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ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES
(Not Approved by the Academic Senate)

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Call to Order

Chairperson Len Schmaltz called the meeting of the Academic Senate to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Circus Room of the Bone Student Center. Schmaltz welcomed and seated new Senator Suraj Kapoor (replacing Rosenthal); welcomed back Senator Amy Mersinger, Student Regent of the Board of Regents, Senator David Strand as Vice President for Business and Finance; introduced and welcomed Senator John Urice, Vice President and Provost; and introduced Linda Wellenreiter temporary secretary to the chair of the Senate.

Roll Call

Secretary Susan Winchip called the roll and declared a quorum present.

Approval of Minutes of May 4, 1994

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Motion to approve Minutes of May 4, 1994 by Wilner (seconded by Lind) carried on a voice vote.

Chairperson's Remarks

Faculty and student senators will each hold a caucus to nominate a faculty and student senator to the Honorary Degree Committee.

Chairperson Schmaltz called the meeting to order following the caucus. Academic Senate packets included a schedule of available meeting times. These are valuable to committee chairs and should be filled out and turned in at the end of the meeting.

Vice Chairperson's Remarks

Vice Chairperson Jordan Wilner extended a "generic welcome back" to all senators.

Chairperson Schmaltz acknowledged the work of Senator Cowsert, Student Government Association President and stated she deserves a medal for answering questions on the quad for a 24-hour period and still has the energy to attend a senate meeting.

Student Government Association President's Remarks

Senator Cowsert passed out discount cards which were distributed on the quad. As required by the constitution, Cowsert gave the State of the Student Body Address on August 30. A summary of the address is in today's Vidette (8/31/94). The next meeting of the Student Government Association will be September 13 at 5:00 p.m. in SSB 375. At that time, committee appointments to the fee review board and all the advisory boards will be made. Applications will be accepted until September 6 and are available in the SGA office. Student Senators should be aware that the SGA will have another CLUE Conference on September 14. CLUE is "Cultivating Leadership, Understanding, and Excellence" and is a leadership development conference. Last year was the first CLUE Conference and this year's will be similar to it. Student Senators should be getting information from Bryant Smith.

Administrators' Remarks

President Wallace had no remarks.

Provost Urice expressed his appreciation to the University, the community, and to David Strand for all the courtesies shown to him during the past two weeks of transition. Senator Urice alerted the Senate that a draft of the NCA Self-Study report will be distributed to the University community next week. Senator Walker asked if the report would be available in Urice's office. Urice responded that the report will be distributed to several areas including colleges, departments, and Milner Library.

Vice President Gurowitz extended a "generic welcome" to all senators. He expressed his appreciation to all those who participated in the successful orientation program. Gurowitz congratulated Senator Cowsert who along with other officers made themselves available to students to talk about student government on the quad after the GSA meeting. Gurowitz encouraged the leader of the Academic Senate, Senator Schmaltz, to make himself available on the quad for 24 hours after tonight's meeting to answer questions by members of the faculty.

Vice President Strand welcomed Provost Urice and said he is looking forward to working with him and the senate in a new capacity.

Action Items

1. Faculty Senator named to Honorary Degree Committee. Borg nominated Senator Amster (seconded by Johnson) as the faculty senator to serve on the Honorary Degree Committee. There were no other nominations and Amster was elected to the Honorary Degree committee by acclamation.
2. Student Senator named to Honorary Degree Committee. Zervic nominated (seconded by Levy) Senator King as the student senator to serve on the Honorary Degree Committee. There were no other nominations and King was elected to the Honorary Degree Committee by acclamation.
3. Ratification of a student committee member elected by the Student Government Association. Schmaltz announced that the senate must ratify a student selected by the Student Government Association to serve on the committee. Senator Cowsert stated the SGA recommendee was Chris Jenkins. Motion by Razaki (seconded by Wilner) to ratify SGA recommendation student committee member Chris Jenkins. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Information Items

None

Communications

Senator Razaki spoke about a discussion during the faculty caucus concerning the secretary position to the chair of the academic senate. The concern is that the office needs a full-time secretary and the faculty caucus requests that the Administrative Affairs Committee look into the matter. Senator Schmaltz asked the chair of the Administrative Affairs Committee to investigate the issue. Schmaltz further mentioned that he expressed to the Executive Committee that the Senate cannot expect with a half-time position to receive the kind of services that the Senate office has provided in the past. The minutes will no longer include all detail and history; they will be skeletal in nature. The actual meetings will be available on tape in the Academic Senate office if anyone cares to listen to them.

Committee Reports

Academic Affairs Committee - Senator Stearns announced that there is a vacancy on the Academic Planning Committee. Current senate members are Schmaltz, Stearns, and Walker. The committee will meet after the senate meeting.

Administrative Affairs Committee - Senator Liedtke, no report. The committee will meet after the senate meeting.

Budget Committee - Senator Nelsen, no report. The committee will meet after the senate meeting.

Faculty Affairs Committee - Senator Razaki, no report. The committee will meet after the senate meeting.

Rules Committee - Senator Hayes. The committee met on August 29 and discussed the disestablishment policy. The committee will meet after the senate meeting.

Student Affairs Committee - Senator Cowsert, no report.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion made by Zervic (seconded by Thomas). Motion carried. Academic Senate adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

For the Academic Senate
Susan M. Winchip, Secretary

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