

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

December 6, 1995

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

I. CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.

The minutes of November 1, 1995, were approved without corrections.

II. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

IIA. Report of the President, President Palms:

The president congratulated the provost on his new appointment. The Senate gave a standing ovation. He announced that the search committee would be formed before the holiday break and that he hoped a new provost could be appointed by the start of the fall term. An interim provost will be appointed next week (Dean W. Vernberg was appointed). The president asked that suggestions for members of the search committee be sent to him by December 8.

IIB. Report of the Provost, Provost Moeser:

1. The provost gave a farewell address. The complete text is appended to the WEB copy of these minutes.
2. The provost then introduced Prof. Don Stowe (CAPS), chair of the University Assessment Committee. The work of this committee is a direct result of our last reaffirmation visit from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The complete text of the report is appended to the WEB version of these minutes. A summary follows.
The committee is working on what should be included in the general education requirements. The committee started with the eleven criteria used eight years ago to create the core requirements. At this point the committee has only general ideas to report to the provost in December. The plans are to meet with faculty of each college and various other official committees of the faculty.

Charles Weasmer (GINT) asked the provost why it was necessary to create the office of pre-professional advisement rather than continuing with the existing departmental and university committees. The provost answered that many of the units involved have asked for such an office. For example, the Law School is finding it difficult to provide the services requested by pre-law students and the College of Science and Mathematics (comments by Dean Odom) and the Health Professions Undergraduate Advisory Committee have recommended such an office for pre-medicine.

III. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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

The Senate Steering Committee has appointed the following to fill vacant positions on committees until fall 1996. Welfare -- Patricia Mason (SIP) Athletics Advisory -- Tom Regan (SpAdm)

The committee also nominated Sarah Woodin (BIOL) for a term on Grievance to expire in the fall of 1998. There were no further nominations and she was declared elected at the end of the meeting. Later in the meeting, Stan Fryer (BADM) asked why the vacancy was not listed in the minutes from the last meeting. The secretary apologized for the oversight.

IIIB. Grade Change Committee, Steve McNeill; for the committee:

The grade changes were approved as submitted.

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

The committee reminded the senators that new courses for the May Session must be approved by the committee and the Faculty Senate before they can be scheduled. Courses at the 500 and 600 level must also be approved by the graduate council. The last meeting of the Curricula and Courses Committee before the deadline for inclusion in the printed schedule is January 12, 1996. In response to the suggestion of an "X" course, the senators were reminded that "X" courses must still be approved by the committee and presented to the Senate for its information.

During a discussion of the Committee's proposals, it was decided that the university will use GPA, rather than GPR, to refer to a student's grade point average. All such references in the committee's report and elsewhere in the catalog will be changed.

After a discussion of the change in PEDU 495, which is a change to reflect what is being taught in the course, Section I, College of Physical Education, was approved. Sections II, College of Engineering; Section III, College of Liberal Arts; and Section IVA, Department of Biology were approved as submitted.

Sections IVB, Department of Computer Science and Section IVC, Department of Mathematics were approved with the editorial change in MATH 527 to "numerical differentiation and integration". The two experimental courses were presented without objection.

IIID. Faculty Advisory Committee, Nancy Lane, Chair:

The committee report was withdrawn.

IIIE. Scholastic Standards and Petitions Committee, Thorne Compton, Chair

The report of the committee, recommending the changes in the catalog for the College of Journalism and Mass Communication, was approved as submitted.

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

The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be January 10, 1996, at 3 p.m. in Gambrell Auditorium.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS & NEW BUSINESS: None

VII. GOOD OF THE ORDER

David Rembert (Sci&Math) noted that we had just approved two courses using the same numbers as courses they were replacing. This will cause problems in the deans' offices when determining graduation hours.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

The meeting was adjourned at 4 p.m.