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MEMORANDUM

TO Senators and Ex-Officio Members of the Senate

FROM Jim Heath, Acting Secretary of the Faculty

DATE September 24, 1982

The Senate will hold its regular meeting on Monday, October 4, 1982, at 3:00 p.m. in 150 Cramer Hall.

Agenda

A. Roll
*B. Approval of Minutes of June 7, 1982 meeting
C. Announcements and Communications from the Plenum
   1. "Faculty Support Fund" -- John Hammond
D. Questions Period
   1. Questions for Administrators
      a. From the Senate Steering Committee for President Blumel:
         "What were the administrative savings (or costs) involved in the academic reorganization of the University considered and approved by the Faculty Senate last May? Namely and specifically:
           (1) The creation of the new College of Liberal Arts and Science from the three academic colleges.
           (2) The creation of a Department of Dance.
           (3) The creation of a new School of Performing Arts, comprised of the Departments of Dance, Music, and Theater Arts.
           (4) The creation of the School of Engineering and Applied Science from the Division of Engineering and Applied Science.
           (5) The transfer of the Center for Population Research and Census and the Public Administration Program to the School of Urban and Public Affairs."
      b. From the Senate Steering Committee for President Blumel:
         "What is the status of long-range planning by the State System of Higher Education and how are PSU faculty being involved?"
   2. Questions from the Floor for the Chair
E. Reports from Officers of the Administration
   1. Registration Report -- President Blumel
F. Unfinished Business - None
G. New Business - None
H. Adjournment

*The following documents are included with this mailing:
B Minutes of the June 7, 1982 Senate meeting

The Constitution requires that elected members of the Faculty Senate must provide the Secretary of the Faculty with the name of an alternate.

My Name ________________________________
My Alternate for 1982-83 is ________________________________ Dept. ________________________________

Please return this slip to Jim Heath, c/o President’s Office
Minutes: Faculty Senate Meeting, June 7, 1982
Presiding Officer: Mary Cumpston
Secretary: Ulrich H. Hardt


Alternates Present: Fahs for Beattie, Poulsen for Brooke, Gordon for McMahon, Brodie for R. Nussbaum, Hsu for Savery, Hein for Swanson.

Members Absent: Bennett, Bingham, Bjork, Breedlove, Buell, Chapman, Chino, Daily, Dart, Dunbar, Erdman, Feldesman, Goekjian, Goslin, Oh, Petersen, Simpson, Tuttle, White.

Ex-officio Members Present: Blumel, Dobson, Erzurumlu, Forbes, Gruber, Guy, Hardt, Harris, Howard, Nicholas, Paudler, Pfingsten, Rauch, Ross, Schandel, Todd, Toulan, Trudeau, Vant Slot, Williams.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was noted that the quote credited to Richen in the May 3, 1982, minutes (p. 48) was not his. In the May 17 minutes (p. 54) the sixth line of paragraph three was clarified by adding urban before "design." With these corrections, both sets of minutes were approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cumpston reminded Senators to leave their summer addresses or names of alternates with the Secretary of the Faculty.

Bunch wanted to know if an educational leave would constitute an interruption of service. Blumel explained that it was his understanding that a year on leave would not count as a year of credit toward sabbatical, but he said that he would check into the Board's intention.

Rad noted that the two faculty members who had received the Branford Price Millar Award, Susan Karant-Nunn and Rudi Nussbaum, were both members of the Senate, and he invited Senators to join in a hearty round of applause.
Hardt announced the following election results:

Advisory Council:
- Oma Blankenship
- John Dart
- Jim Heath

Interinstitutional
Faculty Senate:
- Dawn Dressler (until June 1985)
- *Earl Molander (until June 1983)

*Interim appointee filling unexpired term

ELECTIONS FOR 1982-83

Throughout the meeting, elections for the coming year were conducted, with the following results:

Presiding Officer:

Two persons nominated declined to run. Fred Waller was then nominated and elected by acclamation.

Presiding Officer Pro-tem:

Carl Abbott and Rod Diman were nominated and Diman was elected.

Senate Steering Committee:

Nominations for the Steering Committee included Abbott, Bennett, Brenner, Fisher, Limbaugh, Moor, Petersen, Pinamonti, and Rad. Bennett, Brenner, Moor, and Rad were elected.

Committee on Committees:

Divisional caucuses resulted in the election of the following members to the Committee:

2 years
- Williams, AO
- Shimada, BA
- Waldroff, DCE
- Thomas, ED
- Holloway, SW
- Chapman, UA

1 year
- Markgraf, AL

Reports from the Officers of Administration and Committees

1. Beeson presented the Annual Report of the Advisory Council. Rad questioned the wording of D. 6 "...give up the pretense of being a 'university.'" Council Secretary Scheans admitted that poor wording had been chosen, and Rad suggested that "give up the essential elements..." would be preferable. Hammond wanted to know if C. 4 was anything other than sabbatical, and the answer was no.
2. Rad presented and elaborated on the Annual Report of the Committee on Committees. Analysis shows that approximately 250 faculty members serve on all-University committees; this represents about one-third of the faculty of the three colleges and over one-half of the faculty of the six professional schools. He said that the Committee had discussed the question of representation at length among itself and with the Advisory Council and had concluded that unit representation was important.

Brenner wanted to know if the May 17 Senate motion "concerning unit representation proportional to faculty FTE on policy-shaping committees" had been accomplished. Rad replied that the proportionality issue had been addressed and settled by the Committee on Committees, but that the Advisory Council will deal with unit representation in light of the new academic organization of the University. Anderson wondered if representation could be proportionate over time, rather than increase the size of the committees. Bates reminded the Senate that unit representation was instituted when fewer professional schools existed, and he felt that the concept needed to be examined again. Rad responded that no block voting had been in evidence on committees.

3. Moseley offered the Annual Report of the Educational Policies Committee. He announced that next year's agenda would include an examination of the doctoral programs and of Computing Services. Brenner added that Chancellor Davis will also ask the University to re-examine its goals and mission statement.


NEW BUSINESS

1. Enneking presented proposed eligibility requirements for admission to the Computer Science program. He pointed out that the program had too many students and that admission had to be more selective, given the number of faculty and the computer center capability. The proposal is patterned after the admission requirements approved last year for Engineering. The motion to adopt the eligibility requirements as proposed was approved.

2. Bolton presented the Graduate Council motion specifying that "all course work submitted for the master's degree program approved by the department must be completed within the seven years prior to awarding of the degree." Fahs wanted to know if there was any really good reason for limiting it to seven years and if the Graduate Council commonly waived the requirement. Bolton responded that the Council tended to be reasonably lenient with exceptions ranging from one quarter to one year. The motion was passed.

3. Bolton presented another motion from the Graduate Council, specifying that all graduate students must maintain at least a GPA of 3.0 for all graduate credit earned after admission to graduate studies, and that regulations for academic probation and disqualification apply to all students. Brenner and Hammond wondered if probation should be applied as early as the first term of work. Bolton and Rauch pointed out that academic probation
was only a warning and was not entered on the students' transcripts; students have one quarter to raise their GPA. The motion was passed.

4. In the context of the recommendation made in the Annual Report of the Committee on Committees, Beeson moved "that the Committee on Committees further study the question of the number and sizes of University committees and present a specific plan to the Senate before the end of Fall term 1982, intended to reduce the overall effort involved in committee work."

Rad pointed out that one quarter is not enough time to complete the task and amended the motion to "before the end of Winter term 1983." The amendment was accepted and the motion passed.

5. Speaking for R. Nussbaum, alternate Brodie moved "that the Senate recommend to the President that as a matter of continuing policy the Letter of Appointment for committee chairpersons include the 'memorandum to chairpersons,' which is included in the 1981/82 report of the Committee on Committees." Rad suggested that only the essential elements of that memorandum be sent. The suggestion was accepted and the motion passed.

6. Beeson moved that the Senate give a vote of thanks to Presiding Officer Cumpston who received a round of applause and who thanked all members of the Senate Steering Committee for their work.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.