

UNIVERSITY SENATE MINUTES

The first meeting of the University Senate for the 1967-68 school year was held at the University Lodge on Tuesday, October 3, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Maurice L. Rider, Vice Chairman. The 119 members present constituted a quorum.

It was moved by Lawrence A. Ianni and seconded by William W. Betts that the minutes of the April 4 meeting be approved as published. The motion carried.

Stanley W. Lore, Chairman of Committee A (Nominating) presented two names for the election for the Curriculum Committee. They were Edwain W. Bailey and Charles W. Faust. He opened the floor for additional nominations and there were none. Samuel F. Fergiuole moved that nominations be closed and it was seconded by William W. Hassler. The motion carried. The following persons were nominated for the Board of Directors of the University Foundation: Gary Buckwalter, Charles A. Davis, Gladys E. Dunkelberger, Raymona E. Hull, Jane S. Mervine, and James E. Payne. The floor was opened for additional nominations and there were none. Lawrence A. Ianni moved and Daniel G. Reiber seconded that nominations be closed. The motion carried. Ballots were distributed and one person was to be elected to the Curriculum Committee and three to the Board of Directors of the University Foundation, with the person receiving the highest number of votes to serve for a six-year term, the next highest for a four-year term, and the next highest for a two-year term. Charles W. Faust was elected to the Curriculum Committee. Jane S. Mervine was elected to a six-year term, Charles A. Davis to a four-year term, and James E. Payne to a two-year term on the Board of Directors of the University Foundation.

William W. Betts stated that Committee B (Steering) had no report at this time.

William W. Hassler, Chairman of Committee C (Curriculum) reported the actions of the committee were detailed in the Faculty News and they were being submitted for review by the University Senate. Charles B. Stevenson moved and Carl W. Bordas seconded that the report be accepted. The motion carried and accepted the following:

"Physical activity program. The Military and Physical Education Departments had submitted to the Curriculum Committee a joint proposal whereby the Freshmen ROTC program would carry only three credits (without change in content) in order that the Health and Physical Education Department could offer a one-credit physical activity program for all men. The physical activity course would meet twice each week throughout the year; students taking a different activity each term.

"The Committee voted provisional approval of the program for one year at the end of which its activities will be evaluated and a decision made as to whether it should be continued. This provisional action was prompted by Dr. Chellman's disclosure that the teachers employed in the physical activity program also will have coaching responsibilities in the University's expanding intercollegiate athletic program. The Committee deemed it necessary to appraise the effectiveness of the program at the end of its first year of operation in order to insure that the dual responsibility of the instructors does not jeopardize the physical activity program.

"B. S. degree in Medical Technology. The Committee approved the Bachelor of Science degree in Medical Technology. The program in Medical Technology has been approved by the Board of Trustees, and this degree is the appropriate one to be awarded graduates of the program.

"Changeover to the new curriculum. The Committee rejected a request by a student and his adviser to switch to the new curriculum. The Committee thereby reaffirmed the policy announced at the time the new curriculum was adopted, viz., that it apply to freshmen students entering this summer and thereafter.

"Suggested Revision of Statement Concerning 'General Electives' in the Humanities Section of the General Education Program. Dr. Gault proposed the following statement to replace the one currently in the catalog:

General Electives: Students who do not take a Foreign Language may elect 3 courses from the following list or from those in the above list--or he may elect 2 from these lists and 1 from among the laboratory sciences or those listed as General Electives. Students who take Foreign Language may elect 1 from the Humanities or Natural Sciences.

"Criteria for the Evaluation of New Academic Programs and Courses. The Committee has formulated a set of general and specific criteria for the evaluation of new programs and courses. The Committee will use these criteria as guidelines in assessing the merits of future proposals. Copies of these guidelines are being furnished each department chairman."

Ralph W. Cordier, Chairman of Committee D (Academic Standards), commented on several items listed in the Agenda. He said that in item 1 the intervening step of 1.8 at the end of the freshman year had been eliminated. Lorrie J. Bright asked why 1.6 was established. George A. W. Stouffer said that if students fell below 1.6 they could not possibly bring the average up. Under the previous plan, there was considerable pressure on certain offices to give an additional summer.

Concerning item 2, Ralph W. Cordier felt the dateline should be changed to September 1968 from 1967 since it was not announced to the students and school was already in session. Students would be encouraged to repeat courses in the summer.

Item 3 is self-explanatory. This is needed for the increasing number of students called into the military service in the middle of the semester. It is advisable to indicate their status at that time.

Item 4 is needed for the ABC students since they come in the summer and take 12 weeks of work with presumably 12 semester hours of credit. They return in the second semester and would be short the required number of hours for Junior Standing. From 225 to 250 freshmen each year would be affected. This applies to all students, not just the ABC students.

Concerning item 5, the Academic Standards Committee felt that the work of the Professional Standards Committee should be transferred to the several schools where subcommittees would assume the work.

It was moved by Robert L. Woodard and seconded by Walter T. Shea that the recommendations of Committee D (Academic Standards) be accepted. A vote then approved the following:

"1. Policy governing continuance in college -- Freshmen will be given the summer following their academic year to attain the required 1.6 quality-point average. Sophomores will be given the summer following their second academic year to attain the required 2.0 quality-point average. Juniors and Seniors whose cumulative average falls below 2.0 will be NPR'd for one semester before being considered for readmission.

"2. Concerning the computation of grade-point averages -- Grade point averages will be computed by the total credits attempted including those for repeat courses. This system shall apply to all students enrolled in the University, including the ABC Freshmen for 1967. Students who receive D and F grades in general education courses shall be required to repeat these courses in the summer.

"3. Reinstatement of the WP mark -- The mark WP (Withdrawn Passing) will be reinstated and be included in the student's report card.

"4. Reduction of credit hours required for junior standing -- The number of hours required for Junior Standing shall be reduced from 62 to 57 to accommodate the ABC students.

"5. Professional Standards Committee -- The Professional Standards Committee shall be abolished and its duties transferred to the several schools of the University where they shall be assumed by the sub-committees of the Academic Standards Committee as provided for by the Senate By-Laws."

Ralph W. Cordier, Chairman of Committee E (Faculty Tenure, etc.) said there was no report at this time.

William W. Betts reported for Committee F (Graduate Council) and submitted the items listed on the Agenda for acceptance. Lorrie J. Bright moved and Charles W. Faust seconded that they be **approved**. A vote accepted the following:

"1. Approval in preliminary form of a proposal for a Doctor of Education program in elementary education and a Doctor of Philosophy program in English as submitted by the respective departments.

"2. Approval of minor revisions in the existing M. Ed. program in biology."

There were no reports from Committee G (Research), Committee H (Student Affairs and Athletics), Committee I (University Development), Committee J (Faculty Affairs), and Committee K (Continuing and Nonresident Education).

James E. Payne, Chairman of the Special Committee on Revision of Rules and Regulations, said a report will be given at the November meeting.

The floor was then opened for general discussion and Charles E. Weber raised a question about the tenure of six years for the Board of Directors of the University

Foundation. He felt this was too long and that in his opinion four years should be a maximum. Charles D. Leach said there are 12 members of the Board of Directors. Three are University trustees, three are elected by the University Senate, and three are elected by the alumni. One term among each of the three groups would expire every two years. The terms of the University trustees are six years and they had selected one with a terms of six years, one with four years, and one with two years.

Richard E. Berry said he felt each nominee for the University Foundation Board of Directors should have someone tell of the nominee's specific abilities for being nominated to the committee. Lorrie J. Bright said that the name as well as the qualifications of the nominees should be distributed well in advance of the meeting. Lawrence A. Ianni felt that the discussion should be directed to the nominations to be held two years from now since the election has already been held. Vice Chairman Rider referred these suggestions to the Nominating Committee.

Louis Gold asked Ralph W. Cordier what the mortality rate was for freshmen and sophomores. He said it was 7% at the end of the freshmen year and 2-3% at the end of the sophomore year. This included both academic and non-academic reasons.

Concerning item 2, Committee D (Academic Standards), Wallace F. Morrell asked whether there would be forthcoming a complete set of instructions as to precisely how grade-point averages are to be computed. Ralph W. Cordier said these would be prepared and distributed.

A motion to adjourn was made by John R. Sahli and seconded by Elwood B. Sheeder.

Willis E. Pratt, Chairman, complimented Maurice L. Rider, Vice Chairman, for conducting the meeting so well. He remarked that the attendance for the meeting was very good. The next meeting was announced for November 28 so the results could be presented at the University trustees meeting in December.

He also said he felt that the University had much to be gained by the changes accepted by the Senate. The items presented should be considered calmly and in a unified spirit. There should not be Clark Hall on one hand and the faculty on the other hand. All the administrative officers of the University need help and want help from the faculty. The policies accepted by the University Senate at this meeting are sound and will improve its structure. Some of the faculty feel that the Senate should include all ranks. The committee for revision of University rules and regulations will consider the matter.

He also commented that students should be given an opportunity to voice their opinion on some committees as observers. The students could be present to respond to questions and their advice would be invaluable. About fifteen years ago students met with the Curriculum Committee and much help was received. The meeting was then dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

John A. Polesky
Secretary

Upon motion of Mr. Patrick F. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Arthur P. Miller, and carried by unanimous vote, the actions of the University Senate meetings of April 4, 1967, and October 3, 1967, were approved by the Board of Trustees of the University at its meeting on October 20, 1967.

