

MINUTES - FACULTY SENATE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 4, 1985

The meeting was called to order at 3:46 PM by Chairman David H. Rembert, Jr.

I. Correction and Approval of Minutes.

The minutes were approved as distributed.

II. Reports of Officers.

President James B. Holderman indicated he would respond to questions from the floor relative to his statement at the General Faculty meeting, held preceding this meeting, or to other topics.

Professor Baynes (CHEM) asked about the process and timing for the proposed science research center.

President Holderman stated the University will go first to the Commission on Higher Education to seek approval for the building, then to the Legislature to request planning money and to move it toward a bond bill. He hoped to get the planning money in the bond bill in January and indicated this would be a high priority for the University system.

Baynes then asked what the current status was for the control/removal of asbestos from the Physical Science Center.

President Holderman responded by saying the asbestos control money had been removed from the budget after it had been appropriated and this affected plans for Columbia Hall and the Thomas Jones Physical Science Center among others. It may be that little can be done with the Physical Science Center until the new building is completed as the present structure may need to be closed down for a year.

Professor Pauluzzi (FORL) inquired as to the role of the humanities in the drive toward international excellence and how did the President propose to evaluate the humanities in this role?

President Holderman felt the humanities would do their own evaluation as they have in the past and that this area would play a major role in the future development of this institution at the graduate level. Evaluation would include the quality of

the graduate students we are able to attract and the Ph.D.'s we produce. He stated that he had "no fears that the humanities would fit into the evolution of this institution as a major research university."

III. Reports of Committees.

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

Silvernail placed the name of Professor Cheryl Luke (BADM) in nomination for a full term (1988) vacancy on Student Faculty Relations Committee to replace Professor Ann Herlong (JOUR).

Rembert asked for additional nominations. There were none and he announced nominations would again be requested at the close of this meeting.

B. Grade Change Committee, Professor Robert Beamer, Acting Chairman:

Beamer moved the adoption of the committee report.

Rembert asked if there was discussion; there being none, a voice vote approved the report as submitted.

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

Hark moved the acceptance of the report.

Rembert asked if there was discussion, there being none, the report was approved by voice vote.

Rembert called the Senate's attention to the annual reports of the work of committees attached to the agenda of this meeting and noted they were published for faculty perusal and comment.

IV. Report of Secretary.

None.

V. Unfinished Business.

None.

VI. New Business.

Professor Sederberg (GINT) shared with the Senate the final paragraph of a student paper submitted at the end of the spring semester. This final paragraph is a direct quote: "This research information has been prepared for you by Arthur's Research Services Inc. to be used as an adjunct to your own work. It may contain suggestions in brackets or parentheses specifically designed to further guide you in your research." He then stated that advertisements for this research service were posted on University bulletin boards. Sederberg then requested that Academic Standards and Petitions Committee review University policy to see if the advertisements could be banned from the University bulletin boards.

Rembert asked for additional nominations to the Student Faculty Relations Committee, there being none, he declared Professor Cheryl Luke elected to the vacant fall term.

VII. Good of the Order.

None.

VIII. Announcements.

Professor Robert Felix (LAW) announced the formation of a statewide Fulbright Alumni Association a year ago. Two meetings are scheduled this year--a national meeting in Arkansas and a state meeting in March, 1986 at Hilton Head, S.C. He noted some alumni may have been missed in mailings and they could get additional information on the meetings and membership by letting him know.

There was no additional business. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM.

NOTE: FACULTY SENATE WILL MEET IN THE LAW AUDITORIUM
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.