

MINUTES: FACULTY SENATE MEETING, September 6, 1978

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

Chairman called for consideration of the minutes of the July 10 meeting. The minutes were approved as distributed.

I. Reports of Officers

Statistical Report on South Carolina College

Professor Peter Sederberg, Acting Master of South Carolina College, presented a report on the statistics of the new freshmen class of South Carolina College. (Attachment 1, p. 7-8). He stated that out of 167 freshmen, 152 are on full status and 15 are on probationary status. The SAT mean score of full status students is 1250 - 611 verbal and 639 math. He also added that the average class rank of full status students was in the top 6.2% of their graduating classes.

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 moved for approval of the Committee's recommendations. The report of the Grade Change Committee was approved. (September Agenda, pp. 1-4).

Chairman Robert L. Felix announced that Professor Carl Shirley, Foreign Languages, was appointed to the Grade Change Committee for a three year term.

Report of Curricula and Courses Committee

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

The recommendations of the Committee on Curricula and Courses were approved with the following change to Section I, College of Business Administration under "New Wording":

"Three courses from one of the following subject areas: Banking and Finance  
BADM 412, 465, 469, 560"

Professor Rembert also noted that the catalogue page numbers listed on the agenda are from the old catalogue.

III. Report of Secretary

Secretary Gunther J. Holst reminded the various departments and colleges to have their new senators fill out the Statement of Acceptance Forms and return them to the Faculty Senate Office.

IV. Nominations of Chairman-Elect

Nominations for Chairman-Elect of the Faculty Senate

Chairman Robert L. Felix asked for nominations for chairman-elect of the Faculty Senate. He pointed out that according to page 86 of the Faculty Manual "the person designated to serve as Chairman will serve for a total of four years on the Senate Steering Committee. He shall serve his first year as Chairman-elect, the second and third years as Chairman, and the fourth year as Past Chairman." He added that the chairman-elect has to be nominated at the first regular fall meeting and elected at the next regular meeting.

Professor Charles Coolidge, History, was nominated. Nomination by Professor John Kimney, English, was seconded. Nominations for this position remained open until the end of the meeting.

V. Unfinished Business

Discussion of Proposed Admission Procedures for College of Education

Chairman Felix called the attention of the Senate to Attachment 3 of the agenda, the Admissions Procedures for the College of Education. These had been removed from the agenda of the last Senate meeting at the request of Professor Fryer, chairman of the Admissions Committee, and referred to the Committee on Curricula and Courses for further study. The Chair with permission of the chairman of the Curricula and Courses Committee proposed the matter to be unfinished business and returned it to the agenda as such. He added that it had been the practice of the Faculty Senate to indicate its approval of proposed admissions procedures if these were consistent with the general University admissions policy, that the Admissions Committee had already approved them as being within the general policies of the University, and that the Committee on Curricula and Courses had no general objections to them.

Chairman Felix stated the Chair's view that since this was old business it should be voted on and that discussion was therefore permitted.



Professor Judith Joyner, Education, made a motion for the proposed admissions procedures of the College of Education to be approved. Motion was seconded.

Professor Bill Strickland, Theater and Speech, said he was concerned about Section IV, Voice, Speech and Competency in Oral and Written English. He pointed out that it does not guarantee competency in oral language or speech but only in the written English portion. He said he would like to propose an amendment to this procedure.

Chairman Felix ruled that while the Faculty Manual gives the faculty legislative powers in all matters pertaining to standards of admissions the charge to the Admissions Committee indicates that recommendations to the faculty be made in terms of whether or not the proposed admission standards fall within general university policies.

Professor Strickland, Theater, said he would like to amend Section IV, to read "Voice and Written English Competency."

Professor Robert Patterson, History, asked if any legal advice was obtained in regard to Section III, Physical Health. The criteria states that a student must show evidence of being in sound physical health. He inquired as to whether or not the legal implications of that statement had been considered.

Professor John Dolly, Education, stated that the College is required to do this for certification purposes. He said the evaluation of the student's health may not prevent the student from entering the program but the College is still required by state law to do it. He added that the University Counsel seems to think we can include this statement.

Professor Peter Becker, History, pointed out that Section V, Extra-Class Activities states that "to be fully admitted to the teacher education program a student must show evidence of having been involved in extra-class activities." He added that no other college or school at the University requires this for admission to a specific degree program.

Professor Marilyn Neidig, Education, answered that NASTEC standards do require the college to report what activities the students participate in. She said students would not be eliminated if they did not participate, but that the College needed to have some records to show NASTEC.

Professor Ed Mercer, Chemistry, stated if this was simply a means of gathering data it should not be listed as an admission criterion. He made a motion to withdraw Section V, Extra-Class Activities.

Professor Lorin Anderson, Education, agreed with Professor Neidig's statement that it would not be used as an evaluation of a student but that it was required by NASTEC.

Professor John Safko, Physics, asked if there was an amendment on the floor. Chairman Felix said there was, but it had not been seconded.

Professor Blachman, Government, said the proposal states that in order to be fully admitted to the teacher education program a student must demonstrate competency in the five areas listed under the introduction. He said that he interpreted this not simply as a matter of evaluating evidence, but as a requirement on the part of the student.

Professor Robert Patterson, History, suggested that the intent could be made clearer by eradicating the term "criteria" and including all the information under "procedures."

Professor Lorin Anderson, Education, replied that there are certain portions where there is a difference between criteria and procedures.

Professor Richard Ziegfeld, English, pointed out that under Section V (A), it does not state that the College is simply gathering data, but it does state the student will give evidence of having participated in extra-class activities.

Professor John Safko, Physics, stated that if it is in fact a criterion of the College of Education for its students to be involved in extra-curricular activities and if prior to arriving a student was told of this requirement, then possibly the College could make it part of its criteria for admission. He added that he could see some logic in this since teachers are expected to participate in after-school activities.

Professor Jim Fraser, Criminal Justice, asked if it would be appropriate for the College of Education to consider that data collection in regard to extra-class activities be included under Part II, Section A, Criteria, Students must successfully complete the leadership and personal interest section of an application form.

Professor John Dolly, Education, said that would be agreeable to the College of Education.

Chairman Felix stated the issue had been presented in this way to try to harmonize the authority of the faculty of several schools and colleges and the authority of the general faculty. The Chair took the position that the faculty exercise authority to determine whether or not the proposed standards meet the general University admission policies. He added that it is the function of the Admissions Committee to speak to that position and also to make suggestions. He said it appeared to the Chair that while a number of these suggestions have merit they are not within the

terms which the chair proposed regarding the issue being voted upon. Professor Felix stated that from a parliamentary viewpoint the issue is whether or not the procedures are within the general University policy. The chair then asked for approval of the procedures for the College of Education. The motion to approve failed.

Motion Failed Professor Judith Joyner, Education, asked the chair for a vote count. The motion failed by a vote of 29-35.

Professor John Dolly, Education, requested that the Senate furnish the College of Education with a statement pointing out just exactly where the college was not in compliance with the general University policy and also what needed to be done in order to comply with that policy.

The chair ruled that the information which Professor Dolly requested should be obtained from either the discussion of the matter as reported in the minutes of this meeting or from some particular statement adopted by the Senate.

Professor Benjamin Franklin, English, suggested that perhaps the Admissions Committee should re-examine the procedure.

Chairman Felix agreed to have the Admissions Committee study the procedures and provide advice to the College of Education and the Faculty Senate.

VI. New Business

Proposed Catalogue Changes Chairman Felix pointed out that at the last Senate meeting the Curricula and Courses Committee presented for the Senate's perusal several catalogue changes to be voted on at this meeting. (Attachment 2, p. 9).

Motion to Amend Dean Waugh, Engineering, made a motion to amend items (2) and (3) by adding the following statement: "Some programs impose larger student residence and/or major requirements." Motion to amend was seconded and approved.

Approved Changes Chairman Felix stated the Senate was now voting on the catalogue changes as amended. The catalogue changes were approved as amended.

VII. Announcements

New Appointments Chairman Felix announced the following appointments: Professor Richard Walker, Law School, to the Supreme Court; and Professors William Kreml, Government, and J. Michael Farrell, Criminal Justice to the Campus Court. He added that one position on the Campus Court and two positions on the Campus Judicial Advisory Board are still vacant. He requested that anyone interested in these positions please contact him.

There were no further nominations for the office of Chairman-elect of the Faculty Senate.

Motion to Adjourn There being no further business a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 4:45.