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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.

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Call to Order

The meeting of the Academic Senate was called to order by Chairperson Cook at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

The Secretary declared a quorum to be present.

Approval of Minutes

X, 1 A motion (Kuhn/Quane) to approve the minutes of July 19, 1978 was made. The minutes were approved.

Resignation of Senator(s)

X,2 Ms. Cook said we have reached the sad part of our agenda. We have received four (4) resignations. A motion (Donahue/March) to accept Kevin Conlon's resignation with regret was approved. Resignations were also received from Roger Potter, Robert Ritt and Larry Quane, effective August 30, 1978. A motion (Carey/Wolfe) to accept Roger Potter's resignation with regret was approved. A motion (Carey/Kuhn) to accept Robert Ritt's resignation with regret was approved. A motion (Watkins/Sanders) to accept Larry Quane's resignation with regret and appreciation for his service was approved. Ms. Cook expressed appreciation for Mr. Quane's service on the Senate and wished him well in his new position.

Chairperson's Remarks

Ms. Cook announced that her office hours are 9 to 11:00 a.m. in the Senate office every day of the week. She also announced that the Executive Committee meetings will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, a week prior to the Senate meetings, but will be held in the same location, Hovey 308. JUAC has been holding a regular meeting on campus. Charles Hicklin was elected as Vice-Chairperson of the JUAC and will be the liaison person on campus. Mr. Hicklin will communicate with the other members of the committee. The Board of Regents have referred more matters to the Joint University Advisory Committee. JUAC has been asked to report on the status of undergraduate advisement. It has also established communications with the ad hoc committee appointed by the President to study undergraduate advisement. JUAC has been asked to look into the appropriateness of the current length of probationary period before granting of tenure. It has also been requested that JUAC find out the faculty view on the tax shelter of 8% retirement contribution that is required. The committee has asked Economic Well-Being for advice. Other matters should be communicated to Senator Hicklin for forwarding to JUAC. This coming year, we have several concerns that will be spread across the academic year. We are interested in our relationship with our external committees and are somewhat concerned that the committees have planned a portion of the year to produce a report only to have the Senate revise the work of the external committee. Ms. Cook stated that of all people, university people, that they deserve respect and are not terribly pleased at devoting a great deal of professional time to an issue and then have it revised by the Senate

according to different standards. Ms. Cook asked that the internal committee chairpeople if they can think of some ways of preventing this situation that has been created in the past. Some of the committee chairpeople are concerned about some of the findings in the survey of faculty opinions conducted by Dean Rives. Ms. Cook said she has the feeling that several of these issues that will be coming through the various committees because of the obvious interest of the University community. The Chairperson again called upon the Senators to announce and use their office hours signs and keep at least part of their office hours as part of their Senate office hours. Ms. Cook said she welcomed any ideas on improving communications with the university community. Ms. Cook announced that there will be a once-a-month short faculty caucus starting after the September 27 meeting. Ms. Cook said she will go over the accreditation report at the caucus.

Vice-Chairperson's Remarks

Mr. Erickson announced that each senator should have their schedule completed and returned to the Senate office as soon as possible. He also announced that there will be a Student Association meeting on September 10, 1978, 6:00 p.m., in the University Union. This will be a combined meeting of the Student Association Assembly and the Student Academic Senators and they will be discussing general university student's concerns. Senator Erickson invited student senators to pick up application forms for graduate student membership on the Senate. He also remarked that he is checking to see if the runners-up for the vacancies now on the Senate. The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson has discussed a weekly luncheon in the Prairie Room in the Union to discuss Senate business on an informal basis, on each Thursday afternoon from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. He also said that the various College councils would be furnishing names of runners-up or replacements for the faculty senators and we hope to have all vacant senate seats filled by the next Senate meeting.

Secretary's Remarks

The Secretary asked for unanimous consent and was granted unanimous consent to correct items on the Senate Business Calendar including those that have been acted upon or those which were information only. The Secretary stated that Char has been ill and he especially wished her a speedy recovery. The Secretary also thanked Mr. Kennedy for his service as acting Secretary during the summer.

Administrator's Remarks

President Watkins announced that there were 19,393 students enrolled as of today. as of today. The previous enrollment record was 19,040 so we are approximately 350 students ahead of that previous record. So, the chances are that we will have an all-time record of enrollment on campus this year. Mr. Watkins said he was told that the bulk of the increase was at the entering freshman level and the smallest class was our Senior class.

Dr. Watkins said, remodeling monies for Williams Hall, formerly old Milner, has been renamed Williams Hall, has been approved by the Governor and this remodeling will make it a permanent hall for the College of Business. The astro turf is down, dormitories in residence halls have been painted, some locks have been changed, and there has been recarpeting done here and there. A half a million dollars worth of improvements have been made on campus to make our campus more accessible to the handicapped persons. He said that he would like to publicly thank those persons who helped make the campus more enjoyable in the summer, i.e., the flower beds, the landscaping has been gorgeous this summer.

The President has already shared with the Executive Committee the fact that he would be looking at certain alignments within the University as to the possibility of shifting some and coming up with more practical alignments of administrative responsibility. Although he has not made any firm decisions, he said I do not contemplate any major restructures and he plans to have the basic structure that we now have and he will keep the Executive Committee very thoroughly apprised of what happens on this in looking at more functional ways in which to accomplish this.

Mr. Watkins said he remarked to Provost Horner that he had never seen a more smooth opening of the University and that on the whole, judging by the lack of complaints, it seems to me that those persons who work in this university have done an exceptional and effective job of preparing us for the coming academic year and we are very grateful for that. Dr. Watkins said we have a remarkable student body at this university and he is very grateful for that. Dr. Watkins remarked that Larry Quane's letter of resignation was so well presented that we should have it reproduced in such a way that a person could just fill in his name and reason and use it for all future resignation from the Senate. Dr. Watkins said that he hopes Larry will remember us when he is busy challenging student behavior.

President Watkins said that when he took the position as president at ISU that he thought that this was an exceptional place to be and that after a year, he was even more convinced of this.

Provost Horner said very briefly that he would add a few words to what President Watkins said about the beginning of the year. He thinks it's the best beginning he has had here at the University also. Resources are scarce but there have been some gains, we have added 21 faculty, 3 from reallocation and 18 new lines.

Mr. Horner reminded Mr. March that they have even had less problems in the College of Business than they thought they would. Real progress ~~w~~ven in faculty-student ratios have been made in some areas. Provost Horner referred to the Basic Skills and Study Committee and said that the report has been widely distributed and is available for persons to read and he said he would appreciate any reactions to that committee report. Faculty and student morale seem to be high and many, many people deserve thanks for this, Provost Horner said. He expressed further thanks to the staff for getting the students off to a good year.

Senator Friedhoff raised a question about the 18 new positions. He said the increased enrollment for students really hadn't gained all that much. Mr. Horner said we have made positive gains according to the statistical data. The Provost also remarked that graduate student enrollment is up and we could take more graduate students without need for more personnel. Mr. Friedhoff raised the question about why weren't changes made in contracts although we had discussed the changing of the contractual documentation last year. The Provost said no progress had been made in this area. Mr. Friedhoff read a motion which he later withdrew in order to send it directly to a committee.

Mr. Belshe reported that a consultant to Computer Services spent several days here and produced a report. Mr. Belshe says that he gave suggestions as to how to maximize computer services. The report is available in several places including Mr. Belshe's office, the Senate Office and several other offices. Each person on the Senate is encouraged to read the report. Specific recommendations that were made by this consultant goes to the advisory committee on and for advising computer services.

Student Body President's Remarks

Mike Donahue announced that his office hours are from 8 to 4:30 p.m., but he's not sure where to put his Senate sign. Mr. Donahue reminded everyone that Student Association elections are coming up. Senator Kohn said that some students in his class were interested in running for the Senate. Senator Donahue also announced that Student Association is conducting a voter registration drive with over 300 new registrants and 50 transfers. Mr. Donahue expressed thanks to all the people that helped on the registration drive and the book exchange. It was announced Student Association is planning to set up a shuttle bus service from the campus to the Amtrak station after the Amtrak chose not to move the station to Normal. It would run at the five busiest times during the school year such as Thanksgiving, fall breaks, Christmas, etc. It would take students from the campus to the Amtrak station and be sponsored by the Student Association. The Association is also sponsoring a drive to attempt to find better off-campus housing for incoming students.

ACTION ITEMS:

Election of Senator to Executive Committee

Larry Miller was elected on the fifth ballot to the Executive Committee. (This balloting took place over the length of the meeting.) Ms. Cook announced that Mr. Quane had also served on Faculty Affairs Committee and that the newly elected senator for this vacancy would also serve in that capacity. Ms. Cook also ruled that Mr. Friedhoff's motion (see above) would be better handled under an Information Item rather than at this time on the agenda.

Revised By-laws of the College of Business 8.1.78.1

X,6 Ken Jesse reported on the Revised By-laws of the College of Business. He indicated that he has incorporated several pages from the original document. The Rules Committee had studied these documents. Mr. Jesse has invited Mr. Harrison of the College of Business to be present to answer any questions that might come up. A member of the College of Business Council was also present to discuss anything that might be brought up on this item. A motion (Jesse/Bown) to approve the By-laws as presented was approved.

Mr. Erickson, Vice-Chairperson Now Presiding:

Mr. March raised a question about proxys over the summer months on the College of Business Council. He also raised a question about academic department chairs being appointed from another department. Mr. Hicklin explained to him that it is not unusual for acting department heads to come from outside another department. Ms. Patterson explained the role of proxy voting to Mr. March. This proxy would be used from the same department and would serve in the same interest area. She thought that the time of the meeting at 8:15 a.m. would tend to screen out persons who weren't sincere. A question was raised as to the ramifications if we were to include the students along with faculty in their ability to submit amendments to the College of Business By-laws. Dean Harrison said since the referenda would go to faculty, that the amendments should be submitted by the persons voting on them and he thought that since faculty would be affected more by these and therefore they would be more appropriately submitted by faculty.

Mr. Donahue asked if he had any objections to student members of the College Council submitting amendments. Dean Harrison said he didn't think they would object. Dean Harrison called on Francis Lewis, Council Chairperson, to respond. She was asked to speak on the question as to whether or not it would be appropriate now to amend these by-laws to include students in proposing. She said she thought that this should go back to her own faculty in the college, that they should have an opportunity to respond to these. The motion carried.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

Mr. Austensen introduced the item on Program Deletion Request - MSED for Secondary Teachers in Departments Specified 6.28.78.1 He said that 10 departments have already deleted this program and two departments have decided to join them. The Academic Affairs Committee has forwarded this as an information item. Mr. March raised the question about the supply of secondary education teachers and what this did to supply. Mr. Austensen said that they were deleting this because these programs would not be accredited. Mr. Watkins asked for a clarification about this and stated that this in no way interfered with people being certified as teachers but was a matter of accreditation. Mr. Friedhoff said he would refer his matter directly to the Faculty Affairs Committee and would not refer it to the Senate at this time.

Committee Reports

Mr. Miller announced that the Academic Affairs Committee would deal with the Program Deletion Request and would hope to bring it back as an Action Item.

Mr. Rosenbaum announced the Administrative Affairs Committee meeting.

Mr. Smith announced the Faculty Affairs Committee meeting.

Dr. Smith announced that Mr. Gibala of the University Retirement System will be on campus September 14, 1978 at 3:00 p.m. to discuss the retirement system. (Place to be announced later) The President also invited input on the tax shelter change in the retirement system.

The Blue Book, university system committee, will be revised this year by the Rules Committee and Mr. Jesse asked for input on these matters.

Ms. Cook announced the formation of an ad hoc committee to study faculty evaluations and appeals. Ira Cohen was elected as Chairperson of this committee and Stan Rives as secretary. Marlyn Lawrentz is Chairperson of the ad hoc committee on parking and secretary is Gail Gawel.

Brian Barton, reporting on JUAC, said that Provost Monat was appointed President of Northern at the last meeting. The next board meeting will be on the 20th. The Chairperson announced that the BHE meeting would be on campus at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 12, 1978.

The Chairperson announced that Senator Miller has been elected to the Executive Committee.

Adjournment

(Quane/March) moved to adjourn.

For the Academic Senate,

Charles Hicklin, Secretary

NAME	ATTEN-DANCE	VOTE							VOICE VOTE		
		Motion #	Motion #	Motion #	Motion #	Motion #	Motion #	Motion #	Motion No.	Y	N
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Austensen	P								2	x	
Barton	P								3	x	
Belshe	P								4	x	
Boaz	A								5	x	
Bowen	P								6	x	
Bown	P										
Brown	A										
Butz	P										
Carey	P										
Chitwood	A										
Conlon	P										
Cook	P										
Donahue	P										
Elliott	P										
Ericksen	P										
Fizer, III	P										
Friedhoff	P										
Gamsky	P										
Gavin	P										
Henry	A										
Hicklin	P										
Horner	P										
Jesse	P										
Kennedy	P										
Koehler	A										
Kohn	P										
Kuhn	P										
March	P										
McCarthy	Ex.										
Miller	P										
Morrison	P										
Patterson	P										
Potter	A										
Quane	P										
Ritt	A										
Rosenbaum	P										
Sanders	P										
Scharfenberg	P										
Schmaltz	A										
Schwalm	Ex.										
Sims	P										
Smith	P										
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Wilson	P										
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Wolfe	P										
Zeigler	P										

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