

Minutes of University Senate Meeting - December 12, 1972

The meeting of the University Senate was called to order by Chairman Lorrie Bright at 3:40 PM in Pratt Auditorium. Under the interpretation of Committee A, a majority of the membership constitutes a quorum.

Upon a motion by Senator Chamberlin and second by Senator Beck the minutes of the November 14 meeting were accepted.

Chairman Bright reported on the action of the Board of Trustees meeting held December 8 and noted that these meetings are now open to the public. He presented the names of 25 faculty members and two administrators who were granted sabbatical leaves and eight faculty members who received outservice grants. He stated that the Senate no longer meets directly upon these matters. The cut-off for a sabbatical leave was eight years minimum service. All matters presented by the Senate, with the exception of the calendar, were accepted. The calendar which was ultimately approved by Dr. Hassler is the calendar as reported in the Penn. The calendar ends before Christmas, which was the major objective of developing a new calendar.

Senator Rife, Chairman, Committee A (Rules) presented the following report:

1. In response to a request for an interpretation of the two-third's vote rule for ratifying constitutional amendments, the committee ruled that ballots not returned by the administrative and faculty segments of the university be counted as abstentions.

Based upon this ruling, the two amendments voted upon by the faculty and administrative segments were deemed to have passed, since two-thirds of the total eligible ballots were returned, and in each instance, the amendments were favored by at least two-thirds of those persons casting ballots. (Report. No Senate action).

2. In response to a request for an interpretation of Senate Officers serving on committees, the committee ruled that the Constitution does specifically state that "the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the University Senate may be nonvoting ex officio members of all committees", and that this wording precludes their continued service as voting members on specific committees during their term in office. (Report. No Senate action).

Senator Eisen responded to item two, indicating he was not given the opportunity of appearing before the adjudication of Committee A nor was he informed that there was going to be a meeting. He wished to make these comments: There is an irregularity in the operation of Committee A. On a similar situation last March where a ruling was called for regarding a vice president sitting on the Tenure and Motions Committee meetings there was a report brought to the Senate by Committee A to the

effect that the individual could not sit on the committee. The Senate defeated Committee A report. Thus, this is one case where the adjudication committee did not rule as a supreme court. In the case of the two constitutional amendments, the adjudication committee ruled on the 2/3 quorum and required no vote of the Senate. Senator Eisen said he would like Committee A to work out a system of policy. Senator Eisen stated that he had run for Vice President with the understanding that if he were elected he would still hold the Committee B seat and the parliamentarian said that he saw no conflict. He asked for a scrutiny of the by-laws on this matter. It does not say that there may not be voting or nonvoting members. He questioned why the vice chairman and the chairman alone are specified. On the basis of these comments, and on the new constitutional amendment, Senator Eisen requested that this ruling be reconsidered.

Senator Ianni moved that the request be sent back to Committee A for reconsideration. Senator Hazley seconded the motion.

Senator Gillis said this proposes a dilemma: if the adjudication committee is a supreme court, this constitutes an appeal from the court's decision and opens the door for all other cases.

Senator Rife indicated that Committee A was to follow a strict construction of the constitution. Rulings of the subcommittee go to the whole committee only as information. It would be possible to reconsider this, since the new amendment allows for vote by any properly elected or appointed member.

Senator Platt said, in regard to the ruling, that the subcommittee reported both items back to Committee A and did not ask for a vote. If the Senate disagrees, it has the right to amend and change, thus influencing the interpretation.

Senator Ianni moved the question, seconded by Senator Hazley, and motion passed.

Senator Rife moved the adoption of item 3, seconded by Senator D. Murdoch.

3. In response to several requests for additional seats on committees for appointed administrative members of the senate, and in response to requests from elected members of the administrative segment that they be permitted to run for seats on committees, the committee proposes the following solution:

Prior to the next University Senate elections, one of the present "faculty" seats on Committees B1, B2, E, F, G, and I be redesignated as an "at-large" seat. Any senator, whether appointed or elected, and regardless of the segment he represents, will be eligible for nomination and possible election to the "at-large" seat.

Senator Eisen asked the reason leading the committee to recommend the deletion of a faculty seat instead of the addition of one more "at-large" seat.

Senator Platt replied that the addition of one more seat in the faculty would unbalance the number of seats on some committees and that determination of which seats would be "at-large" would be made at the next election.

The motion passed.

Senator Rife proposed the adoption of item 4:

Protocol

- a. Senators unable to attend scheduled senate meetings are to inform the chairman of the senate prior to the meeting.
- b. Senators who are unable to remain in attendance at senate meetings until adjournment are to inform the secretary, or a person designated by the chairman prior to leaving.
- c. The chairman may ask for a roll call or he may designate a person or persons to record attendance.

Seconded by Senator Lucker. Motion passed.

Senator Rife presented the following item for approval. Seconded by Senator Heiges:

5. Procedures Relating to Absences

- a. In the case of absenteeism of faculty senators: The chairman of the rules committee is empowered to inquire of any faculty senator who is absent from more than three senate meetings in one academic year or two consecutive absences to state cause for his absence. Further, the chairman of the rules committee, after such inquiry, may determine, with the majority consent of his committee, whether or not the absences are justified. If it is determined that there has been no justifiable reason for absences, or if it is determined that circumstances will prevent the senator from fulfilling his duties, the chairman, with the consent of the committee, may take the following action:
 - (1) In the case of a senator-at-large, the senator may be replaced from the list of nominees, beginning with the nominee with the highest number of votes short of election.

- (2) In the case of a departmental representative, the committee may request, through the department chairman, that the department conduct an election for the purpose of replacing the incumbent, such election to be completed so that the new representative is chosen prior to the next scheduled senate meeting, the committee to inform the chairman at least ten days prior to the meeting.
- b. In the case of student senators: the same procedure of inquiry as for faculty members, and in appropriate cases the following action may be taken:
- (1) SGA and student segment may be requested to appoint or elect a new senate member.
- c. In the case of senators from the administration: the same procedure of inquiry and in appropriate cases the following action:
- (1) In the case of senators serving by virtue of office the president of the university to be informed in writing of the absences of said senator.
- (2) In the case of senators elected from the administration, the president of the university to be informed in writing and requested to conduct an election for the purpose of replacing said senator, such election to be completed so that the new senator is chosen prior to the next scheduled senate meeting. The committee is to inform the president at least ten days prior to the meeting.
- d. The above policy to be effective as of January 1973.

Senator Rife said that, in response to requests that senators be allowed to appoint alternates, the committee could see no way to manage this.

Senator Ferrara was concerned with the statement in paragraph a: "If it is determined that circumstances will prevent the senator from fulfilling his duties..." that is, if he cannot attend because of a class.

Senator Rife answered that there is a procedure for somebody in this circumstance to be replaced for a semester and not give up his seat.

Senator Bon stated that there is no provision for absenteeism of graduate students. He moved that an amendment be adopted in the case of graduate students, to consider the same procedures as those adopted for faculty members and such absentees be reported to graduate student council who will then elect a senator from their ranks.

Upon second by Senator Eisen the motion passed.

Senator Rittle spoke concerning the main motion and said any senator not interested should resign. He urged the defeat of this motion.

Senator Hazley said the subcommittee which devised these procedures felt that much extra time goes into committee meetings by members who may not be at Senate meetings. The procedures are not as cumbersome as the statement. The Senate has been placed in a vulnerable position with the entry of APSCUF. Since the matter of attendance is voluntary, it is the duty of all senators to attend all senate meetings when possible.

Senator Tompkins asked if the Senate section involved may reelect the same member if it chose.

Senator Bright said there is nothing to prevent that.

Senator Strawcutter asked if the subcommittee has any notion of how many people are not here regularly because of having a class, since this could be a contributing factor. Senator Rife replied that under these new regulations, we will.

Senator Rife indicated anyone who cannot attend for a semester can ask for an alternate.

Senator Hazley reported that with a regular hour Senate members may arrange their schedules accordingly.

Senator Smith said that since a number of people who are absent may have been working faithfully in the committee meetings, the committee chairman should be consulted before action is taken.

On a call for the question, the motion passed.

Senator Rife presented a Committee A item not on the agenda. He moved with a second by Senator Saylor, that the February meeting be an open meeting for the entire academic community where all vice presidents may distribute reports and solicit written questions prior to the meeting, with each vice president being given ten minutes to answer such questions.

Senator Rife indicated that for policy to be made by the Senate, the item in question shall be on the agenda for the next meeting; hence, he urged defeat of the motion.

Senator Eisen stated that such a meeting should be a special meeting, thus maintaining regular Senate meetings for Senate business.

Senators MacIsaac and Strawcutter both voiced a feeling that ten minute limits would be insufficient to accomplish what each vice president would have to accomplish.

Senator MacIsaac also felt that the faculty would appreciate such a mid-year report and that such a discussion could be followed up in discussions at the administrative/faculty sessions in the Blue Room.

Senator Green asked if this would be the substitute for the February meeting or a special meeting.

Chairman Bright replied that this is the regular February meeting.

Senator Bon felt that Senate business could not be set aside for a month.

Senator Hazley proposed an amendment to the motion asking for a special meeting at some designated date in February.

Senator Green moved that the motion be tabled. Senator Stapleton seconded the motion to table. Motion to table was defeated.

Senator Saylor moved to amend the original motion to the effect that meeting be sponsored by the Senate in February for the purpose of the reports of the six vice presidents.

Senator Eddy seconded the motion.

The amendment passed.

Then the amended motion passed.

Senator Green, Chairman of Committee B, said a notice has gone out to the deans and the department chairmen asking everyone for their ideas in regard to undergraduate curriculum review. Hearings will be held next semester. The Penn and Faculty News will disseminate this information and Senator Green urged that faculty members submit their ideas to him.

He then moved the adoption of items:

1. Delete BM 111, Foundations of Mathematics Management, 3 credits, as a required course for Business Management students. (The course will continue to be offered for other Business students.) That Business Management students be required to take Math 013 and 015 (Calculus I and II for the Natural and Social Sciences) or Math 011 (Elementary Functions and Math 013 (Calculus I) if the Mathematics background from high school is inadequate for direct entry into Calculus I, Math 013. (To be implemented in Fall, 1973).
2. Add French 363, Medieval and Renaissance Literature, 3 credits. A general survey of the two periods with consideration of special factors and events behind them. (Prereq.: Fr. 351-2).

The following is provided as information for the Senate as a result of the Committee's October 27, 1972 meeting:

- A. The Curriculum Committee Officers are:
 - Ronald Green, Chairman
 - Sue DeMark, Vice Chairman
 - Edward Platt, Secretary

- B. Jon Armstrong is the elected representative of Committee B2 to Committee G.

- C. The New Curriculum Committee re-affirmed Old Committee B's resolution to study the total University Curriculum.

3. Soc. 346, The History and Philosophy of Social Welfare Policies, 3 credits
 - An appraisal of the role of competing philosophical perspectives in the development of Social Welfare in Western Society. (Prereq.: Intro. to Social Work, or approval of instructor).

4. Phil. 322, Logic and Language, 3 credits
 - An investigation of current topics in the logic and language of philosophy; e.g., techniques of conceptual analysis, philosophical problems in semantic theory, and the meaning of ethical, political, and aesthetic terms.

5. Food Service Management Option: A New Major

6. Change the number of credit hours and/or class meetings as follows:
 - (a) BU 221, Introduction to Accounting Change from 4 days/wk - 4 credits to 3 dys/wk - 3 credits.
 - (b) Psych. 290-291, Experimental Design and Analysis I and II -- Change from 4 to 3 credits each.
 - (c) HO 412, Nursery School -- Change Nursery School Laboratory Sessions from 5 dys/wk to 4.
 - (d) Change the number of class meetings from 5 dys/wk to 4 dys/wk for:
 - a) BU 131, Principles of Typing
 - b) BU 132, Intermediate Typing
 - c) BU 261, Shorthand Theory
 - d) BU 262, Shorthand Dictation
 - e) BU 271, Advanced Typing
 - f) BU 335, Office Machines
 - g) BU 363, Transcription
 - h) BU 364, Secretarial Office Practice

7. Change SE 411, Health and Physical Education for Exceptional Children 2 credits to SE 411, Health and Physical Education and Recreation for the Exceptional, 3 credits.

Seconded by Senator Ferrara.

Senator Bell asked about item 5. "Food Service Management Option: A New Major". It was her understanding that new majors cannot be instituted unless something is dropped. The question was what had been dropped.

Senator Green replied that Committee B does not require that anything be dropped.

Senator Rittle asked for clarification of the new major.

Senator Green said the Food Service major recommendation earlier submitted was rejected by Committee B because it required more than 36 hours. Food Service Department then submitted this option which does not exceed 36 credit hours.

Senator LaFranchi called to the attention of all senators that new major courses may cause a change in priorities in gathering library materials to support the program.

Senator Eisen said the Food Service Management Option did not require the addition of new courses or new materials. The recommendation is an option to the program in food service other than for teaching in educational institutions; it re-arranges the courses already being taught.

The motion passed.

There was no new business.

Meeting adjourned at 5 PM.



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