MINUTES - FACULTY SENATE MEETING OF APRIL 3, 1985

The meeting was called to order at 3:06 PM by Chairman Charles B. Weasmer.

I. Correction and Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of the March 6, 1985 Senate meeting were approved as distributed.

II. Reports of Officers.

President James B. Holderman, in a sober manner, reported that progress on the budget is being made. At the present time our budget stands at 99 per cent of full formula funding. However, between $11 to $12,000,000 of that money has been designated as non-recurring. It is hoped that this matter will be clarified in the State Senate. In addition to the budget, the University is working on provisos which govern procurement and other activities. We would prefer not to be considered a "state agency" but this is a difficult item to get approved in the General Assembly.

President Holderman also noted with satisfaction and pride that we have had to shut down freshman enrollment with an exception for extraordinary applicants. He noted that the Admissions Committee may devise a selective early admissions process with extraordinary candidates being accepted around 1 December. All other candidates would be held for later decision to bring our total to 2500 in the incoming freshman class.

President Holderman then asked for questions on any subject. There were no questions.

III. Reports of Committees.

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

Silvernail, on behalf of the Steering Committee, moved the following motion: "that all references to academic year will be understood to mean a nine-month period from mid-August to mid-May."

The motion was seconded. There was no discussion and on a voice vote the motion was passed.
B. Grade Change Committee, Professor Robert Beamer, Co-chair:

Beamer moved acceptance of the Committee's report. The report was adopted by voice vote.

C. Curricula and Courses Committee, Professor Scott Goode, Chairman:

Goode moved acceptance of the Committee's report. The report was adopted by voice vote. He then asked the Senate to note the addendum of PRSC 462X Resort Management (3), distributed as a handout at the meeting, was for the Senate's information. Goode also urged that any course or curriculum change be submitted to the Committee as early as possible as the new Bulletin is now being prepared.

D. Admissions Committee, Professor Jerry Curry, Chairman:

Curry reported that as of 15 March the number of freshman applications was up 22 percent and acceptances, based on the 2.0 predicted GPR then in force, were up 34 percent. If the trend were to continue in this fashion we might have had a freshman class of 3000 compared to the 2000 we have had the past couple of years. On 15 March admissions were stopped except for well-qualified applicants. The current estimate is that we will have a freshman class between 2200 to 2500 in the Fall. It is doubtful that the increase will have much effect on the SAT scores of the new class. If criteria are changed for admission next year, that may have a considerable affect on the average SAT scores. There has been some discussion about the effect of criteria change on admission of minority students.

Chairman Weasmer asked if there were any questions, there being none he then asked if there were other committees to report. There were no further committee reports.

IV. Report of Secretary.

Silvernail announced that Professors Natalie Hevener (GIN) and James Knight (PHYS) were elected to Faculty Advisory Committee. Professors Wallace Dawson (BIOL) and Elizabeth Joiner (FORL) were elected to Honorary Degrees Committee. Professors Richard Day (LAW), and Richard Pool (ENGR) were elected to Patent and Copyright Committee.

The General Faculty Meeting will be held Wednesday 1 May at 3:00 PM in Gambrell Hall Auditorium and the Faculty Senate will meet immediately following the General Faculty Meeting. The summer meeting of the Senate will be held on Thursday 11 July at 3:00 PM in Gambrell Hall Auditorium.
Professor James Buggy (Medicine) noted that General Faculty Meetings are usually held in the Law Auditorium.

Silvernail responded that the Law Auditorium was not available on 1 May.

V. Unfinished Business.

None.

VI. New Business.

Professor Rick Stephens (JOUR) introduced the following resolution:

Professor Mark F. Ethridge, Jr., began a distinguished career in American journalism in 1947 as a reporter for The Washington Post. Over the next thirty years he served with distinction with a number of major newspapers, including The Raleigh Times, Newsday, The Detroit Free Press and the Akron Beacon Journal. He shared in the Pulitzer Prize for meritorious public service awarded to Newsday in 1954 and was editor of The Detroit Free Press when it received the Pulitzer Prize in 1968 for its coverage of the Detroit riots.

Professor Ethridge joined the faculty of the College of Journalism in 1977 and gained the deepest respect of his colleagues and students as an outstanding teacher and a staunch champion of press freedom.

The University faculty extends its deepest sympathies to the family of Professor Ethridge and recognizes its sense of loss of an esteemed colleague and good friend.

Chairman Weasmer asked if there was any discussion. There being none, a voice vote was taken. By unanimous vote the resolution was adopted.

VII. Good of the Order.

None.

VIII. Announcements.

None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:22 PM.