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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 December 5, 1988, at 3:00 p.m. in 150 Cramer Hall.

AGENDA

A. Roll
B. Approval of the Minutes of the November 7, 1988, Meeting
C. Announcements and Communications from the Floor
D. Question Period
   1. Questions for Administrators

   Questions for Executive Vice President Edginton, submitted by David Horowitz:
   1) The Nov. 10 Oregonian reports your assessment that PSU football is a "major drain of scholarship funds." Can you describe the nature and extent of this financial burden and its projected effect on the funding of academic scholarships?
   2) What is the financial status of PSU's athletic program? Have donations increased in 1988 over 1987 levels? What amounts are needed to make substantial dents on the program's $1.2 million deficit?
   3) In what circumstances, if any, would you recommend a move to Division I athletics by PSU at the Dec. 9 meeting of the State Board?

   2. Questions from the Floor for the Chair

E. Reports from Officers of the Administration and Committees
   *1. Annual Report, Curriculum Committee -- Kilgour
   *2. Annual Report, Graduate Council -- Rodich
   *3. Annual Report, Library Committee -- Lall
   *4. Annual Report, Scholastic Standards Committee -- Limbaugh

F. Unfinished Business -- none

G. New Business
   *1. Recommendation from ARC regarding Distribution Requirements -- Houk
   *2. Changes in the Ed.D. Degree in Educational Leadership -- Rodich
   *3. Proposal for Ph.D. in Speech Pathology and Audiology -- Rodich

H. Adjournment

*The following documents are included with this mailing:
B Minutes of the November 7, 1988, Meeting
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E2 Annual Report, Graduate Council**
E3 Annual Report, Library Committee**
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** Included for Senators and Ex-officio Members only
Minutes: Faculty Senate Meeting, December 5, 1988
Presiding Officer: Marjorie Burns
Secretary: Ulrich H. Hardt


Members Absent: Balogh, Bennett, Cease, Daily, Hakanson, LeGuin, Martinez, Millner, Oh, Olsen, Penk, Reece, Rose, Scruggs.

Ex-officio Members Present: Diman, Edgington, Erzurumlu, Everhart, Hardt, Matthews, Martino, Pfingsten, Reardon, Ross, Schendel, Sheridan, Toulan, Vieira.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the November 7, 1988, meeting were approved as distributed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Provost MARTINO announced that, as an outgrowth of the Deans' retreat this fall, he had set up eight working groups to give him advice in long-range planning. It is an opportunity to involve department chairpersons. He emphasized that these groups would not be an attempt to design new policy-making groups; be an attempt to administer by committees; supplant existing University governance. Rather, the groups are Martino's attempt to solicit advice and opinion from a broad spectrum of administration at PSU; he also promised that any advice and opinion received will be submitted to the appropriate existing University committees. The groups deal with the following areas:

External relations -- Vergil Miller, Chairperson
Reallocatable funds -- Nohad Toulan, Chairperson
Fundraising strategies -- Wilma Sheridan, Chairperson
Legislative strategies -- James Ward, Chairperson
Affirmative action -- William Paudler, Chairperson
Interdisciplinary and interinstitutional matters
   -- Hacik Erzurumlu, Chairperson
Internal relations -- Robert Everhart, Chairperson
Space needs -- Jack Schendel, Chairperson
LENDARIS suggested that an announcement of the formation of these eight working groups be sent to all faculty so that people can respond with suggestions and volunteer help. MARTINO said that that would be done.

2. TANG reported that the three finalists of the chancellor's search would be in Oregon this week and that a decision by the Board would be made on Friday, December 9. There will also be an announcement regarding the semester calendar and a recommendation regarding renaming the regional colleges as universities.

TANG then gave a report of the November 18-19, 1988, meeting of the IFS, held at the University of Oregon. Guests during the meeting included:

Paul Olum -- President, University of Oregon
Larry Pierce -- Office of the Chancellor
Joe Sicotte -- Office of the Chancellor
John Alltucker -- Board member, OSBHE
Robert Adams -- Board Member, OSBHE

Paul Olum discussed with IFS Senators the changing role of IFS. This, and later discussions, centered on the recommendations by AAUP to have faculty representation on the Oregon State Board of Higher Education. IFS will continue to address the need for improved communication both to and with the Office of the Chancellor and the Oregon State Board of Higher Education. In addition, it is clear that the lines of communication back through the campus Senates or Assemblies need to be strengthened.

During this year IFS will be reviewing ways to improve the leadership of IFS and will make recommendations to the campus senates regarding timing of election of members and length of term.

Discussion by IFS with Larry Pierce included a request for clarification of questions raised regarding the fifth-year programs in the area of math. L. Pierce pointed out that each college/university has the responsibility to establish academic requirements for entrance into the fifth-year program.

J. Alltucker and R. Adams from the State Board met with the IFS on Friday afternoon. A review was made of the State Board liaison visits to the various campuses and what board and faculty perception of the visits had been. IFS will continue to work with the Board to improve the effectiveness of the visits. The senators emphasized that the liaison visits were established for better communication with faculty and therefore the visits should include more than a one-hour opportunity for faculty to visit with the board representatives. Recommendations were made by IFS to correspond with both the Office of the Provost (administration) and the President of the appropriate faculty senate (faculty) in arranging the visits. For future visits, some agenda of items for discussion would also provide more substantive discussions.

The Chancellor's Office will establish a Task Force to finalize plans for improved retirement counseling across all the campuses.
Plans are being made for IFS to meet at WOSC in April and at OSU in June members of the legislature will be invited to meet with the Senate.

3. EDGINGTON announced that the United Way campaign had reached 96% of its goal and had raised $43,132. Last year at this time PSU was at 101% of its goal. He also announced that the Black United Fund had raised $6,173, a very good effort for this brand new drive.

4. The Search Committee for the permanent director of the International Trade Institute has been renamed; it includes Frank Martino, chairperson; Vergil Miller, and the Advisory Council of ITI.

5. EDGINGTON also reported that he had submitted names for the Presidential Search Committee to Chancellor Lemman. This list included a minority faculty member name added by Edgington; however, Lemman wants the minority nomination to come from the Steering Committee and Advisory Council, the same groups which nominated the other faculty members. A meeting will be called to accomplish this.

QUESTION PERIOD

1. EDGINGTON responded to the question submitted by Horowitz regarding athletics at PSU in the following manner: "When I initially received the inquiry I went back to The Oregonian to see, did I really say that, since I was talking about athletics to the reporter relative to our needs. Essentially our athletic scholarships were budgeted for $342,646 of which $201,808 goes to football or about 60 percent. Thus a major drain or, maybe more appropriately said, the major user of athletic scholarships is football. To answer the second part of question 1, there is no financial burden or relationship that I know of between funding athletic scholarships and academic scholarships. Donors to athletics would not give to English, science or history instead.

The financial status of PSU's athletic program is not particularly good at this time. In July our deficit was $1,231,743. As of November 20th it was $1,339,701. 1988 donations have not increased over 1987 at this time, partially I hope because the VAA has diverted their fund raising efforts from Fall 88 to Spring 89: Annual Drive, Auction, etc.

I believe we need $175,000 to $250,000 in the next 6 to 9 months, possibly before June 30, 1989."

EDGINGTON added that athletics at PSU was not in great shape, despite the strengths in football and volleyball; the athletics director and business manager have left. He estimated that $7.5 million plus matching funds was needed to even consider moving to Division I. Also, building facilities would be needed for sporting events, including for a basketball team; no school has ever been successful in Division I without a basketball program.

2. BURNS distributed a letter from the University Athletics Board to the Senate. A brief discussion was held, but no action was required.
3. NUSSBAUM asked what had happened to the annual Frank Eaton Scholarship Fund. DIMAN and BURNS acknowledged that the letter was late but that it would go out this week.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND COMMITTEES

1. The annual report of the Curriculum Committee was submitted by KILGOUR.

2. The annual report of the Graduate Council was submitted by RODICH.

3. The annual report of the Library Committee was submitted by LALL. He added that January 10 was the date for opening bids for construction of the addition to the Millar Library.

4. The annual report of the Scholastic Standards Committee was submitted by LIMBAUGH.

The Senate gave the committees a round of applause for their work.

NEW BUSINESS

1. HOUK presented three recommendations from the Academic Requirements Committee:

   (1) That the specific listing of courses approved to meet general education requirements (pp. 20-24 of the catalog) be replaced with a list of courses excluded from meeting those requirements.

   (2) That the upper division requirement in the distribution areas (p. 20 in the catalog) be modified to read:

       A minimum of 18 of the 72 upper division credits required for the degree must be earned in the three academic distribution areas. These credits may be used as a part of the general education requirement. These credits may be from one department but must be met by courses outside the student's major department.

   (3) That semester conversion be a straight 3-2 conversion, with certain noted exceptions.

   COOPER/JONES moved "to accept recommendation 1 with the understanding that departments may add courses to the excepted list before the deadline for catalog copy, and that the recommendation be effective immediately and retroactively to prior catalogs."

   After lengthy discussion HEATH observed that this proposal would take PSU back to what we had in 1964-68. Why not accept all courses, he asked rhetorically, adding that we spent an incredible number of hours of debate for three years before making the change to the current system. MORRIS was concerned about the deadline. MAYNARD added that
making the recommendation effective immediately might put the Registrar's Office in a bind. TUFTS confirmed that degree audits had already been completed for the next two terms. COOPER therefore withdrew his motion, recognizing that it could create an awkward situation for students who had been notified that some courses were admissible and then later might be told that they were not.

MOOR then proposed that

"the question of revision of general education requirements be referred to the Educational Policies Committee, for the purpose of review and recommendation to the Senate in time for the March 1989 Senate meeting. The Committee is requested to summarize the proposals considered by the Senate when the present requirements were adopted, to summarize the considerations that led to the Senate's adoption of those requirements, to determine the compatibility of the ARC's proposal with the general intention of the Senate in its adoption of the present requirements, and to make recommendations on the ARC's proposals."

The motion was passed.

Concerning proposal #3 regarding the conversion from quarters to semesters, HEATH suggested that the exceptions should also be sent to the EPC.

MOOR moved "that sections marked with an asterisk in the ARC proposal #3 be referred to EPC."

The motion was passed.

Several Senators asked why we had the ARC if we didn't act on their proposals. MOOR argued that the EPC should be involved since this is a very serious question of policy.

JOHNSON then moved "to accept the rest of ARC proposal #3 (not marked by an asterisk)."

The motion was passed.

2. RODICH presented the Graduate Council recommendation "to accept the changes in the Ed.D. as presented."

EVERHART explained that the School of Education had done a two-year review of its doctoral program and wanted to provide a clearer focus for the program and bring it more into line with the need of its clients, i.e., with educational practices, rather than straight research orientation. The new program presents policy and research study and especially allows for options in dissertation topics. Students can still pursue research topics, but the new proposal will also allow other options.

The motion was passed.
3. RODICH presented a proposal for the initiation of a new Ph.D. degree program in Speech/Language Pathology and Audiology.

HEATH/KOSOKOFF "moved approval of the proposed program."

JONES said that he had over the years been impressed with the quality of the masters students from the Speech Communications department, and he had no problems with the written proposal. However, he noted that the proposal included three new faculty members. Given the governor's budget, he asked if the department would try to do the program without the additional faculty. CASTEEL said no. The department will not endanger the accreditation of a very fine master's program.

LENDARIS asked what meaning there was in approving a program at the institutional level. CASTEEL replied that the department wants to know if PSU wants it to do the degree. The proposal has been ready for six years, and the department is still waiting. You can't sit around waiting for the right time. WISE added that it was important for PSU to get in line with our strong programs; other OSSHE schools are doing it. TANG confirmed that the Board was reviewing all graduate programs now.

NATTINGER pointed out that the proposal made no mention of applied linguistics, and he thought it was important to include that. He also wondered if more space was required and where that would be made available. GORDON said that linguistics would certainly be included and recalled that when this proposal was first written there was no department of linguistics. CASTEEL was not sure about the space question, but JONES reminded the Senate that space was not their concern; it was a problem for the administration.

The motion to approve the new doctoral program was passed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 16:34.