

Indiana University Senate Meeting - March 7, 1972

The meeting of the Indiana University Senate was called to order by Mr. Tony Bosnick, Vice Chairman, at 4:10 P.M. Tuesday, March, 1972 in McVitty Auditorium. A quorum was present.

Senator Bosnick expressed thoughts concerning a University student presiding over the meeting. "This is the first time this has happened here and also the first time in the state. This signifies development in Indiana. Shows that students and administrators are forgetting the roles placed upon us and are seeking to develop the betterment of the University. I hope these encouraging developments do not delude us. Several of the items on the Agenda prove that fears and suspicions still divide us. We can work together to create policies and practices--a goal that unites us more than any other."

Mr. Bosnick reported that Dr. Hassler had indicated actions at the December and February meetings have been approved by the Trustees.

The next regular meeting will be held April 11 at 4 P.M. at a place to be announced.

Items for the Agenda should be in Senator Hazley's office by March 30.

Judi Grimm, a member of the Senate, has been appointed to the Board of Trustees by Governor Shapp.

By April 12 senators should submit to Senator Rife, Chairman of the Rules Committee, suggested changes of the by-laws. A notice regarding this will appear in the Faculty Bulletin.

The minutes of the February 8 meeting were approved.

No old business.

Reports of the Senate Committees:

Committee C, Senator Saylor, Chairman:

1. Promotions: The Committee considered candidates for promotions during the period 19-25 January. The following recommendations were transmitted to the President:

a. Associate to professor

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| 1. Recommended invalidation of agreement | 1 |
| 2. Recommended approval | 9 |
| 3. Recommended approval as first alternates | 5 |
| 4. Recommended approval as second alternates | 9 |
| 5. Recommended approval as third alternates | 11 |
| 6. Recommended disapproval | 3 |
| 7. Announced retirement after applying | 1 |

b. Assistant to associate

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| 1. Recommended approval | 20 |
| 2. Recommended disapproval | 12 |

c. Instructor to assistant

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| 1. Recommended approval | 7 |
| 2. Recommended disapproval | 2 |

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2. Out-Service Grants

The Committee acted on out-service grants and recommended the following to the President:

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| a. Recommended approval | 4 |
| b. Recommended approval as first, second, and third alternates | 3 |
| c. Recommended disapproval | 4 |

3. Sabbatical Leaves

The Committee considered forty-four applications for sabbatical leaves on 26 January. The forty-four applicants were placed in rank order. It was recommended to the President that leaves be awarded in that order as funds are available.

Senator Ferrara moved that the Senate approve this report. Senator Lucker seconded.

Senator Saylor said this report is for information only. However, it was Senator Rife's opinion that reports are required to be submitted for approval.

Asked about the word "agreement", Senator Saylor replied that one recommendation for promotion had been based on the condition that certain credits would be obtained prior to a certain date. This had not transpired; therefore, the agreement should be invalidated.

Senator Ferrara asked if Senator Saylor could give the Senate any idea of the criteria in regard to Item 1. Senator Saylor replied that Dr. Gillis' office last year sent to the heads of all units, such as departments, a memo that Committee C consider teaching competence, writing, research, participation in University and community activities. At the moment, teaching competence heads the list.

He was asked to clarify rank order as applied to "sabbatical leaves." Senator Saylor replied that seniority and the nature of the request, i.e., restoration of health, physical and mental, would take priority, then the desire to use the leave for scholarly activities. Travel is lowest on the list.

Senator Rittle asked if second and third alternates will carry over into next year. Senator Saylor said it was announced in the minutes of Committee C dated January 19 that there are 180 professorial slots available with a staff of 599. Since 161 people are full professors now, there are 19 vacancies. Nine were filled and the remaining 10 were withheld by the Vice President for employment purposes. Dr. Gillis had reserved 7 slots and later revised this to 10. In the event these ten slots were not used for employment purposes, there should be some kind of plan for educational promotions, and the remaining people--first, second, and third alternates--were recommended for this.

In terms of the first alternate being automatically given consideration next year, Senator Saylor replied it would be very unwise for an existing committee to commit a committee in the future.

In answer to a question from Senator Chellman, Senator Saylor said the Board meeting is May 12, after which the President will announce promotions.

Senator Rife stated that apparently none of the 161 full professors are retiring and wanted to know if there is information regarding what administrative posts would be filled from the 10 slots reserved. Senator Hazley asked if there is any time limit set on filling the 10 posts. Senator Saylor replied that there is none and also some posts might be filled from within the present faculty.

Senator Johnson asked if there is any way in which the candidates can be notified prior to the May meeting. Senator Saylor answered it was hoped to notify candidates in hours after action has been taken.

Senator Eisen asked if the ratio of full professors should be 180 of 599 since the creation of 10 more slots would create the possibility of more full professors. The number would increase as the staff would increase; Saylor explained that the committee must operate by the number of faculty now employed.

Senator Lucker asked if the creation of more posts is the function of the University Development Committee and if a conference with them would be in order. Senator Saylor replied that his Committee is not involved in creation of new positions.

Senator Rife proposed as an amendment to the report "that the Senate disapproves of reserving for administrative use ten professorships in the absence of information as to their use."

Senator Eisen seconded this.

Senator Marks asked if this would jeopardize the promotion action already taken in the Committee C report. Senator Rife answered that since they have already recommended, the Senate is asked to approve or disapprove.

After discussion regarding the effect of such an amendment, Senator Bosnick asked Senator Rife if he would like to withdraw or amend the motion. Senator Rife replied that it is possible to amend the Committee report.

Senator Godlasky asked if Committee C should seek acceptance of the reports prior to the submitting to the President. Senator Bosnick replied all committee reports should be accepted before being sent to the President except in cases of extreme emergency. Senator Bosnick then called for a vote to close debate. Vote passed.

The amendment then passed: 67 ayes, 26 nays, and 6 abstentions.

The vote then on the motion, as amended, passed: 70 ayes, 26 nays, and 7 abstentions.

Committee A, Senator Rife, Chairman, requested that the report be voted serially. He then moved acceptance of Item 1 and Senator Letso seconded.

- Item 1. On the matter of an appeal from Committee F concerning the investigation of the Penn: The sub committee on Rules and Adjudication finds nothing in the Constitution which prohibits Committee F from "investigating" items of University policy governing student publications.

In summing up discussion as to whether or not this may constitute censorship, Senator Lepley stated that the request originated in the Student Government Association. Guidelines have yet to be set up but should stay within ethical lines.

Senator Hazley remarked if this ruling is approved, the Senate does not approve an investigation of the Penn. Whether or not Committee F investigates the Penn still has to come out of Committee F.

Senator Bosnick asked for a vote on Item 1 of Committee A for the "matter of the investigation of the Penn." Item 1 was approved by the Senate: 82 ayes, 8 nays, and 6 abstentions.

Adoption of Item 2 was moved by Senator Rife and seconded by Senator Reiber.

- Item 2. a. For Senators who vacate their posts for a semester or more and who were elected from the at-large list, a substitute Senator shall be named taking that person not now serving in the Senate who received the greatest number of votes at the most recent at-large election.
- b. Replacements for other vacated Senate posts shall be handled by the same segment of the University which originally elected them.
- c. Committee vacancies created by a Senator being absent for a semester or more will be handled by the nominating sub-committee of Committee A.
- d. The Chairman of the Committee A shall maintain and preserve the results of elections both for the position of Senator and for Committee posts within the Senate.

Item 2 carried unanimously.

- Item 3. Item 3 is the first reading of a constitutional change: The following sentence in the Senate Constitution will be deleted: "All voting members of Senate Committees shall be elected by and from the Senate membership." It will be replaced by the following statement: "Any member of the Senate properly elected or appointed to a Senate committee is a voting member of that committee."

Chairman Bosnick announced that 2/3 of the entire faculty and administration must vote on item 3 after thirty days.

- Item 4. Item 4 was presented as a matter of information and will be tabled until another meeting: The matter concerning those members of the administrative segment of the Senate who are blocked from serving on Senate Committees was sent back to the sub-committee on rules and adjudication.

Senator Rife moved and Senator Ferrara seconded the acceptance of Item 5.

- Item 5. It was proposed that the Steering Committee set up rules for attendance.

Unanimously approved.

- Item 6. Senator Rife will destroy the ballots of senate elections to committees and at-large elections after May 1.

This was approved.

Senator Rife moved the adoption of Item 7 and was seconded by Senator Davis.

- Item 7. The statement "no student shall serve on Committee C (Faculty Tenure and Promotion)" take precedence over the statement that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman are ex-officio members of every committee.

Senator Rife explained there are some discrepancies in the constitution and by-laws. It was the intent of the revision committee that students not sit on Committee C, or on Committee H, Faculty Affairs. However, the by-laws says the president and vice president may attend all committee meetings. Committee A ruled that the vice president should not attend meetings of Committee C.

Senator Bosnick pointed out that the constitution states five members shall be elected from the University Senate. Roberts Rules of Order provides that the president shall be a member of such a committee. Therefore, the rules committee should not rule that because the chairman or vice chairman is a student, he cannot serve. If so interpreted, faculty members who might be chairman or vice chairman could also be disqualified to sit on a committee ex-officio. Senator Eisen and Senator Chellman also responded.

Senator Bosnick asked for a vote to end the debate on Item 7. He was seconded by Karen Binkley. 39 ayes, 12 nays, and 8 abstentions.

Motion passed.

Motion on Item 7 of the agenda was defeated: 26 ayes, 56 nays and 8 abstentions.

At 5:30 Senator Bosnick stated that a quorum was no longer present. The meeting adjourned until Tuesday, March 14 at 4 p.m. in McVitty auditorium.

Submitted by:



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Secretary