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ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES
(Not approved by the Academic Senate)

September 13, 1978

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Meetings of the Academic Senate are open to members of the University Community. Persons attending the meetings may participate in discussion with the consent of the Senate.

Persons desiring to bring items to the attention of the Senate may do so by contacting any member of the Senate.
Call to Order

The meeting of the Academic Senate was called to order by Chairperson Cook at 7:10 p.m.

Roll Call

The Secretary declared a quorum to be present.

Approval of Minutes

The Secretary requested that we postpone approval of the August 30, 1978 set of minutes due to the fact that they were not distributed earlier.

Resignation of Senator(s)

A motion (Kuhn/Elliott) to accept Dirk Chitwood's resignation with regret was approved.

Seating of Senator(s)

Ms. Cook welcomed the following new senators: Virginia Crafts, HPERD, who will replace Larry Quane and will be on the Faculty Affairs Committee; Geoffry Hirt, Finance, who will replace Roger Potter and will be on the Budget Committee; student senator Mark Hermansen who replaces Paris Brown and will be on Academic Affairs Committee; and Bill Bolen, student senator, replacing Dirk Chitwood and will be on the Faculty Affairs Committee.

Chairperson's Remarks

Ms. Cook announced that the Executive Committee had had a 'Special' meeting this week on Monday, September 11, 1978 to approve an addition to the Agenda for tonight's meeting,"ratification of the selection of a process for an acting Dean of Business." Ms. Cook stated that Provost Horner and President Watkins would explain further.

Vice-Chairperson's Remarks

Mr. Erickson announced that approximately 20 applicants have filed for the undergraduate seat on the Senate. The screenings for the undergraduate and graduate seats on the Senate will take place this Sunday, September 17, 1978 in the Prairie Room B,C in the Union from 6:30 through 9:00 p.m.

Mr. Erickson reminded the senators that a person with 3 consecutive, unexcused absences from either committee meetings or regular Senate meetings would be considered to have vacated his seat. Any absences should be reported to the Senate office in person, by telephone or in writing.

Mr. Erickson explained that the restructuring of the Normal Town Council was the topic for discussion at last Sunday's Student Association meeting. Tim Keeney, Student Normal Town Council liaison, Mayor Richard Godfrey, Mr. Laurence Yeast and Mr. Wayne Febus took part in the debate which was held at the University/Union.
There may be another meeting of this type developed. The Association may adopt some resolution on the disposition of this proposal.

A luncheon every Thursday from 11:30 until 1:00 p.m. in the Prairie Room of the Union is held for all senators, Mr. Erickson said. It is a very informal gathering, a place for meeting and exchanging of ideas and thoughts.

**Administrator's Remarks**

President Watkins said that the regrets to announce, although possibly congratulations are in order to Frank Harrison, Dean of the College of Business, who has accepted a position as chancellor of the University of Alaska at Anchorage. Dr. Watkins stated some people would do anything to escape the hot weather and air conditioning problems here. Dr. Watkins said Dean Harrison has helped develop the College of Business and had brought it to the brink of accreditation.

Dr. Watkins announced that the end result of enrollment is 211 on-campus head-count above the previous year's enrollment.

The President reported the Board of Higher Education discussion concerning remedial education in colleges. The BHE action came in response to the Joint Council's attempt to place the problem back into the public schools. Hopefully, according to the BHE, in five years, or as soon as possible, we shall not be involved in remedial work. Remedial work does not include anything that we do at the present time. It does not include HPS programs or any of the elements of service that we offer at the present time. It does not include "special assistance" programs.

He also commented on the petition from over 200 students living on the top floor in Watterson Towers complaining about the difficulty in obtaining hot water to the upper floors. He had been informed that one of the main heaters has burned out and it was no small task to replace. Another problem also exists; the pipes leading up to the top floors have become corroded, etc. Until such time that the pipes are cleaned of the corrosion, it is difficult to force the water up to the top floors with any amount of pressure.

Provost Horner said a week ago tonight, that Dean Harrison notified him of his resignation from the University and this was contingent upon his being able to report to his new job by this coming Monday. Mr. Horner said that someone in the Dean's Council remarked the reason for haste was that the last dog sled was leaving for Alaska before they close in for the winter. Provost Horner thanked Dean Harrison for his efforts in improving the quality of programs and considering all the variables involved he's done an incredible job.

Provost Horner said that he had a dilemma and only ten days to solve the problem of obtaining an acting Dean for the College of Business, with no Senate meetings in between. While official University policy requires that the Selection Committee be chosen, it takes about a month to conduct two elections, after which there is supposed to be consultations with the Selection Committee about the selection of an acting Dean. Provost Horner said he met on Monday with Chairperson Cook and the Executive Committee and they consented and recommended endorsement by the Senate the substitution of "consultation with the College Council" in lieu of a "Selection Committee consultation." Mr. Horner explained that items in accreditation were coming up and some overlap of decision discussion was needed between the newly appointed acting Dean and Dean Harrison.
Provost Horner said he met with the College Council and with a group of Chair- persons of the College of Business and then privately talked with each Chairperson in the College of Business and also talked with two members of the Academic Senate who are members of the College of Business faculty and several faculty members also telephoned to give recommendations for acting Dean. Following those consultations Warren Perry, Chairperson of Business Education and Administrative Services, has agreed, with the approval of the President and the Board of Regents, to take on the position of acting Dean of the College of Business. Dr. Perry will assume the position of the acting Dean of the College of Business until such time as we are able to complete the search process.

As tomorrow is the final day as to a decision about the problem of accreditation, Provost Horner said he would hand-carry the declaration to St. Louis to deposit the request for accreditation. There is agreement among all persons that the number one priority would be the accreditation process.

Senator Carey inquired as to the air conditioning problem in Stevenson Hall. Dr. Carey remarked that the air condition seems to go off every day around noon and this has presented quite a problem. President Watkins said he was not aware of the problem but that he would check into it right away. Ms. Patterson said she thought this was some kind of energy saving procedure as in the winter her office is the same way. President Watkins said he would certainly check into this and also remarked that it has been approximately 87 degrees in his office, and when he is informed that there are air conditioning problems, he usually invites them to come over to his office and talk about it. He also remarked that if the electronic brain is operating that way, it must have a tumor.

**Student Body President's Remarks**

Mr. Donahue said that the Student Association is looking into the possibility of funding an air conditioning service for the campus. Mr. Donahue welcomed the new student senators and said he was looking forward to working with them in the near future. At the last Student Association Assembly they passed a resolution to fund and establish a shuttle bus service from campus to the Amtrak station. Voter registration has continued emphasis and hopes that everyone in the University will encourage people to register to vote. Student Association meeting will be held on September 17, 1978 and Senator Donahue encouraged student senators to attend the meeting of the Board of Regents that will be on campus next Thursday, September 21, 1978.

**Committee Appointments**

Mr. Jesse, Chairperson of Rules Committee, presented the following committee appointments: Jacqueline Bontemps, Art, for a 1 year alternate on the University Union Board; Carson Varner, Business Law, for a 3 year term on the Honors Council; and Robert Rumery, Psychology as alternate on University Forum Committee to serve the position vacated on the University Forum Committee by James Scrimgeour. A motion (Jesse/Koehler) to accept these appointments was made and approved. Mr. Jesse noted that Geoffry Hirt, Finance, was seated as a new senator and his nomination was stricken from the Bicycle committee.

Mr. March asked if letters would go out to the Chairpersons of the respective committees informing them of the new appointments. Ms. Cook said yes they would as well as to the individuals themselves.
ACTION ITEMS:

Program Deletion Request MSEd for Secondary Teachers in Departments Specified 6.28.78.1 presented by Senator Austensen. Academic Affairs Committee voted unanimously to accept this proposal. A motion (Austensen/Sanders) to accept this proposal was made. Mr. Turner, Chairperson of the Budget Committee reported no budgetary implications from the Budget Committee. Motion passed.

Executive Committee Item:

Ms. Cook announced that a new item was added to the Senate Agenda by the Executive Committee. Upon the resignation of the Dean of the College of Business, it was agreed that it would be impossible to speed up the required elections. It was highly desirable that the acting Dean consult with the departing Dean. As a consequence of this discussion, the Executive Committee voted to substitute "consultation with the College Council" for "consultation with the Selection Committee". This change to be a one-time only substitution applying only to the selection on an acting Dean of the College of Business.

Ms. Cook stated that the Senate could vote to override the action of the Executive Committee by two-thirds of the members, if not, the action of the Executive Committee will stand as the consensus of the Senate. (Provost Horner remarked that Dean Harrison's resignation would not technically be effective immediately after this Friday as he had some vacation time coming.) Ms. Cook said we need do nothing further unless members want to discuss it or change that action. This item was placed on the Agenda by a two-thirds motion. Ms. Cook said hearing no motion on the floor, we will assume that the action of the Executive Committee on this item has the approval of the Senate Body.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

Ms. Tillhof, Chairperson of the Student Affairs Committee, presented a proposal that would allow the University Program Fee Board at Forum to use non-student user fees to supplement their income. She said this will not solve all the financial difficulties of Forum. The Allocation Committee finds it difficult, however, to allocate money to the Forum which cannot generate any income in its own. Nancy Maysent, Chairperson of the Forum Committee and Senator Carey, liaison to Forum Committee were present to answer any questions.

Mr. Smith said he did not understand why we had an increase in student enrollment and a decrease in student fees. Mr. Donahue reminded the senators that only full-time students increase fees and also due to prior commitment for student fees, the total number of fees that were available for discretion were reduced plus the inflation factor is also recognized.

Senator Friedhoff was concerned about the selection of guests on the basis of generating funds, fees may be reducing the intellectual quality and suggested perhaps that lesser-known speakers might be brought in on issues. Mr. Erickson explained why Forum had to pay for the space in Auditorium. Mr. Erickson also asked if this resolution passes, when would it go into effect.

Mr. Wilson said that the implementation would be up to the discretion of the Forum Committee. He said that the Senate should not be involved in setting fees. Mr. Erickson asked if the Forum Committee had any data on attendance of student versus non-student. Ms. Maysent said a survey was run on the Kuntsler appearance and 25% of the audience was non-student at this presentation. On the Shafley debate
there were 50% non-student users. Ms. Maysent said that if the student subsidize the Forum, it would be less than $1 increase.

Mr. Morrison asked what part of the total cost of the speakers fee go to the Union. Ms. Maysent said the Union costs approximately $250 and they expect to use smaller auditoriums at a cost of approximately $150. During this discussion it was pointed out that students are required to pay a fee of $28 per semester for the use of the Union, but the non-student user has the option of paying or not paying. Mr. Bown asked if they had considered the possibility of selling season tickets to the Forum series. Mr. Erickson pointed out other variables that had caused a reduction in the fees that were allocated to the Forum Committee.

Mr. Gamsky noted the student fees have not been raised in five years and he would like to keep it that way.

President Watkins said this discussion has been very profitable for us because it makes us face issues that some people have to face every day and you simply cannot squeeze the buffalo to get more money. ISU is one of the biggest rivals of other schools in the United States in terms of a bargain in room, board, fees and tuition and that inevitably you have to make decisions to cut back or raise fees. We may have to do less or not do some things at all.

Mr. Friedhoff remarked that this might force us to select more individuals for speakers that are not so well known. Senator Rosenbaum asked if the fees raised by this effort could be used by anyone else. Mr. Donahue said this would be monitored to prevent the use of these funds by other programs.

This item will emerge as an Action Item at the next Senate meeting.

Committee Reports

Academic Affairs

Next meeting September 19, 1978, 10:00 a.m., Hovey 418

Administrative Affairs Committee

No report.

Budget Committee

There will be a short meeting right after tonight's Senate meeting.

JUAC

There will be a JUAC meeting on September 20, 1978 from 9:00 to 12:00 p.m. in DeGarmo 551. These are open meetings and anyone is welcome to attend. The discussion will be on the sheltering of the 8% retirement contribution. Remember also, there will be a meeting in Capen Auditorium at 3:00 p.m. tomorrow, Mr. Gibala from the Retirement System will be there. JUAC will also be taking up a discussion of the length of probationary period to obtain tenure.
8% Retirement Contribution

Senator Smith made an announcement in re the 8% retirement contribution. He said he would appreciate any input about the retirement meeting on Thursday, and he would be at his home after 8:00 that evening to receive telephone calls from anyone that would like to comment on this meeting.

Faculty Affairs Committee

There will be a meeting of this committee next Wednesday, September 20, 1978 at 3:00 p.m. in Stevenson 214.

Student Affairs Committee

The next meeting for this committee is next Tuesday, September 19, 1978 at 8:15 a.m. in the Cage.

Rules Committee
No Report

Ms. Cook invited the new senators to visit the Academic Senate Office, Hovey 301 maybe take time to read about some of the more recent actions of the Senate.

Adjournment

(March/Bown) moved to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

For the Academic Senate,

Charles Hicklin, Secretary
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The Student Affairs Committee recommends that the Academic Senate allow the University Forum Committee to implement a Non-Student User Fee.

Due to the astronomically increasing expenses of popular speakers and the continuously decreasing amount of student fees available for funding Forum Speakers, it is vital that the Senate take action to approve a non-student user fee to insure Forum Committee's existence and continuation of high caliber, educational and entertaining lecturers.