

MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

The February 4, 1975 meeting of the University Senate, which included the agenda for the canceled January 21, 1975 meeting, was called to order at 3:25 p.m. by Chairman Thomas Goodrich in Pratt Auditorium.

Upon a motion by Senator Bright, seconded by Senator Murdoch, the minutes of the December 10, 1974 meeting of the University Senate were approved as published.

The following Senators were absent: Hadley, Lenglet, Murray, Nold, Sheeder, Carone, Gallati, ~~Harley~~, ~~Johnson~~, Klingensmith, op de Beeck, Park, ~~Rayleigh~~, Richard, ~~Shardt~~, Seelhorst, Tompkins, Varner, Hulings, Broughton, Ferguson, Knab, ~~Nawhill~~, Kunkle, Bobich, Brown, Busovsky, Cook, Dietrich, Gates, Glessner, Hart, Leary, Murray, Price, Rehner, Roblin, Ross, ~~Stein~~, Robin, Truxell, Turner, Zug, and Lentz.

The following Senators were absent but accounted for: Wayne Davis, Lanham, Ferrell, Yanuzzi, Mueller, Glott, Weber and Cord.

Chairman Goodrich circulated for correction an attendance record for the fall, listing absences from Senate meetings (attached to back of minutes).

Chairman Goodrich announced that Senator Chamberlin, a member of the Library staff and the Senate, has prepared an alphabetical card file of the actions of the Senate. A partial index of committee actions is also available.

Chairman Goodrich again spoke on the problem of institutions of higher education. Old testimony on this problem is decreasing enrollments and new testimony is a headline entitled "When Streetsweepers Earn \$17,000 a Year". This makes one wonder why go to an institution of higher education. These are problems which beset us and need to be considered somewhere in this institution, because we must start selling ourselves. We must see a value in the institution and persuade society of its value or we'll not be supported, either by people attending the institution or by getting public funds. One problem is that the proper role of higher education is not well enough understood. We, as a rather small institution in all of society, can't do too much about it, and so what Dr. Goodrich suggested is that somehow we come to deal with the problem of convincing ourselves as to the validity of the function of higher education, and that's not easy either. There are ways it can be done, both by faculty and students. Somehow we must convince the students that there is a reason for learning, simply for the sake of learning, and that it has no implicit function necessarily by itself; and second, to persuade faculty to deal with this issue when it can come up, pointing up the fact that there is some reason for higher education besides getting a job, particularly when they don't know their jobs. Our institution was developed to train people for a world that was known and would be continued, and this is a difficult period of change.

Chairman Goodrich also announced that the Board of Trustees, at its meeting on December 13, 1974 approved all of the actions of the University Senate taken at its meetings on October 8, November 12 and 19, and December 10, 1974, with the following exceptions and stipulations:

1. The academic calendar adopted by the University Senate was not acted upon; the Board of Trustees vesting the authority to establish the calendar in the President of the University.
2. In adopting the Canceled Semester Policy, the Board of Trustees made two stipulations:
 - (a) the policy is referred back to Committee B1 for discussion with the Council of Deans; and
 - (b) the implementation will be scheduled for September 1, 1975, unless the recommendation is rescinded as a result of the aforementioned joint conference.

Chairperson McCracken of Committee A (Rules) presented the following for Senate information:

1. Proposed Rules Regarding University Senate Committee Terms:
 - (a) When a senator completes a term of office and does not return to the Senate, or when a Senator resigns from the Senate effective as of the beginning of the academic year, his or her term of office on Senate committees expires. The Senator who is elected to fill the vacated committee seat begins a full two-year term of office.
 - (b) When a Senator completes a term of office and returns to begin a subsequent term, he remains a member of those committees for that portion of his two-year committee term that remains.
 - (c) If a Senator is elected to a committee as a replacement for a committee member who has resigned from the committee or from the Senate in the course of the academic year, he serves on that committee for the remainder of the resigning or former committee member's term of office on the committee.

Senator Lehman then conducted elections for ten senators to serve on the Senate Ad Hoc Committee to Investigate the Pennsylvania Commonwealth University Proposal. The following are the election results:

Administrative Segment: (three to be elected)

Robert Dain	48
<u>Joseph Gallanar</u>	67
<u>Isadore Lenglet</u>	55
<u>George Murdoch</u>	63

Referring to I.U.P.'s priority as an institution of learning, Chairman Goodrich moved that, whenever possible and as soon as possible, Indiana University of Pennsylvania be described in print and orally as an institution for learning. (The members of the faculty are professional students, occasionally operating as professionals in a classroom situation; e.g., I am a historian in the classroom; another is an artist in the classroom; etc. It is the form of teaching for higher education). The motion was seconded by Senator Gardner and passed by the Senate.

Chairman Goodrich announced that a meeting has been called by President Hassler for Thursday afternoon to deal with avenues in the pursuit of money, particularly state funds. Senator Goodrich requested Senate support of the meeting to deal with the acquisition of additional or supplementary funds for the operation of the University. Senator Chamberlin so moved, Senator Shirey seconded, and the Senate indicated its support of the meeting.

Chairman Goodrich presented a response to a motion at the December 10, 1974 meeting which was that the Senate was to initiate the formation of a committee of university-wide representation from the recognized University constituency to replace the present APSCUF Liaison Committee. At the meeting of the Liaison Committee on January 30, the proposal was discussed, reaching the consensus that the Committee recommends to the Senate that it reconsider its motion to replace the committee and to establish an expanded committee. It is the opinion of the Liaison Committee that it remain and that issues between any two groups be dealt with in liaison between themselves, that is, that liaison committees have pairs of constituencies rather than multiple constituencies. Subsequently, Senator Bright moved to withdraw the original Senate motion to establish a new liaison committee. The motion was seconded by Senator McCracken and passed by the Senate.

Senator Chamberlin, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on Parking, announced that the final report of the Committee had been submitted to President Hassler and that the work of the Committee is now ended. Chairman Goodrich voiced the appreciation of the Senate to that Committee for its work.

Senator McCracken moved that the Senate authorize Committee A (Rules) and its appropriate subcommittees to review the Constitution, composition, and purpose of the University Senate so as to bring it up to date with the total University structure and the mission of the University Senate. The motion was seconded by Senator Buterbaugh and passed by the Senate.

Senator Chamberlin moved to accept the following report on the calendar as prepared by the President of the University. The motion was seconded by Senator Shirey and passed by the Senate:

At the December 13, 1974 meeting of the Board of Trustees, I submitted the various calendar proposals I had received and invited representatives of the respective groups to present their case to the Board of Trustees. Dr. Goodrich, in acting as advocate for the Senate proposal, outlined in considerable detail its supportive rationale.

After hearing the arguments for the various proposals, the Board of Trustees delegated to the President of the University the responsibility for resolving this matter. Accordingly, during the semester break I reviewed the various alternatives, including, of course, the

Senate recommendation for a 15-week semester. Actually, the calendar which I adopted for the second semester is substantially the same as that recommended by the Senate, both providing for a single vacation period rather than two as contained in the other proposals.

However, the Senate proposal for the first semester posed the following problems:

- (1) The early registration, beginning August 26, was too close to the termination of the post session to permit our custodial and maintenance employees to make the normal changeover in preparation for the Fall term,
- (2) Students objected to such an early registration on the basis that their summer jobs normally include Labor Day weekend; APSCUF also requested that the semester not begin until after Labor Day;
- (3) The Senate calendar for the first term provided for an irregular number of class sessions for the various days of the week ranging from 14 Thursday and Friday meetings to 16 Tuesday meetings--a factor which obviously renders it more difficult to provide uniform instruction to different sections of the same course; and
- (4) The final examination period would extend through December 23, which poses maintenance problems in addition to a tendency on the part of some instructors to unilaterally reschedule their final exams to an earlier date.

Prior to finally approving and announcing the revised calendar, I discussed the matter with Dr. James Gray, Chairman of Senate Committee B₁, who understandably still preferred the 15-week Senate proposal, but who recognized the problems involved in attempting to resolve the conflicting proposals which had been submitted. During our discussion, Dr. Gray pointed out the academic advantage of scheduling the semester breaks as near as possible to the mid-term of each semester. I would appreciate the Senate exploring this possibility in its recommendations for subsequent calendars. Other aspects which I feel are worthy of Senate study include the possibility of reverting to the former practice of starting after Labor Day and completing the semester after the Christmas vacation -- which appears to be the only practical way whereby we can return to a 15-week schedule for the first semester. I also shall welcome recommendations with respect to the Thanksgiving and Easter holiday vacations.

Senator Woodard, acting for Senator Lenglet as Chairman of Committee G, (University Development and Finance) moved that Committee G's recommendation to relocate the Housing and Scheduling Offices at the east end of the Coffee Shop in Foster Dining Hall upon completion of the necessary renovation be accepted. The motion was seconded by Senator Dakak and passed by the Senate.

SENATE ATTENDANCE RECORD

Fall, 1974

Members who have missed two or more meetings. X Previously announced
O Unannounced

Representatives with a weak attendance might be queried by their constituencies,
most easily done by departments.

SENATORS	9/24/74	10/8/74	11/12/74	11/19/74	12/10/74
Dr. William W. Hassler	X		X		
Dr. Bernard T. Gillis	X	X		O	X
Mr. William Lafranchi		X		X	
Mr. John J. Nold		O	X	O	O
Dr. J. Robert Murray		O		O	
Mr. Herman Sledzik		X	O		
Dr. George Billicic	-	-	X	O	O
Dr. Francis McGovern			X	O	
Dr. George W. Murdoch				O	X
Murray Varner		O		X	
Kenneth Shildt		O		O	
Victor McQuire		O		O	O
Betty Berthy		O	X	O	
Thomas Gault		O	X		X
Merle Klingensmith		O		X	
Patrick Carone	O			O	
George Walz		X		O	
Ludo op de Beeck				X	O
John Broughton	O	O			
Arlo Davis	O			X	X
Raymond Gibson			X		O
Ralph Glott		X	X		
Richard Knab		O		O	
Patrick McNamara		O			X
Joanne Mueller	O			O	
Esko Newhill	O	O		O	
Eugene Scanlon	O	O			
Carl Schneider		O		O	O
Eleanor Suhrie		X		X	
Allen Woods			X	X	
Robert Kunkle		O	O	O	O
Sue Richey				O	O
Cathy Wilson	O	O			O
Barbara Bobich		O	O		O
Louis Busovsky			X		O
Marty Cook	O	O	O	O	O
Will Glessner	O	O		O	O
Brian Hart	O	O			
David Kirschner	O	O			
Paul Kravitz		X		X	O
Russ Rehner		X	X		
Douglas Roblin	O			O	
Rich Ross	O			O	O
Tina Seehausen	O			O	
Dan Truxell		O			O
Jeff Turner	O	O		O	
David Zug				O	O