voted unanimously to accept such an arrangement and to institute it for a trial period until October 15, 1975. He said that the Council felt that if the arrangement worked out, then the item would be brought to the Senate and would be formally recognized in the governance structure. President Budig said that he had talked with Tom Eimermann and with two of the civil service representatives on the CCGR. President Budig said that this was a different approach to the central issue. He said that under this plan both sides would have an opportunity to build the agenda and find out what everyone thinks on an issue. Dr. Budig stated that if this arrangement does not work, then the issue can be reopened. If the arrangement does work, then the Senate will be asked to ratify the procedure.

Mr. Madore asked if the current activity would be recessed. President Budig stated that it would make sense for the Senate to give this a chance to be implemented. It was suggested that the topic of governance revision be referred to the Administrative Affairs Committee until civil service informed the Senate of its opinion of the plan. Mr. Tarrant stated that we have been discussing governance for a long time. He stated that it would be difficult to get agreement on any plan. He stated that many faculty have been questioning the obligation to accept civil service on the Senate. President Budig stated that civil service deserves a voice in governance. This plan provides a vehicle for participation. He stated his hope that the Senate would give its blessing to the plan. Mr. Young stated that this was a good suggestion and should be followed. He pointed out that the governance plans before the Senate were only models and it would take quite awhile before the Constitution was actually written. Mr. Madore asked how to expedite this. Mr. Sutherland mentioned the advantage of not tying civil service into the bureaucratic structure. He expressed his concerns: that civil service were satisfied that their needs were being met; that the Eimermann committee feel that their ideas are being considered; that the academic community not think that the Senate has pulled strings. A motion (Mr. Liberta, Mr. Tarrant) that the Executive Committee support this plan and hold the CCGR report until next October was made. The motion was approved unanimously.

A letter from Dr. White regarding the Cooperative Master's Degree Program in Agriculture with the University of Illinois was referred to the Academic Affairs Committee with the request that the committee get the item out as soon as possible.

The method of selecting a member for the Vidette Long-Range Study Committee as requested by Mr. Godfrey was discussed. It was decided that the Executive Committee would nominate and the Senate ratify the appointment. Tom Henry was the recommended appointee by the Executive Committee. The ratification of his appointment will be placed on the agenda as an action item.

The Bylaws of the College of Applied Science and Technology were referred to the Rules Committee on motion (Mr. Madore, Mr. Henry).

A memorandum from Dean Moore regarding membership on the Council for Teacher Education was referred to the Rules Committee on motion (Mr. Madore, Mr. Henry).

The Academic Plan was put on the agenda as an action item on motion (Mr. Madore, Mr. Tarrant). It was pointed out that this is not an entirely new document and both faculty and students had the opportunity to provide input. A memorandum discussing changes brought about as a result of suggestions at the last Senate meeting was distributed.

The Annual Report of the University Curriculum Committee was put on the agenda as an information item on motion (Mr. Madore, Mr. Liberta).

A report from the Election Committee regarding the upcoming Senate election will be read during the Communications stage at the January 22 Senate meeting.

The revision of the governance structure was placed on the agenda as an information item.

The incomplete policy was put on the agenda as an action item on motion (Mr. Kolasa, Mr. Liberta). A discussion of which proposal to put before the Senate resulted in the decision to present the standing internal committee's report, i.e., the Academic Affairs Committee. The motion to place the item on the action agenda was approved with the provision that the item could be stricken if not a unified proposal.

A communication from Dean Helgeson regarding appointments to the Council for Teacher Education was read. The ratification of the appointment of Jerry Cantlon and Odessa Meyer to the Council for Teacher Education was placed on the agenda as an action item. Dean Helgeson also notified the Senate that Dean Moore will act as Chairman of the Council.

A letter from Mr. Hickrod requesting permission to vacate his position on the Administrative Affairs Committee was discussed. The decision was made to decline permission, and to instruct Mr. Hickrod that he could achieve his objective by using the excused absence policy.

The response of Dr. Morris to the Executive Committee's concern on parking and the role of the Parking Committee was discussed briefly. Further action will be considered at a later date.

The election situation which has three members from the College of Fine Arts being elected to the Senate at the same time instead of in staggered terms led to a motion (Mr. Madore, Mr. Tarrant) to ask Rules Committee to see how provisions could be made to ensure staggered terms. The motion was approved.

A letter from Mr. Taylor proposing an alternate governance system was noted. It was decided to refer this proposal along with the others. Mr. Taylor asked what the fate of the faculty association and executive assistants association would be under the proposal. It was stated that these issues would be delayed until the October 15 date.

A letter from Mr. Taylor calling for a Task Force to study Academic Advisement was read. (See attachment) Mr. Taylor stated that last spring he had written a number of letters re advisement. At that time Dean Gamsky thought that the request for a task force to study advisement was precipitous. Mr. Taylor stated that Dean Gamsky has supported this proposal down the line. He stated that all of the statements on who would be on the committee are supported by Dean Gamsky. Mr. Taylor stated his belief that it is imperative to get such a committee going. Mr. Taylor clarified that the present system has not met expectations. He said that it is not providing services that students and faculty expect. It was decided to introduce the request under Communications at the January 22 Senate meeting. A formal request for such a study group to be formed could come later.

A motion (Mr. Henry, Mr. Madore) to adjourn was approved.