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MEMORANDUM

TO: Senators and Ex-officio Members of the Senate
FROM: Ulrich H. Hardt, Secretary of the Faculty

January 18, 1982

The Faculty Senate will hold its regular meeting on February 1, 1982, at 3:00 p.m. in 150 Cramer Hall

Agenda
A. Roll

*B. Approval of the Minutes of the January 11, 1982, Meeting
C. Announcements and Communications from the Floor
D. Question Period
   1. Questions for Administrators
      Question to President Blumel, submitted by the Steering Committee:
      "What are the latest developments in the Legislature regarding Higher Education?"

E. Reports from the Officers of Administration and Committees
   1. State of winter term registration--Tufts

F. Unfinished Business
   *1. Constitutional Amendment, Article III, Section 4, Final Reading--Beeson

H. Adjournment

*The following documents are included with this mailing
B Minutes of the January 11, 1982, Senate Meeting
F1 Constitutional Amendment, Article III, Section 4**

**Included for Senators and Ex-Officio Members only
Minutes: Faculty Senate Meeting, January 11, 1982
Presiding Officer: Mary Cumpston
Secretary: Ulrich H. Hardt


Alternates Present: Cogan for Conroy, Lovell for Youngelson, Lutes for Williams

Members Absent: Beattie, Diman, Feldesman, Oh

Ex-officio Members Present: Barta, Blumel, Corn, Dobson, Erzurumlu, Forbes, Gruber, Hardt, Hoffmann, Howard, Leu, Morris, Nicholas, Parker, Paudler, Pfingsten, Rauch, Ross, Todd, Toulan, Trudeau, Vant Slot

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the December 7 and 14 Senate meetings were approved as circulated. Waller was noted present for December 7.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Brenner reported that AOF had concentrated its efforts along the following lines: First, to reduce the magnitude of the budget cuts from the Governor's proposed 10% to a maximum of 5%. Lobbyist Davis has chosen this as the highest priority; his effort is not to go beyond the first 5% package. Second, there is a strong feeling among AOF to put salary reduction down to the third or fourth step.

QUESTION PERIOD

1. Questions for Administrators
   a. Vice President Gruber updated the early/phased retirement requests received by his office as of December 31, 1981. He indicated that some administrators were among the requests.
b. Vant Slot reported on what his office had done to present PSU's case before the Legislature. Legislators have been encouraged to cast votes which strengthen the University; the strategy has been to emphasize PSU's importance in the metropolitan area and in the state and to show what impacts program reductions are having on the communities affected. Direct communication has been initiated with the key players, and supportive information is provided them. Since early November there has also been a series of meetings with the PSU Foundation and Alumni Council. Excellent support has come from them. They in turn have arranged breakfast and luncheon meetings with Legislators, the Governor, and the State Board. President Blumel has been very active and effective in all of this; in addition, he recently met with the editorial boards of the Oregonian and Oregon Journal and has spoken to other governmental and civic organizations, including the Portland City Council. Vant Slot also reported that a state-wide alumni network is now in place and that the network is keeping the Legislator well informed about the significant position of PSU.
Special guest Chuck Clemans, PSU alumnus, former lobbyist and Superintendent of Oregon City Schools, also spoke about the effectiveness of alumni efforts. Harder times have caused more people to get behind the University. Legislators need to hear from their constituents that revenue raising measures will be supported by the voters, and he urged that brief personal contacts be made with Legislators and letters be sent to them. Grimes asked if current students have been organized. Blumel responded that Pamela Reamer, Vanguard Editor, has been the key organizer and has been very effective in getting the message out. Reamer added that students have been very interested in assisting, and she urged professors to talk about the seriousness of the situation to their students in class. Barta, ASPSU President, said his office had compiled a file of students who want to call Legislators.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. West presented a revised motion for the formation of a faculty advisory Committee on Instructional Media, to be established by administrative action. Grimes/R. Nussbaum put the motion and the accompanying committee charge on the floor. Dunbar asked about the size of the committee. West replied that the Governance Guide contained a general comment about that, and Cumpston added that in general small-sized committees are preferred.

Kimbrell wanted to know how this would affect AV and its operating procedure. Would this committee be advisory or supplementary? Midson responded that the committee will determine its own specific role, but he saw three important functions. 1) It would give guidance to AV about needed changes and options; no formal process for faculty input exists now. 2) The committee would take an advocate role and be more forceful than staff members in matters like budget allocations. 3) The committee could bring about rationalization of the media services offered across the campus. At the present time these are often confusing and wasteful; e.g., six units on campus offer photographic services.

The motion was passed unanimously.

2. The Advisory Council presented a constitutional amendment of Article VI, Sections 1 and 3, for final reading. The amendment was accepted after Scheans and Kirrie were instructed to make editorial revisions in Section 3. (The revised amendment appears at the end of today's minutes).

NEW BUSINESS

Beeson, speaking for the Advisory Council, presented a proposed constitutional amendment giving the Council's interpretation of the length of terms of Department Heads (Article III, Section 4). Since each department has its own guidelines, a diversity exists across campus, and he felt that this interpretation best recognizes and deals with that diversity.

Bunch and Corn argued that the proposed amendment still did not clarify the issue, still giving authority to both departments and the administration, thus being self-contradictory. The Constitution in Article III under "Faculty Powers and Authority" gives the faculty the power to make the substantive decisions regarding selection of Department Heads Bunch argued, and he viewed the
role of the administration as a procedural one, assuring that the faculty's decisions are consistent with the Constitution and Administrative Rules. Bates, on the other hand, stated that the amendment clarified a point which is not now clear, namely that departments determine whether a head can be re-elected. He favored adoption of the amendment and suggested that the Senate at another time tackle the question of what is substantive and what is procedural.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

REVISED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

Adopted January 11, 1982

Article VI, SECTION 3 - Vacancies

SUBSTITUTE

2. Any vacancy occurring on the Advisory Council shall be filled through appointment by the Secretary of the Faculty. The Secretary shall designate that nominee who was not elected in the immediate past Advisory Council election but who had the greatest number of votes of those not elected. An interim appointee shall complete the regular term of office. An interim appointee having served one year or less shall be eligible for election at the end of his or her term.
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

(Final Reading)

At the direction of the Faculty Senate (12-14-81), the Advisory Council proposes the following amendment to the Constitution:

A. Article III. Faculty Powers and Authority.

Section 4. Faculty Authority in the Selection of Department Heads

Paragraph 4

SUBSTITUTE "The Department Head shall serve a stated term of three (3) years. Eligibility for re-election or re-appointment shall be determined by departmental procedures."

IN PLACE OF "The Department Head shall serve a stated term of three (3) years but without prejudice to re-election or re-appointment."

B. RATIONALE

Given the diverse nature of University departments, it is unreasonable to expect that a single rule fixing the eligibility of a Department Head to re-election would be suitable for all departments. This is why a number of existing departmental procedures and practices have modified the current constitutional statement under discussion. The departments involved have, in fact, simply carried out their responsibility for determining the method of selection for their Head. The fact that the University administration must accept or reject such procedures as well as those nominated via those procedures seems safeguard enough against administrative chaos.