

## MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

The first meeting of the University Senate for the 1977-78 academic year was called to order by Chairman Dale Landon at 3:25 p.m. on September 20 in Pratt Auditorium.

The following Senators were excused from the meeting: Senators Dock, Reber, Thomas, Wilburn, Griffie, Nelson, Suhrie and Fisel.

In addition, the following Senators were absent from the meeting: Bilicic, Charnego, Costa, Cunningham, J. Davis, DeFurio, DeGeorge, Eddy, Ferguson, Fry, Gaylor, Glott, McFeely, McNamara, Moore, J. R. Murray, Nold, Pesci, Podbielski, Rizzo, Russell, Stanley, Storm, Swauger, Syty, Viggiano, Walz, Weber, Wilson, R. Woodard, Fidei, Goshorn, Lamm and Surra.

Chairman Landon welcomed the members of the Senate, both the new ones and those returning.

Chairman Landon made the following announcements:

- a. Senator Thomas Goodrich has been appointed Parliamentarian.
- b. The Board of Trustees, at its July meeting, approved the actions of the University Senate taken at its May meeting, with the exception of the credit revision for ensembles in the Music Department, which was withdrawn at the request of the Music Department.
- c. The April 18, 1978 meeting of the Senate will be the target date for final committee reports, so that the May 9, 1978 meeting can be held open for last-minutes items. Senate Committee Chairpersons were asked to keep this date in mind.

Committee A (Rules), chaired by Senator Kofoid, made the following announcements:

- a. Subcommittees: Committee A1 - John Davis, Chairman  
Committee A2 - Elizabeth Troxell, Chairwoman  
Committee A3 - Christopher Benz, Chairman
- b. 1977-78 Senate meeting dates:

October 18, 1977	February 21, 1978
November 15, 1977	March 14, 1978
December 13, 1977	April 18, 1978
	May 9, 1978
- c. Committee A3 will be concerning itself with a revision of the Senate Constitution this year, and Senator Kofoid announced that Senator Goodrich will also be serving on this committee, as he is Parliamentarian and worked on the original Senate Constitution.

Senator Kofoid moved formal approval of the following assignments of student Senators to committees, as listed:

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| Committee A:  | Dennis Goshorn, Donald Pine              |
| Committee B1: | Jerry Nelson, Brad Griffie, Sue Richmond |
|               | Lee Bowers, Tony Sabol                   |
| Committee B2: | Rege Fidei, Bob Smith, Mike Gingerich    |
|               | Kathy Walton, Claudia Whited             |

Committee E: Tim Nye, Robert Ferguson, Robert Taylor,  
Althea McTigh  
Committee F1: Julie Lamm, Jim Power, Dane Surra, Bruce Contess,  
Bob Bisignani, John McGinty  
Committee F2: Kathy Hoza, Beth Perovich  
Committee G: Mike Cegelis, Stan Kaminski, John DiCarlo

The motion was seconded by Senator Shirey and passed by the Senate.

On a motion by Senator Chellman, Chairman of Committee B2 (Curriculum), seconded by Senator Bowers, the following 17 courses in the Theater Department were approved by the Senate:

TH 130	Movement and Pantomine	3 cr.
TH 131	Stage Voice	3 cr.
TH 201	Theater History I (Prerequisite TH 101 or TH 110)	3 cr.
TH 220	Scene Design (Prerequisite TH 120)	3 cr.
TH 222	Costume Design (Drop EN 317 Costume and Make-up, 3 cr.)	3 cr.
TH 224	Stage Properties and Set Decoration	3 cr.
TH 301	Seminar - Greek Roman Theater	3 cr.
TH 302	Seminar - Medieval/Renaissance Theater	3 cr.
TH 303	Seminar - 17th/19th Century Theater	3 cr.
TH 304	Seminar - Modern/Contemporary Theater	3 cr.
TH 310	Theater Criticism	3 cr.
TH 320	Advanced Scene Design (Prerequisite TH 220)	3 cr.
TH 340	Directing II (Prerequisite TH 240, Directing I)	3 cr.
TH 350	Children's Theater, by permission	3 cr.
TH 360	Advanced Stagecraft Workshop (Prerequisite TH 221, 225)	9 cr.
TH 482	Independent Study, by permission	1-6 cr.
TH 485	Studio Theater	3 cr.

Committees B1, D, E, F1, F2, G and I had no formal reports to make to the Senate at this meeting.

Senator Kofoid, Chairman of Committee A (Rules) made the following ruling with respect to items of New Business to be brought up at future Senate meetings:

All items of NEW BUSINESS to be conducted at any given meeting must be in the hands of the Senate Chairman at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the start of that particular meeting.

As an item of New Business, Senator Goodrich moved that the Senate ask Committee B1 (Academic Affairs) to investigate the effects, particularly the academic effects, of the increased per class enrollment in English I this semester. He stated that he had been informed that some of the English I classes had as many as 36 students; and he expressed his concern as to what effect this increase would have on the quality of teaching in these classes, especially in view of the great amount of writing and reading which are done in English I. This motion was seconded by Senator W. Davis.

Discussion ensued as to what criteria would be used to determine whether there was a detrimental effect on the quality of the teaching; whether there really was an increase in enrollment, since it was learned that much of this had been

resolved by the use of outside teachers and overloads for regular faculty; whether the investigation should be of this enrollment increase or of the overload policy, etc.

Following discussion, Senator Goodrich offered to withdraw his motion, as it appeared that there really wasn't a violation of the 25 student maximum per class; however, Senator Smith was unwilling to withdraw his second of the motion.

The motion was then brought to a vote, and passed by the Senate by a vote of 43 to 31. The matter was thus referred to Committee B1 for investigation.

On a motion by Senator Gray, seconded by Senator Kofoed, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Elizabeth Troxell".

Elizabeth Troxell  
Secretary