

MINUTES - FACULTY SENATE MEETING OF DECEMBER 4, 1985

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 PM by Chairman David H. Rembert, Jr.

I. Correction and Approval of Minutes.

Secretary Silvernail requested that on p. M-6 (under Announcements, line 2) Academic Organization be changed to Academia organization. There were no further corrections and the minutes were approved as corrected.

II. Reports of Officers.

Provost Borkowski announced that under the new early admissions policy for outstanding students we have admitted 400 students for Fall 1986. The average SAT is 1200 and all admittees are in the top five percent of their class.

The Provost announced that Mr. Lane Kirkland and Mr. William Buckley will be speakers at the first December commencement.

The Provost noted that there is a rumor that the State Budget and Control Board may cut the budgets of state agencies by one and one-half percent beginning in January 1986. This would amount to a System's cut of one and one-half million dollars including 750-800 thousand dollars for the Columbia campus. If this action is taken, he will meet with the Faculty Steering Committee to discuss possible options to handle this problem. He stated we are already in a tight budget situation, having started the academic year with a 750 thousand dollar deficit which was to be met by not filling classified vacancies and by delaying lease-purchase arrangements.

He asked for questions. There were none and he turned over the reports of officers to Vice-President David Rinker to respond to questions raised at the November Senate meeting concerning power outages.

Vice-President Rinker acknowledged the seriousness of the problems involved. He said that the greatest concerns are the impact on the people directly affected and on locating the fault of the outage. Because fault indicators were not available in this particular case, people had to go through the dangerous and time-consuming process of trial-and-error to find the fault. One of six transformers had gone out and it took over two hours to isolate the problem and get the transformers back into operation.

The University is attempting to purchase generators of sufficient size which could kick-in within a few seconds of the outage. This is being done on a selective basis across campus. The back-up generator in the Physical Science Center was not large enough to handle the problem. Efforts are now being made to remedy this situation. A second part of the problem is the procedure to be followed when an outage occurs in buildings where there are environmental concerns. The normal procedure would be to contact the Emergency Control Center. Unfortunately, there was not in place a requirement to automatically call Environmental Services when the incident occurred. They would evaluate the situation and make an immediate decision whether or not to evacuate the facility involved. It is Vice-President Rinker's understanding that such a requirement is now in place.

Mr. Rinker asked for the help of the faculty in reporting to him or the Physical Plant Department anything that does not seem to be working correctly. He has a limited number of people available for surveillance and they are stretched very thin. He then asked for questions.

Professor Scott Goode (CHEM) stated that there is an information crisis concerning such problems. It is necessary to know the possible length of outages when chemicals are involved. There is no telephone number to call to find out this information. There also seems to be no way to get people out of stalled elevators which is a problem if an evacuation of the facility takes place.

Rinker, in response to the length of time of the outage question, said there was no way to tell how long. He did say the best source of information was the Emergency Control Center whose telephone number is 7-4217. The same number should be called if persons are stranded in elevators. Large generators would handle this problem if they are in place.

Scott noted that the current emergency generator in the Physical Science Center will only power the exit lights.

Rinker responded by saying that crews have now evaluated the capability of the emergency generators for each building. This has not been done before; it was just assumed that the existing equipment would do the job.

Professor John Baynes (CHEM) asked if anyone was looking into the policy of reporting on action taken when a problem to maintenance has been reported. There seems to be no report made to the person reporting the problem upon completion of the job. It is difficult to get someone from maintenance to report if the job was done and what was involved. Rinker said he would look into this situation. There is supposed to be a communication saying the job was done or the problem solved.

III. Reports of Committees.

A. Faculty Steering Committee, Professor Richard Silvernail, Secretary:

Silvernail referred the Senate to pages A-1 and A-2 of the agenda. He gave a brief background of the alleged need for a modification in the original Provisional Year Program. He then noted the proposed changes in the Elements of the Student Contract which would extend the Provisional Year to 12 months rather than the academic year of nine months and the proviso that students must enroll in five specified courses each semester and complete at least twelve hours in the Fall and Spring semesters to remain in the program. On behalf of the Faculty Steering Committee he moved the adoption of the proposed changes. There were no questions and by voice vote the Senate adopted the changes.

Silvernail pointed out that page A-3 listed the Steering Committee nominations for the newly established Committee on Scholastic Standards and Petitions for the Division of Continuing Education. The nominees are Professors William Bearden (BADM), Edward Beardsley (HIST) and Jean Ann Linney (PSYC).

Rembert asked for additional nominations. There were none. He then stated nominations would be reopened before the close of the meeting.

Silvernail then placed the name of Professor Gail Dickson (NURS) in nomination for a vacancy on the Student Affairs Committee. The vacancy is for the remainder of the academic year and was caused by the resignation of Professor Sandra Oliver (NURS) from the University.

He also placed the name of Professor James D. Morris (BIOL) in nomination for a spring semester vacancy on the Student-Faculty Relations Committee. The vacancy was caused by Professor Foster Tait (PHIL) going on sabbatical.

Rembert asked for additional nominations for these vacancies. There were none. He again reminded the Senate that nominations would be called at the end of the meeting.

B. Grade Change Committee, Professor Wolfgang Elfe, Chairman:

Elfe moved the adoption of the committee report including the change to delete the grade change request for David B. Turner. There was no discussion and the report, with the change, was adopted.

C. Curricula and Courses Committee, Professor Ina Rae Hark, Chairman:

Hark moved the committee report. There was no discussion and the report was adopted by voice vote. Hark called attention to a handout informing the Senate of an experimental course, SMED 521X, Principles of Chemistry for Middle School Teachers, and noted the correct spelling for stoichiometry.

IV. Report of Secretary.

No report.

V. Unfinished Business.

Professor Helterman (ENGL) inquired about a Senate response to the Lightsey Commission recommendations.

Rembert reviewed the procedures announced at the November meeting and said the Steering Committee will meet on 15 January to discuss the standing committee reports on the Lightsey Commission recommendations. The findings of the Steering Committee will be on the February agenda.

Professor Peter Becker (HIST) inquired when the Senators would receive copies of the report.

Rembert responded that they had been mailed out to the Senators and if they had not been received to please call the Senate Office.

Professor Faust Pauluzzi (FORL) wanted clarification of what the Senate was supposed to do with the report and for what purpose.

Rembert reviewed the history of the Commission from September 1984 to the present. He made mention of the fact the President and Provost had promised the Senate would see the results and could discuss the report before it was taken to the Board of Trustees.

VI. New Business.

None.

Rembert then called for additional nominations for committee vacancies. There were none and he declared Professors Bearden, Beardsley, and Linney elected to the new Committee on Scholastic Standards and Petitions (Division of Continuing Education). Professor Dickson was declared elected to the Student Affairs

Committee as was Professor Morris to the Faculty-Student Relations Committee.

VII. Good of the Order.

Professor Richard Conant (MUSC) asked where the Senate would be meeting during the Spring semester.

Rembert stated he would respond to that question during Announcements.

VIII. Announcements.

Rembert announced the Senate will meet in Currell College Auditorium, Room 107, during the Spring semester. With a light in his eye he noted that Currell College Auditorium has hard seats and no parking. It is anticipated the Senate will be mean and lean at the end of Spring semester.

Professor Charles Tucker (SOCY) announced there would be a New Year's Eve dinner and party at the Faculty House.

Conant remarked that at \$17.50 per person for a gourmet meal this is the best deal we will get for a while at the Faculty House upstairs.

There was no further business. The meeting as adjourned at 3:40 PM.