

THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

FACULTY SENATE MEETING

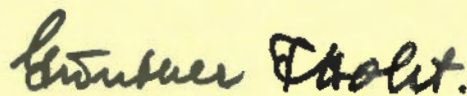
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Gunther J. Holst  
Secretary

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The Faculty Senate meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert L. Felix.

Chairman Felix called for consideration of the minutes of October 4, 1978. The minutes were approved with one minor editorial revision.

I. Reports of Officers.

A. Provost Francis T. Borkowski:

Report of Provost

Provost Borkowski stated that Carolina Plan II is now in the drafting stages and that it will be presented in final form to the Board of Trustees at their December 8th meeting. It will be reviewed between November 14 and 20th by the Academic Forward Planning Committee, the Executive Committee, the President's Panel, the Deans' Council and the Administrative Council. He added that Plan II has sharpened the statements made in Plan I. At this point it is not possible to move into definitive objectives because the Commission on Higher Education is putting together a five year plan. He added that we have representatives on approximately 24 task forces on the five year plan and we must wait to see what emerges from the Commission and then, using those umbrella guidelines, move to more specific objectives.

Provost Borkowski stated he would like to discuss a few of the policies that will be forthcoming from the President's Office shortly. One is the distribution of overhead funds. The deans have been asked to meet with the chairpersons to establish guidelines on how overhead funds from external sources should be distributed. Since the Budget and Control Board has altered its policy we now have these funds available to us. He added that 50% of the funds from overhead will go to the Office of Research and 50% will be returned to the colleges that initiate the grants. The guidelines on how these funds are to be distributed will go to the deans who initiated the grants.

Dr. Borkowski stated that there are two provisions regarding the funding: (1) since the return of the overhead generated on the two and four year campuses is only 20%, which is a small amount, they should have more latitude in using these funds to generate additional sources of funding and (2) for those colleges in a less advantageous position to generate outside funds we have provided a \$65 amount per faculty member from colleges in a more advantageous position to generate funds.

Dr. Borkowski thought this was fair and a reflection of colleagues trying to assist each other in providing funds which in turn might stimulate fundable research.

Dr. Borkowski stated that money available for the Research and Productive Committee has been increased from \$25,000 to \$150,000 which will be used to stimulate additional areas of research and productive scholarship. He added he hoped this would provide an incentive for faculty members who have not yet established a track record in scholarly work. He said there is no charge to the committee to exclude faculty members who have a well established record in research from gaining funds for their research.

Dr. Borkowski stated that President Holderman has set aside between \$100,000 - \$150,000 for endeavors among the various campuses in the Carolina System. He said this money would be available for scholarly work, research, travel, symposia or possibly equipment that could be used jointly among the campuses.

Dr. Borkowski added that he has visited most of the campuses and was impressed with the concern and interest expressed by the faculty regarding the joint endeavors of the various campuses. He said this funding would help enhance professional development and utilize the faculty as resource people in joint ventures among campuses.

Dr. Borkowski stated that these policies are to be approved by the President shortly and that he hoped the faculty will seek creative ways to use these funds.

II. Reports of Committees.

Report of Grade Change Committee

A. Grade Change Committee, Professor William R. Folks, Chairman:

On behalf of the Grade Change Committee, Professor William R. Folks, asked for approval of the committee's recommendations. (Agenda, pp. 1-3). The recommendations of the Committee were approved.

Report of Committee on Curricula and Courses

B. Committee on Curricula and Courses, Professor David H. Rembert, Jr., Chairman:

Chairman Rembert withdrew Section II-A, Department of Economics from the agenda and designated Department of Music as Section II-A and Department of Sociology as Section II-B.

He then recommended the adoption of Section I, College of Education. Section I, College of Education was approved.

Chairman Rembert next asked for approval of the new sections A and B, Department of Music and Department of Sociology.

Professor Benjamin Franklin, English, asked what constitutes popular music in the new course "Jazz and Popular American Music."

Professor Jerry Curry, Music, thought the term as used here meant the general area of music which is popular music as opposed to what we commonly call classical music. He added that it will be part of the past from the history of music of this country important enough to be studied. He said with this terminology we could include all popular musicians.

Professor Benjamin Franklin, English, asked if it could possibly be based on Howard Wyler's book on the American Popular Song.

Professor Curry, Music, answered that he did not know.

Chairman Felix stated that Section II, items under A and B, was now before the Senate. Section II, College of Humanities and Social Sciences and Section III, College of Science and Mathematics were approved.

C. Faculty Senate Steering Committee, Chairman Robert L. Felix, Chairman:

Chairman Felix asked chairmen who are ex officio members of the Steering Committee to send an alternate to attend the meetings if they are unable to do so themselves.

Professor Felix announced that there are presently three openings on the Bookstore Committee and one opening on the Patent and Copyright Committee to fill the third year term of Professor Eugene Hardin. Anyone interested in serving on these committees should contact either the chairman of the Senate or contact the Secretary at Faculty House. He added that Professors John Safko, Physics, and Frederick Gertz, School of Law, have been appointed to the University Judicial Advisory Board.

III. Report of Secretary.

Secretary Gunther J. Holst noted that there have been some irregularities in the distribution of the agendas and minutes and that he would appreciate if they were brought to the attention of Mrs. Pickels in the Faculty Senate Office, Chairman Felix or himself so that any problems could be straightened out.

IV. Unfinished Business - none.

Report of Faculty Senate Steering Committee

Report of Secretary

V. New Business.

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Professor Robert Rood, Government, stated that he has encountered some problems during the advising process especially in dealing with transfer students. He said he was unaware that while only grades of C and above are transferred all previous grades are included in computing the students' grade point averages at USC. He said that at other universities transfer credits were simply transferred in, but not included for computation of the grade point average. He asked if this matter could be referred to the appropriate committee perhaps to revise this practice in order that students would not be disadvantaged by the inclusion of poor grades from other universities in computing their grade point averages at USC.

Chairman Felix noted that matters regarding the interpretation and recording of grades and the use of transcripts have been referred to the Committee on Scholastic Standings and Petitions. With Professor Rood's agreement this matter would also be referred to the Committee on Scholastic Standings and Petitions.

Professor Rood agreed.

VI. Good of the Order.

VII. Announcements.

Chairman Felix announced that the matter concerning noise in the dorms which was raised at the October meeting was referred to the Student Affairs Committee and a letter was sent to Vice President Campbell, chairman of that committee.

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 4:20.