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FACULTY OF THE UNIVERSITY

Office of the Secretary

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The University Faculty

FROM: R. G. Silvernail, ^{R.G.S.}
Secretary of the Faculty

RE: Annual Summary of Faculty Actions

As called for in the Faculty Manual, page 14, this memorandum is to transmit to you a summary of actions taken by both the General Faculty and the Faculty Senate from 5 September 1984 through 11 July 1985.

It should be repeated that this is a summary. Complete details should be obtained from the official Faculty Minutes. In particular, the reports of the Grade Change and Curricula and Courses Committees should be reviewed from the official Minutes.

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SUMMARY - GENERAL FACULTY AND FACULTY SENATE ACTIONS
ACADEMIC YEAR 1984-1985

GENERAL FACULTY MEETING - September 5, 1984

- The President presented his annual beginning of the academic year address in which he announced the formation of a Presidential Commission on Undergraduate Missions, to be chaired by Dean of the Law School, Professor Harry Lightsey. The Commission is to report to the President by October 15, 1985.

FACULTY SENATE MEETING - September 5, 1984

- The President reported on the University Systems' Step 12 requests and that only one request was approved. In response to a question from the floor, he noted the Athletic Department budget contained no state appropriated money.
- The Senate elected Professor Judith Joyner (EDUC) to Faculty Grievance Committee and Professor James Burkhard (LAW) to Faculty Welfare Committee.
- The Senate approved the recommendations of Faculty Welfare Committee concerning liability and property coverage including the establishment of a risk management position. These recommendations were to be sent to the University Administration.
- The Admissions Committee made a preliminary report on the composition of the first Provisional Year class.
- The Senate placed in nomination the names of three faculty for the position of Chairman-elect: Professor Susie Van Huss (BADM), Professor David Rembert (BIOL), and Professor Rufus Fellers (ENGR).

FACULTY SENATE MEETING - October 3, 1984

- The Provost noted that faculty evaluation of deans (excluding Dean Scroggins (JOUR) retiring 1985, and Dean Chester Bain (HUSS) retiring 1986) would be undertaken this year. He also stated that recommendations from the Lightsey Commission will come to the Faculty Senate before they are reviewed, acted upon or even considered by the President.

- The Secretary announced the appointment of Professor Hiram L. McDade (College of Health) to the Health Professions Undergraduate Advisory Committee. He also summarized the contents of a letter received from the President concerning liability and property insurance.
- The Senate elected Professor David Rembert Chairman-elect.

FACULTY SENATE MEETING - November 7, 1984

- The Provost gave a brief report on the SAT scores and class rank of the current freshman class and noted the SAT scores were slightly above last year's class. He responded to a question from the floor concerning the asbestos problem in University buildings and that Vice President Rinker's staff has just completed a report with recommendations to the Vice President. He also responded to a question about the computer users' fee and declared that this is a continuing problem area which is still being investigated.
- The Senate approved a motion that "the Chairman of the Faculty Senate be designated as faculty representative to the Board of Trustees."
- Under the Good of the Order, Associate Provost Ackerman stated that the Faculty Welfare Committee was looking at the results of the most recent tenure and promotion actions including the relatively high percentage of disagreement between unit recommendations and decisions by the University Committee on Tenure and Promotion.
- An announcement was made that the Graduate Council had appointed a Select Committee of Graduate Faculty to report on library provisions for excellence in graduate study and research. A report will be made during Fall Semester 1985.

FACULTY SENATE MEETING - December 5, 1984

- The Provost reported on the current situation of the Music Performance Hall and on the Budget and Control Board's action on the next budget. He also responded to a question about block scheduling of classes for athletes and noted that regular courses are being used and that this approach seems to be working.
- Professor Caroline Macera (EPID) was elected to the Faculty House Board of Governors.
- The Faculty Advisory Committee reported it was reviewing the current auditing-of-courses policy of the University.

- The Senate passed a motion requesting the Faculty Welfare Committee monitor any attempt to "tamper" with the State Employee's Pension Fund.

FACULTY SENATE MEETING - February 6, 1985

- The President announced a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Engineering Center on February 8. He also announced the reorganization of the Byrnes International Center.
- The Provost informed the Senate that the new voice data network would be placed in service March 8-11. The Provost also commented on the certification programs in teacher education and the duties of the Teacher Education Council.
- Vice President David P. Rinker gave a very detailed report on the asbestos situation in the University System and outlined a plan for containment and/or removal. He responded to many questions from the floor.
- The Steering Committee announced the change in name of the Academic Forward Planning Committee to that of the Academic Planning Committee.
- Faculty Advisory Committee reported it was considering an issue relating to the policy of conditional admissions to some schools and colleges.
- The Senate elected Professor Lewis Johnson (MEDC) to fill a vacancy on the Faculty Welfare Committee.

FACULTY SENATE MEETING - March 6, 1985

- The Senate received and debated a resolution commending the Faculty of Clemson University on their commitment to "the academic integrity" of their institution and wished them success in their search for a President who "shares this commitment." The amended resolution was passed.
- The Senate received the Steering Committee's slate of nominations for forthcoming (1985-86) vacancies on elected committees. With the exception of one additional nominee each from the floor for Faculty Advisory, Honorary Degrees, and Patent and Copyright Committees, the unopposed nominees were declared elected.

FACULTY SENATE MEETING - April 3, 1985

- The President announced that with the exception of extraordinary applicants, freshman enrollment for 1985-86 had been closed.

- The Senate passed a motion "that all references to academic year will be understood to mean a nine-month period from mid-August to mid-May."
- The Senate received the information that Professors Natalie Hevener (GINT) and James Knight (PHYS) were elected to Faculty Advisory Committee. Professors Wallace Dawson (BIOL) and Elizabeth Joiner (FORL) were elected to Honorary Degrees Committee. Professor Richard Day (LAW) and Richard Pool (ENGR) were elected to Patent and Copyright Committee.
- The Senate passed a memorial resolution honoring the late Mark F. Ethridge, Jr., Professor of Journalism.

GENERAL FACULTY MEETING - May 1, 1985

- The President announced award winners for 1984-85 and reported on the status of the 1985-86 budget. He informed the faculty that the size of the next several years' freshman class will probably be held at 2500.

FACULTY SENATE MEETING - May 1, 1985

- The Senate elected Professor Thomas Borg (MEDC) to fill a temporary vacancy on the Honorary Degrees Committee. The Senate considered and passed a joint resolution from Faculty Advisory and Curricula and Courses Committee which clarified the charge to Curricula and Courses Committee.
- The Senate accepted a report from Scholastic Standards and Petitions Committee concerning changes in the entrance and progression requirements for the College of Nursing.
- The Senate approved changes in the University's Suspension Policy.
- The Senate discussed and adopted a "sense of the Senate" resolution which stated: "In order to receive a degree from the Columbia Campus, students must take their last thirty hours on the Columbia Campus." The Secretary was directed to send the resolution to the Lightsey Commission.
- The Chairman referred matters of scheduling athletic events conflicting with the academic process to committee.

FACULTY SENATE MEETING - July 11, 1985

- The Provost reported on the budget, possible "bridge" money for the Swearingen Engineering Center and the Koger Art Center, faculty salaries for 1985-86, and the problem of the conflict of the Metro Conference baseball tournament and the University exam schedule.
- The Senate elected Professor S. Travis Pritchett (BADM) to fill a one-year vacancy on the Faculty Welfare Committee.
- The Senate considered a massive report from the Curricula and Courses Committee. Numerous corrections, additions and deletions to this report should remind the faculty to refer to the official minutes for a complete record.
- The Senate voted to accept a report from the Admissions Committee (with an editorial change) which clarifies the admission of a student into the Provisional Year Program.
- The Senate approved the report of the Scholastic Standards and Petitions Committee involving changes in transfer credit and graduation with honors. Also accepted were changes in the College of Business' Upper Division requirements, changes in admission to the Professional Program in Accounting, and changes in admission to the Professional Program in Accounting, and changes in the College of Journalism entrance requirements, progression requirements and suspension.
- The Senate received, with applause, the "swan song" speech of Chairman Weasmer.