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MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE - 9/19/78

Chairman Dale Landon welcomed all members of the University Senate for the 1978-79 year and called the meeting to order at 3:25 p.m. in Pratt Auditorium.

The following Senators were excused from the meeting: Senators Buriok, Chu, Cramer, Knowlton, Lenglet, Murdoch, McClelland, Robbins, Wilburn, Lambert, Perovich, and Nardone.

In addition, the following Senators were absent from the meeting: Senators Andrew, Browe, Bright, Crumm, Dakak, Ferguson, Gaylor, Gillis, Jones, Klein, Marchand, Mastro, McPherson, Moreau, Morris, Nold, Perlono, Potthase, Receski, Rizzo, Schaub, Seacrist, Sheeder, Syty, Walz, Buckley, Zinn, Bock, Contess, Fine, Fry, Gingrich, Goshorn, Hegeman, Holman, Hosa, Kaiser, Krawczyk, Law, Mandell, McGinty, Mills, Schwaed and Taylor.

The following two corrections were made to the minutes of the May 9, 1978 meeting of the Senate: Senator Fuget was moved from the absent list to the excused absence list and Senator Chu was removed from the absent list. On a motion by Senator Arlo Davis, seconded by Senator Warren, the minutes were then approved.

Chairman Landon made the following announcements:

1. Senator Thomas Goodrich will again serve as Parliamentarian.
2. The actions of the Senate, taken at its May 9, 1978 meeting, were approved by the Board of Trustees at its July meeting, with the exception of the Master of Science in Sports Sciences, which was withdrawn for further investigation and will be brought back to the Board of Trustees. It was suggested that Committee D (Graduate) look into this matter insofar as this program is concerned.
3. April 3, 1979 is the target date for Senate Committees in submitting their final actions to the Senate. Items for the April meeting will be due on March 20 for inclusion in the Agenda.
4. Students senators are to see Chairman Landon following the meeting to report their addresses and phone numbers.
5. Quoted the following from the Senate Constitution to refresh our memories as to the purpose of the Senate and its need to work to safeguard this particular prerogative of the Senate: "All matters of general policy regarding University government which may be initiated by the University itself must be approved by the University Senate in order to become official policy of the University. Policies proposed by committees other than Senate committees cannot be deemed binding until they have been approved by the Senate."

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

1. Subcommittee Chairpersons: A1 - Senator Margaret Bellak  
A2 - Senator Elizabeth Troxell  
A3 - Senator Christopher Benz

2. Dates of 1978-79 Senate meetings:

October 17, 1978	February 6, 1979
November 14, 1978	March 6, 1979
December 12, 1978	April 3, 1979
	May 8, 1979

3. Committee A will meet the first Tuesday following each Senate meeting at 3:30 p.m. in Room 109, Stouffer Hall.

4. Senator Sternglass has been appointed to fill a faculty vacancy on Committee D (Graduate) and Senator Strock has been appointed to fill a senator-at-large seat, replacing Senator Bormann who is on leave.

5. Elections were conducted, as follows:

Senator Chamberlin to Committee A to fill one faculty vacancy

Senator Clarence Carter was elected Vice Chairman of the Senate.

On recommendation of Committee B2 (Curriculum), chaired by Senator John Chellman, the following new courses were approved:

CS 214	Environmental Textiles	3 cr.
CS 303	Visual Merchandising	3 cr.
CS 311	Soft Construction for Interiors	3 cr.
CS 455	Draping	3 cr.
HO 482	Independent Study	1-3 cr.

Also on the recommendation of Committee B2 (Curriculum), the Associate Arts Degree in Business, with the following new courses, was approved:

BU 272	Introduction to Word Processing	3 cr.
BU 365	Advanced Transcription	3 cr.
BE 275	Filing and Records Management	3 cr.
BE 280	Machine Transcription & Word Processing	3 cr.
DE 330	Merchandise Information	3 cr.

Senator Lafranchi, of Committee E (Faculty Research, Library and Educational Services) reported on the status of the new library. Bids are presently being advertised through the Department of General Services, to be opened on October 26, 1978 at the State Office Building in Pittsburgh. Five contracts, totalling approximately \$6,000,000 will be let at that time and construction should begin within approximately sixteen days following the awarding of the bids. Senator Lafranchi also noted that two temporary librarian positions have been maintained for the current year, and one permanent position has been projected for next year as well as the possibility that the two temporary positions will be made permanent.

Senator Goodrich of Committee E reported on the services of the Instructional Resources Center since the administration decision last spring to abolish the Center. Committee E has been concerned that the services of the Center be continued and that the academic priorities of these services be maintained. The TV activities of the Center were placed under the control of the Department of Communications Media and all other aspects of the Center were placed under the direction of Mr. Wolfe in the Library and the Director of Libraries, Mr. Lafranchi. So far, it appears that there have been no major problems thus far, but Committee E will continue its surveillance of this matter and wishes to hear of any problems connected with these changes.

Committee E also announced that research funds are also available and will be allocated this semester. October 3, 1978 is the deadline for applications to be accepted from all segments of the University -- faculty, administration, staff, and students, both undergraduate and graduate. Applications are available from members of the Research Subcommittee, Senators Tackett, Arlo Davis, Standley or Chu.

No reports were received from Committees B1, D and F1. Temporary Chairmen were appointed for Committees F2 (Sledzik), G (Fuget) and I (Ice) to hold organizational meetings and get the committees activated.

There was some discussion as to whether or not the Senate wished to remove from the table the matter of the Revision of the Senate Constitution and Bylaws. Senator Carter indicated that he felt it should not be brought to the floor at this meeting so as to give the new Senators an opportunity to review the proposed revision before voting on it. Senator Landon indicated that his interpretation of Roberts' Rules of Order was that if it was not removed from the table by the Senate, it could be brought back to the Senate by Committee A as a new motion. This seemed a likely resolution of the matter and no further action was taken.

On a motion by Senator Bisignani, seconded by Senator DeFurio, the meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

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