

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

January 10, 1996

Scheduled Meetings of the Senate and General Faculty

Senate: Feb. 7 @ 3 p.m.; Mar. 13 @ 3 p.m.; April 2 @ 3 p.m.; Apr. 24 @ 3 p.m.

Jul. 8 @ 3 p.m.

General Faculty: April 23 @ 3 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 3 p.m. in Gambrell Auditorium by Henry Price, Chair.

I. Kim Murphy from the Campus Recreation Office described the 1996 Fitness Program and invited all faculty to participate.

II. CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF DEC. 6, 1995.

The minutes were approved as submitted.

III. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT, President Palms:

1. The president described some of the current steps in the fund-raising campaign including a retreat for the members of the Board of Trustees.
2. The president is working with the General Assembly to have the 5% salary increases fully funded and to replace the non recurring funding given to the university last year with recurring moneys.
3. The names of the members of the Provost search committee are on the WEB and were distributed to the faculty two weeks after this meeting.

Richard Hult (EDUC) expressed concern about the effects of the new spring calendar on the schedules of student teachers. Richard Conant (MUSC) expressed a like concern about the fall schedule with no weekend between Thanksgiving and exams. Don Greiner (Provost's office) asked that memos be sent to the provost for consideration of the calendar committee.

Robert Gardner (GEOL) asked if the university was rethinking the Commencement form. The president said the matter was under consideration.

The president introduced Winona Vernberg, who is serving as Interim Provost.

IV. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

IVA. Senate Steering Committee, J. L. Safko:

The Steering Committee is drawing up the list of nominees to present to the Faculty Senate at the March meetings. If you have nominations, please contact a member of the committee. Please verify with any nominees as to their willingness to serve.

IVB. Grade Change Committee, Joseph Byrd, Chair:

The committee report was accepted as submitted.

IVC. Curricula and Courses Committee, Caroline Eastman, Chair:

The submissions from the College of Liberal Arts were approved with the following corrections from the committee. The spelling of Anthropology and Religious Studies were corrected. The experimental courses were reported. There were no objections.

Nancy Lane

IVD. Faculty Advisory Committee, ~~Caroline Eastman~~, Chair:

The committee presented item I of its proposed changes in handling grade changes. Margit Resch (GSO) and Keith Davis (PSYC) argued against the motion on the grounds that the committee was not needed. Ina Rae Hark (COLA) argued against the motion since its intent was to review administrative changes. John Safko (PHYS), Joseph Byrd, and John Lipiccolo (JOUR) argued in support of the motion. Carolyn West (SUMTER) asked if this affected the regional campuses and if they had representation. This opened the discussion to the question of the regional campuses and their relation to the Columbia campus. Richard Bayer (REGISTRAR) said that presently all grade changes from the regional campuses should go from the faculty at those campuses to John Gardner's office. Apparently this last step is bypassed. The motion was made and passed to return item I to the committee. Item II was withdrawn pending the resolution of item I.

V. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY, J. L. Safko:

The summer Faculty Senate meeting will be Monday, July 8, at 3 p.m.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Keith Davis (PSYC) moved that the chair appoint a committee to study the grade change practices of other universities. The motion was seconded.

Caroline Eastman (CSCI) suggested that the presence of a grade change committee may serve as a quality control and prevent grade changes that would be turned down from being submitted. David Rembert (COSM) said that many requests from parents and even the governor's office are stopped at his level by the necessity of the reasons for the request being reviewed by the committee and the Senate.

The motion was defeated.

VII. GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Margit Resch (GSO) requested a report from the Parking Committee on the future of the parking situation.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

David Berube (TSD) announced that books for Bosnia and Croatia would be collected for the next three weeks. Contact him for information.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.