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The Faculty Senate will hold its regular meeting on October 4, 1993, at 3:00 p.m. in room 150 Cramer Hall.

AGENDA
A. Roll
B. Approval of the Minutes of the June 7, 1993, Meeting
C. Announcements and Communications from the Floor
   1. President's Report
   2. Provost's Report
D. Question Period
   1. Questions for Administrators
   2. Questions from the Floor for the Chair
E. Reports from the Officers of Administration and Committees
   1. Semi-Annual Report, Faculty Development Committee—Bleiler
   2. Status Report, General Education Working Group—White
F. Unfinished Business
G. New Business
H. Adjournment

The following documents are included with this mailing:
   B Minutes of the June 7, 1993, Senate Meeting
   E1. Faculty Development Committee Report

The Secretary must have names of Senators' alternates in order for them to be officially noted in your absence. Please submit your alternate's name to the Secretary by October 6, 1993, in writing or verbally at the close of the October 4 meeting, through campus mail (SBA), or by telephone (5-3789).
A. JOHNSON called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM and made the following announcements:

1. President Ramaley agreed to the Constitutional change voted upon at the May meeting, reconfiguring the University Athletics Board into the Intercollegiate Athletics Board.

2. CLAS, EAS, and SFPA are asked to inform the Secretary by Friday of its Committee on Committees representatives for 1993-1994.

3. Most Senators should have received a roster of the 1993-1994 Faculty Senate. That roster is available here for anyone who did not receive it.

4. Members of the 1992-1993 Senate are permitted to vote on this year's business. Members of the 1993-1994 Senate are permitted to run for a leadership position, to nominate someone, and to vote in those elections. (Outgoing Senators do not vote in elections.)

5. People elected to the 1993-1994 Advisory Council for a two year term are Ansel Johnson, Dave Johnson, and Beatrice Oshika. They join Marv Beeson, Larry Bowlden, and Nancy Chapman.

6. Beatrice Oshika was elected to the Interinstitutional Faculty Senate. Her term begins in January 1994. She will join Jack Cooper and Janice Jackson. Marjorie Burns' term expires after December 1993.
7. K-House will be open after the Senate Meeting. Senators are invited to walk over for a relaxing glass of sherry.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The Secretary notes one change to the May minutes: at the bottom of p. 51, it should be stated that 12 courses (not 14) were added to those fulfilling the diversity requirement. With this correction, the minutes were approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

1. President’s Report. The President is out of town and unavailable for comment.

2. Provost’s Report. REARDON first commented on the budget reduction plan, noting that the team has heard from all the departments. A June 15 announcement is being prepared. At the conclusion of the process, six tenure track positions were identified for layoff. This would require a one-year notice for the layoff to occur at the end of the 1993-1994 academic year. As a result of a recent press release by House Speaker Campbell, however, it was concluded that we could avoid any tenure-track layoffs. This is clearly a gamble, but one that is believed to be correct. REARDON also stressed that we will have reduced significantly the number of academic positions that currently exist at Portland State. Therefore the process is not without pain; the budget is being reduced, and many long term PSU employees are being released. No notification to people in tenure-track positions is necessary.

ANDREWS-COLLIER then asked about tenure-track faculty in dance who had already been identified. REARDON indicated that positions that had previously been targeted remain unchanged. In response to LIEBMAN’s note of the human tragedy of these impending layoffs, REARDON could not give a specific number of people who would be laid off, and how many of these could be bought back by using sabbatical or LWOP dollars. Access dollars could also help.

REARDON noted that he had received a phone call from Dr. Marvin Kaiser, who has agreed to become the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences in the fall. Dr. Kaiser has a doctorate in sociology, is currently Associate Dean at Kansas State University, and has also been Acting Dean at KSU.

FACULTY ELECTIONS

A. PRESIDING OFFICER
Beatrice OSHIKA was the only nominee, and was ELECTED by acclamation.

B. PRESIDING OFFICER PRO-TEM
Sarah ANDREWS-COLLIER was the only nominee, and was ELECTED by acclamation.
C. STEERING COMMITTEE

The nominees were: Those ELECTED were:
Annette JOLIN          JOLIN
Dave KRUG
Tony MIDSON            MIDSON
Rita VISTICA           VISTICA
Bob WESTOVER           WESTOVER

A. JOHNSON congratulated the newly elected Senate officers, and asked that the incoming and outgoing Steering Committees meet with the Secretary at the close of business today to determine a joint meeting time for June and July, to facilitate the transition from the old to the new officers.

Question Period

1. Questions for Administrators

LENDARIS asked about the status of the procurement of computers for our technology upgrade. DESROCHERS noted that we are required to use the state price list to purchase computers. More information will follow in the future. Ron Wills and Jay Kenton are studying our options.

2. Questions from the Floor for the Chair

There were no questions.

Reports from the Officers of Administration and Committees

1. Annual Report, Advisory Council—PARSHALL presented the report, which was accepted without comment.

2. Annual Report, Committee on Committees—OGLE noted that, in addition to what is stated, the International Students and Activities Board has been abolished. In the spring survey, 592 forms were mailed to faculty asking for desired committee service. Of these, 249 were returned. With these comments, the report was accepted.

3. Annual Report, University Planning Council—WEIKEL presented the report, which was accepted without comment.

4. Semi-Annual Report, Faculty Development Committee—BLEILER noted that the Committee’s recommendations have been forwarded to the Office of Academic Affairs, and are awaiting action. To WEIKEL’s query of whether the Committee’s recommendations could be announced earlier, BLEILER noted that the Committee had received more than 100 applications by February 28. Each proposal was reviewed by six faculty. He would like to have the next year’s application deadline be November 15, which would permit earlier notification.
REARDON later stated that the letters of notification are in the mail, and that the money would be available after July 1.

5. Interinstitutional Faculty Senate—In the absence of Cooper, Burns, and Jackson, OSHIKA gave the report, noting that the main issues were legislative decision making, the amount of money currently available, and the issue of access funds. The relationship between higher education and K-12 is being discussed in light of statewide educational reform. An OSBHE Strategic Planning Committee is being formed to speculate on what the System will look like in the future. Four new Board members will be appointed by Governor Roberts. Other discussion revolved around athletic funding and the process of tenure decisions statewide.

F. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

G. New Business

1. Graduate Council Course and Program Proposals—HILLMAN reported for Spolek. WOLLNER/FARR moved acceptance of the Japanese endorsement and Superintendent Licensure. In response to LENDARIS’ question, WETZEL indicated that the endorsement means that this is now a license to teach Japanese in the schools. When LIEBMAN asked how the determination of who receives the endorsement is determined, PARSHALL noted that this goes through normal School of Education procedures. EVERHART then stated that specific courses and examinations are required. The motion then PASSED unanimously.

2. Helen Gordon Child Development Center.

MOOR/BURKE moved that “Adequate child care opportunities should be available to all faculty, staff, and students at Portland State University. The Faculty Senate urges the PSU Administration to pursue all avenues to achieve this goal.” A. JOHNSON noted additional information provided by Ellie Nolan, the Associate Director of the Helen Gordon Child Development Center, and REARDON stated that the UPC had recommended that the Center be moved under the authority of the School of Education as of July 1. DESROCHERS, discussing the University District planning, indicated that the executive department is contemplating setting a higher target for child care slots. The motion then PASSED unanimously.

3. Curriculum Committee New Program and Courses Proposal—TERDAL/WEIKEL moved the item in G3. TERDAL asked the privilege of the floor for DRISCOLL, who said that three years of planning by a Child and Family Consortium had already taken place. Most of the course work currently exists, so this should not be impacted by the budget crunch. Courses are from twelve different departments, so only the two capstone courses had to be developed. In response to OSHIKA’s question, DRISCOLL stated that the only similar program
in the state is at OSU, but this is not interdisciplinary, and is in the home economics tradition. When LENDARIS asked who would teach the capstone courses, DRISCOLL noted that these would be team taught by individuals who have a strong commitment to the program. Funding implications will not be significant, and capstone credit will be passed around. This should test what is being proposed in the general education model. Most are part of regular teaching loads.

FORBES asked about the prefix PHE, and was told that it stood for Public Health Education. In response to MIDSON’s question concerning the number of faculty in the consortium, DRISCOLL thought that about 20 faculty and staff would be staying together for evaluation and advising. MOOR and FARR asked about program evaluation in hopes of establishing a new paradigm, with a potential criterion being the effect on the community. DRISCOLL indicated that a community advisory board has been involved from day one, and that the evaluation criteria are listed in the full proposal, which is in the library. MOOR asked if, for example, one could ask how many juvenile delinquents were prevented, and DRISCOLL stated that the program is for young people. REARDON then indicated that new accreditation guidelines are increasing the emphasis on assessment, and that Mary Ricks in OIRP is working on instruments for various types of sites. These should be ready for the self study year, beginning in Fall 1993.

In response to VISTICA’s question about the absence of linguistics and language, DRISCOLL said that the committee did a thorough study of language development before agreeing to a program, and did not see a course that fit well. TERDAL concluded with the Curriculum Committee’s assessment of the thoroughness of the consortium’s efforts. The proposal then PASSED unanimously.

Recognition in the form of applause was then given for the leadership of Bob Tinnin as Acting Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Recognition in the form of applause was then given for the leadership of Ansel Johnson as Presiding Officer of the Faculty Senate.

H. ADJOURNMENT

JOHNSON adjourned the meeting at 4:05 PM
MEMORANDUM

September 20, 1993

To: Faculty Senate

From: Steve Bleiler-MTH, Chair- Faculty Development Committee

Re: Semi-annual report of the FDC


Ex-officio members: Michael Reardon-OAA, Dalton Miller-Jones-OAA, Roy Koch-OAA

Report: As reported in the July 1993 PSU Currently, the Faculty Development Committee recently awarded $220,000 in funding through the Faculty Development Program. Funding was provided to some 57 separate proposals, few of which were funded fully due to budget constraints. Moreover, with requests totaling over three times the available resources, many fine proposals had to go unfunded or were awarded very limited funding. The complete list of funded proposals can be found in the July 1993 PSU Currently.

Due to the time consuming nature of the review and evaluation process, the Committee has changed the way the Faculty Development Program is administered. There is now a significantly earlier deadline for submission of Faculty Development Proposals. This year's proposals must be received in the Office of Research and Sponsored Projects by Nov. 15, 1993. Forms for this year's program were distributed to all Faculty at the close of the Spring 1993 term and are available from the Office of Research and Sponsored Projects. The earlier deadline should allow the Committee to announce the Faculty Development Awards at the beginning (as opposed to the end) of the coming Spring term. The budget for this year's program is currently set at $100,000.

In the coming year, the Committee will be working with the Administration to establish a clear set of strategic goals for next year's Faculty Development Program. The Committee also plans to develop a more efficient committee structure to be proposed to the Faculty Senate via the Steering Committee next spring.