

I. Approval of Minutes.

Chairman Coolidge called the Senate to order. Noting that the date indicated by the chairman at the beginning of the May meeting should have been July 8 instead of July 7, the minutes were approved as submitted.

Chairman Coolidge announced that the first meeting of the Senate in the fall would take place immediately upon the conclusion of the General Faculty meeting on September 9, 1981.

II. Reports of Officers.

President Holderman expressed his gratitude for the leadership, counsel, and wisdom of Chairman Coolidge during the past two years.

The President noted that during the past four years the amount of grant money had grown to \$70 million from a total of \$14 million during the preceding four-year period. He also mentioned that a study by Business Administration had established the economic impact of the university on the metropolitan Columbia area as more than \$450 million. Both figures testify to the growing stature of the university. With respect to the budget, the President indicated that as it had not yet been passed it was difficult to make any prognostications, but that he was optimistic. Upon a question from Professor Hickman, Business Administration, he declared 9-month salaries would be adjusted in such a way that 9-month people would not be affected negatively by the various possible distribution factors.

Professor Glen Abernathy, Government and International Studies, asked whether there was a new Chair in American Government and whether it was permanent. President Holderman replied that the appointment of Bill Brock was not to a permanent Chair. Mr. Brock, a member of President Reagan's cabinet and the President's Special Trade Representative, would be on campus for about three days per semester without any expense for the university.

Professor Nancy Lane, Foreign Languages, inquired what was being done to recruit a new Affirmative Action Officer. President Holderman answered that Jane Jameson, chairman of the Affirmative Action Committee, would assume the position in combination with her work as Assistant Vice President of Personnel.

Professor Ray Moore, Government and International Studies, desired to know more about the status of the associate director of the Byrnes Center and the appointment as professors with tenure of Bob Alexander and James Campbell. The President indicated that the Deputy Director of the Byrnes Center was an administrative appointment, is safeguarding our interests in Washington, is paid from non-state sources, and does not hold a professorial rank.

Provost Borkowski replied with respect to the appointment of Alexander and Campbell. He noted that it was within the prerogatives of the President to make the appointments, that they had been cleared beforehand with the College of Education, and that with respect to teaching and publications the qualifications of both were substantial.

III. Reports of Committees.

A. Grade Change Committee, Professor Keith Berkeley, Chairman:

After some explanatory remarks concerning the justifications supplied by some professors for their grade change requests, Professor Berkeley on behalf of his committee moved the adoption of its recommendations. They were approved.

B. Committee on Curricula and Courses, Professor John L. Safko, Chairman:

With some editorial changes, Professor Safko moved the adoption of his committee's recommendations. All sections were approved immediately, with the exception of Section II, College of Education. Professor Donald L. Jones, Religious Studies, objected to the omission of his department in the elective portion of the proposed curriculum which made allowances for twelve out of the fourteen disciplines of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. As there was no representative speaker from the College of Education present, there was at first some talk about a tabling motion, but ultimately Professor Jones moved the inclusion of Religious Studies with courses in Christian ethics, contemporary theology, and other courses relevant to modern man in the humanities component of the proposal. His amendment was approved and so was the entire amended proposal.

C. Faculty Advisory Committee, Professor John L. Kimmey, Chairman:

After reviewing the extent to which the Faculty Advisory Committee had gone in order to make a decision on the motion, introduced at the May meeting, to abolish the Faculty Grade Change Committee and turn its business over to the Standards and Petitions Committees of the various schools and colleges, Professor Kimmey elaborated on the reasons why the committee came to oppose this motion: 1) The Senate Grade Change Committee guaranteed the maintenance of uniform and consistent standards, a guarantee which would be absent if the decision were left to eleven autonomous committees. 2) The Senate Committee is not subject to local pressures from the faculty or the dean of a particular college and can deal with each request on an impartial basis. 3) The Senate Committee simplifies and speeds up the handling of grade changes at commencement time. If the Registrar had to contact eleven different committees, there might well be some delays. 4) The Senate Committee is favored by those colleges which account for over half of the grade changes. 5) The Senate Committee reports to the faculty at each meeting and questions can be asked on the spot. To have only one summary at the end of the year comprising all eleven committees would not provide open and detailed access to information.

He concluded his remarks by pointing out that if some faculty were abusing their teaching responsibilities by assigning grades without setting standards, this is a university concern, not merely that of one college.

Furthermore, as grade changes in the main are requested for reasons of computation and transcription error and are therefore of a mechanical nature, they are not supposed to be based on the peculiarities of each college. His points were well taken by the Senate which overwhelmingly rejected the motion before it.

IV. Report of Secretary - None.

V. Unfinished Business - None.

VI. New Business - None.

VII. Good of the Order.

Chairman Coolidge, presiding over the Faculty Senate for the last time, thanked the Steering Committee, members of the administration, faculty and senate committees, and the Board of Trustees for their courtesy, cooperation, kindness and advice. Special thanks were accorded to Mrs. Peggy Pickels, President Holderman, Provost Borkowski, Associate Provost Ackerman, Dean Bain, and Charlie Weasmer. Looking into the future, Chairman Coolidge detected some difficult times ahead, but was basically optimistic, given the qualities inherent in the Board of Trustees, the administration, and the faculty.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.