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Date:	September 23, 1988
To:	Senators and Ex-officio Members to the Senate
From:	Ulrich H. Hardt, Secretary to the Faculty
The Faculty Senate will hold its regular meeting on October 3, 1988, at 3:00 p.m. in 150 Cramer Hall.	
AGENDA	
C. D.	Roll Approval of the Minutes of the June 6, 1988, Meeting Announcements and Communications from the Floor Question Period 1. Questions for Administrators 2. Questions from the Floor for the Chair
*	Reports from the Officers of Administration and Committees 1. Registration Report — Tufts 2. Up-date on Semester Conversion Calendar — Diman 3. IFS Report — Tang 4. Report from the PSU Foundation — Koehn
F.	Unfinished Business none
G.	New Business
н.	Adjournment
The following documents are included with this mailing: B Minutes of the June 6, 1988, Meeting	
The Faculty Constitution provides that Senators should specify their alternates before the first meeting of the year. Please send to U. H. Hardt, ED.	
My nam	e Dept
My alternate Dept	

PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY

Minutes:

Faculty Senate Meeting, October 3, 1988

Presiding Officer:

Marjorie Burns Ulrich H. Hardt Secretary:

Members Present:

Alberty, Andrews-Collier, Balogh, Becker, Bennett,

Boyle, Brenner, Bunch, Burns, Cease, Chapman,

Cheifetz, Constans, Cooper, Dahl, Daily, Edner, Ellis, Goekjian, Heath, Heflin, Horowitz, Ingersoll-Dayton, Jackson, Johnson, Jones, Kosokoff, LeGuin, Matschek, Maynard, McBride, McElroy, Midson, Millner, Morris, Nattinger, Nussbaum, Oh, Parshall, Penk, Peterman, Powell, Reece, Rose, Tang, Tayler, Van Halen, Walker,

West, Wetzel, Wright, Wyers.

Alternates Present:

Zarefar for Etesami, Beattie for Olsen, DeGraaff for

Sampson.

Members Absent:

Anderson, Fisher, Hakanson, Kimmel, Lendaris,

Martinez, Moor, Poulsen, Ronacher, Scruggs.

Ex-officio Members

Present:

Boque, Diman, Erzurumlu, Hardt, Matthews, Nicholas, Paudler, Pfingsten, Reardon, Ross, Schendel, Sheridan,

Sicuro, Stephens, Toulan, Vieira, Ward.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the June 6, 1988, Senate meeting were approved as circulated. However, outside of the meeting, Roger Edgington indicated that he would have preferred the following in place of paragraph 3, page 56:

EDGINGTON said the confusion or "loss credibility" came because the amount that he reported at the March, 1988, Faculty Senate meeting was expenses and compensation which were considered taxable compensation. Unfortunately the account in the Foundation titled, "Natale Sicuro, Expenses", included far more than just this compensation. The actual package the President has with the Foundation relates to his wife's travel, symphony tickets, club dues and the car lease. The expenses he incurs from entertaining various boards at his house should not have been a part of this account. However, anything that he attended was also charged to that account, resulting in an account balance of \$46,000 to \$50,000, although the President did not spend this total amount. Also included in it was part, but not all, of Mrs. Sicuro's travel. EDGINGTON said that he gave the press every document they requested, but the problem was one of bookkeeping, i.e., charging everything to one account, including cost for entertainment at the house, the furniture purchase, and a \$300 baseball scholarship which had nothing to do with compensation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BURNS welcomed Senators to the new year and made the following an-1. nouncements:

- a. Senators must provide the name of an alternate to the Secretary to the Faculty.
- b. When speaking on the Senate floor, please identify yourself by name and department, so we can get to know each other and also for the record.
- c. When making a motion or amendment, please write it out and pass it to the Secretary.
- d. If you should arrive after role has been taken, please let the Secretary know in writing.
- e. Following every Senate meeting, you are invited to a reception in the Campus Ministries Building. Both alcoholic and non-alcoholic refreshments will be available.
- 2. MAYNARD invited faculty to give the Academic Requirements Committee suggestions regarding the general education requirements as soon as possible. The ARC will prepare a report and suggestions for the December Senate meeting.

REPORTS FROM THE OFFICERS OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND COMMITTEES

- TUFTS reported that advance registration, first week registration and fees paid all were up 2% over a year ago. Students carrying eight or more credits was up 7%. On add/drop day 4,100 forms were processed.
- 2. DIMAN reported that the Chancellor's Office had distributed a memo outlining four options for a semester calendar and was seeking responses from faculty. The options are an early semester (beginning in August), a post-Labor Day start, a pre-Labor Day (when Labor Day falls on September 5 or later), and a traditional semester (which would extend beyond New Year's). Hearings on the calendar are scheduled throughout Oregon between October 10-17.
 - BENNETT asked what the Summer Session calendar will be. She was distressed that no answers have been given to repeated questions about that. She pointed out that this was very important to teachers returning to school. DIMAN said the Summer Session dates will depend on the regular-year calendar; in any case, Summer Session will not start until students are available. TANG added that a full semester's work is possible during the summer, though the time will be considerably shorter than 15 weeks.
- 3. TANG reported that the Interinstitutional Faculty Senate met at Southern Oregon State College on September 30 and October 1, 1988. Guests at the meeting on September 30, 1988, were Senator Lenn Hannon and Representative Nancy Peterson.
 - The following projects have been identified by the Interinstitutional Faculty Senate for attention during the 1988-89 year:

- o Faculty representatives on the State Board -- Two senate members will be working with AAUP to further investigate this possibility.
- o Fixed term appointments -- The Senate will continue the project started last year to accumulate information on how fixed-term appointments are utilized on the various campuses.
- o Senate Bill 618 Two senate members are serving on the advisory committee for Senate Bill 618 which is a study of existing academic employee salary structure at the institutions in the OSSHE. Joe Sicotte reported to the Senate on the presentation of the study to the Joint Interim Committee on Education. The committee did not accept the report as presented, and further work will be done by both the Chancellor's Office and the advisory committee; they will report again in December 1988.

The IFS passed a resolution directing our representatives on the advisory committee to encourage the Chancellor's Office to provide the information in several groupings in order to better reflect the different institutions represented in the study.

- o A committee of the IFS will continue work on identifying the various tenure relinquishment policies throughout the system.
- o The Chancellor's Office has been requested again to investigate whether academic employees in the system can opt to be paid on a 12-month basis rather than 9-month.

The question was also raised why changes in medical/dental enrollments are only available once a year. Joe Sicotte will report back on both questions.

Regarding the semester calendar IFS unanimously passed the following resolution:

Recognizing that current practice reflects the existence of various calendars among the institutions, the IFS supports a semester calendar which allows an equal number of weeks per semester, reasonable institutional flexibility in a starting date later than Labor Day, and institutional flexibility in class meeting times and lengths.

L. PIERCE discussed with the IFS a proposed change in the Presidential Search guidelines following a critique by the attorney general's office. The proposed change was accepted by the IFS.

TANG announced that the only public hearing on the proposed name change for EOSC, WOSC and SOSC from "college" to "university" will be held Tuesday, October 18, 1988, at 4 p.m. at LaSells Stewart Center at Oregon State University.

M. THOMPSON, OHSU, presented the following resolution to IFS, with a second by P. WELLS, OSU:

The IFS, representing the faculty of the eight schools comprising the OSSHE, affirms and supports the legitimate rights of the faculty of Portland State University, as at all the institutions, of:

- 1) the right to academic freedom
- 2) their protection from retaliation, and
- their right to provide significant input into the administration and direction of their university.

The IFS passed the resolution unanimously and it will be forwarded to the members of the Oregon State Board of Higher Education, to the Review Committee for President Sicuro, and to the Chancellor's Office.

The next meeting of the IFS will be held November 18 and 19, 1988, at the University of Oregon.

PSU representatives on the IFS are Oma Blankenship, Ulrich H. Hardt, and Nancy Tang (until January 1989) with Linda Parshall after January 1, 1989.

4. LEE KOEHN, President of the PSU Foundation, addressed the Senate. He has been President since July 1 and said that he would like to be here more often to keep Faculty informed about the activities of the Foundation. Today he didn't want to talk about the controversial issues surrounding the Foundation; these have been covered in the newspapers. He did say that officers of the Foundation had prepared their response to the Attorney General's audit. He further indicated that the Foundation is committed to implement the processes suggested by the Attorney General.

KOEHN announced that Coopers and Lybrand was carrying on an independent audit of the Foundation, coordinated by Harry Demorest, new Treasurer of the Foundation. DEMOREST said the audit would not be complete until the end of this week. He admitted that the control of the account, in place for 5-10 years now, needed substantial housekeeping. He agreed that expenditures in the past had not always had Board approval, but that did not automatically mean that funds were mishandled. He said that deficits in unrestricted funds, if there were any, had been exaggerated in the attorney general's report and the press. He was frustrated that people couldn't be made to understand the accounting procedures. Deposits are only posted at the end of the year while a running account is kept of expenses.

WENDY LANE, Foundation Board Secretary, announced changes in the meetings of the Board. Meetings will be held mostly on the PSU campus and will take place on the third Tuesday of each month. She said the Board was eager to know the needs and visions of the various units within PSU. WALLY PHILLIPS, Vice President, agreed and encouraged Faculty to communicate with the Board. E. DEAN ANDERSON, newly appointed Executive Director of the Foundation, talked about fund raising strategies and the need for supplementing

legislative funding for such things as scholarships and faculty travel. He said that letters would be sent to all who have raised questions about the Foundation. He said that this year's was a bare-bone budget. Everyone on the Foundation was a volunteer. He invited alumni and Faculty to participate. The PSU Plan for the 90s was well accepted by the business community, and it is widely recognized that PSU is important to the economic development of Portland.

REECE observed that the credibility of the Foundation has been questioned, in part because of conflicting reports about amounts of money raised, ranging from \$5.3 million to \$400,000 for equipment. He wondered which reports were accurate and if there would be an update. KOEHN responded that the various amounts announced at meetings were accurate statements at that time, but numbers had to be interpreted. For instance, gifts in forms of bequests were reported, but clearly, someone has to "go away" before that money would come to PSU. DEMOREST added that there is no question that a credibility problem existed. The Board does not feel good about it and is doing whatever it can to turn public opinion around.

HOROWITZ said he had heard that members of the SOSC foundation board, who had been in Portland testifying before the review panel assessing President Sicuro's performance, had been entertained at the President's home at the PSU Foundation's expense. ANDERSON said that there had only been one modest check for entertainment expenses for the President since August 8, and that was not taken out of restricted funds. In fact, nothing has been charged to the deficit account since June 30.

CHUCK STEPHENS, Director of Public Affairs, explained that University events legitimately take place on campus and at the President's home, an extension of the campus. However, he categorically denied rumors that anyone in connection with the President's review, including panel member James Peterson, had been entertained at the home.

BATES, Treasurer of the PSU Faculty Trust Fund, said that he was grateful for the improving picture regarding the PSU Foundation. He expressed respect for the judgment and commitment to PSU of Dean Anderson. He was pleased about the reassuring comments regarding the community support of the University and pointed out that the institution and community need each other. He was sure that appropriate confidence would soon return to the Foundation, but meanwhile he reminded people that the Faculty Trust Fund was accepting donations. He reported that approximately \$19,000 had come in (including one substantial bequest for scholarship) and that expenses were at about \$200.

JONES identified himself as an advisory board member of the Faculty Trust Fund and asked if their funds would eventually be put together with the Foundation's. BURNS responded that we had learned a great deal in the last two years and that the question raised will be discussed by the Trust Fund board. BATES added that donors to the Trust Fund would also have to be consulted regarding a transfer of money. BURNS was hopeful that the Trust Fund could help with issuing scholarships this fall.

WALKER was disturbed by the reports in the newspaper regarding the Foundation's cut of scholarships. He wondered if the Foundation could issue an annual financial statement of funding of scholarships. DEMOREST said that could be provided for the Senate.

BURNS expressed appreciation to the five officers of the Foundation for being at the meeting and for their dedicated volunteer work on behalf of the University.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 16:00.