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Minutes: Special Senate Meeting, 9 March 1966

Presiding Officer: Gerald Moulton, Vice Chairman

Secretary: Mildred Paul

ROLL CALL

Senators Present:  Dohn Miller  Monte Reynolds
                  Gerald Moulton Richard Hasbrouck
                  Daryl Basler Marshall Mayberry
                  Eldon Jacobsen John Shrader
                  Alexander Howard Floyd Rodine
                  Wayne Hertz Samuel Mohler
                  Joseph Haruda Robert Yee
                  Myrtle Carlson Virgil Olson (arrived late)
                  Larry Lawrence Charles Wright
                  Odette Golden Clifford Wolfsehr
                  Anthony Canedo Robert Logue (arrived late)
                  Charles Lauterbach

Senators Absent:  William Gaskell  James E. Brooks
                  Stanley Dudley
                  Wilma Moore
                  James Quann
                  Lloyd Buckles

Alternates Present:  Deloris Johns
                    Alice Low

Others Present:  Glen Clark  Wilbur Johnson
                 Donald Baepler Charles McCann
                 Gordon Thomas Jacques Wachs

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no minutes ready for approval.

REPORTS

The Personnel Committee report is to be handled under Unfinished Business.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Vice Chairman reported no communications had been received.
FINISHED BUSINESS

A. Approval of Code changes regarding the election of faculty senators for forwarding to faculty.

Yee reported no substantial objections were raised at the faculty hearings on the proposed Code changes #6, #7, #8, #9, #10, #11 and #12, held March 7 and 8. Yee indicated 1 person appeared on the 7th and 3 people appeared on the 8th. Yee commented it was his opinion that the apparent lack of interest reflected confidence in the work of the Senate.

MOTION NO. 242: Yee moved, seconded by Shrader, that the Faculty Senate send the proposed Code changes numbers 6 through 12 to the faculty for a vote. The motion carried with 20 yes votes, 4 no votes (Miller, Basler, Hertz, and Haruda). At this time in the meeting there were four senators or their alternates not present.

B. Report and recommendations of researchers regarding the decimal- grading scale and reporting system

A vote was taken on Motion No. 240 (see minutes of the 3/2/66 meeting). The motion carried with 20 yes votes, 4 no votes (Miller, Basler, Reynolds, Johns). There were four senators or their alternates not present.

Reynolds and Shrader spoke in favor of the Senate taking a stand either for or against this particular issue. Rodine and Wolfsehr expressed the opinion that only the teaching faculty should vote when the matter is presented at the spring faculty meeting; Hertz and Reynolds spoke against limiting the vote.

MOTION NO. 243: Shrader moved, seconded by Jacobsen, that the senators be polled regarding their reactions to the graduated grading system and that the information be sent to the faculty at the spring meeting.

Mohler indicated he would vote against the motion as he felt this was not a function of the Senate.

Mrs. Low asked that Motion No. 243 be changed to read: That the senators be polled regarding their reactions to the graduated grading system. This change was accepted by Shrader and Jacobsen. After further discussion this motion was withdrawn and the following motion substituted:

Yee moved, seconded by Reynolds, that the Senate favors the graduated grading system. The motion carried with 16 yes votes (Miller, Moulton, Basler, Jacobsen; Howard,
Hertz, Haruda, Carlson, Canedo, Lauterbach, Reynolds, Johns, Shrader, Yee, Wright, Low), 7 no votes (Lawrence, Golden, Hasbrouck, Mayberry, Rodine, Mohler, Olson), 1 abstention (Wolfsehr) and 4 senators or their alternates absent.

The Vice Chairman announced that the report of the researchers and the report of the Senate action would be given to the faculty.

Jacobsen noted the past senate discussions were not so much in opposition to the decimal-grading system as they were objecting to the administrative procedure by which the experimental system was put into effect.

Further discussion was held regarding the question of limiting the voting to teaching faculty. The question was raised as to whether the vote of a faculty member could be restricted at a faculty meeting and the Vice Chairman read Section I-B of the Code which states that all personnel included in Section I-A- "Definition of Faculty" shall be eligible to vote in faculty meetings. The Vice Chairman indicated that the senate action could only be in the form of a recommendation.

MOTION NO. 244: Rodine moved, seconded by Lawrence, that the Senate recommend that only teaching faculty vote on the graduated grading scale. The motion failed to pass with 19 no votes, 4 yes votes (Lawrence, Rodine, Mohler, Wolfsehr), 1 abstention (Miller) and 4 members absent.

C. Recommendations of the Senate Personnel Committee regarding membership and chairmanship of college committees.

MOTION NO. 245: Lawrence moved, seconded by Golden, that all faculty appointments to standing College committees be submitted to the Faculty Senate for review and approval, the action to be completed at the first regular meeting following their submission. The motion carried with 19 yes votes, 6 no votes (Basler, Howard, Hertz, Wright, Low, Logue) and 3 members absent.

McCann spoke in favor of the motion and further suggested that the Chairman of the Personnel Committee be a member of the Dean's Council at the time the annual committee appointments are made.

It was pointed out that there are situations where because of the duties assigned to their areas of responsibilities,
Certain people must be chairman of certain committees. There was discussion of which committees would be involved, and the possibility of load reductions sometime in the future.

MOTION NO. 246: Lawrence moved that the chairmen of standing college committees be elected by the committee itself.

There was discussion regarding distinctions between committees (major curriculum committees, advisory committees, etc.) relating to whether the chairman should be elected or assigned.

MOTION NO. 247: Rodine moved, seconded by Shrader, that Motion No. 246 be tabled and that the Personnel Committee consider it further. Motion carried with 22 yes votes, 3 no votes (Basler, Hertz, Reynolds) and 3 members absent.

The next meeting of the Senate will be April 6, 1966.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.