

MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

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The December 11, 1979 meeting of the University Senate was called to order by Chairman Richard Chamberlin at 3:20 p.m. in Pratt Auditorium.

On a motion by Senator Knowlton, seconded by Senator Katzbeck, the minutes of the November 13, 1979 meeting were approved as published.

The following Senators were absent from the meeting: Senators Buriok, Crumm, Dakak, Arlo Davis, Heimer, Hudson, Hulse, King, Lauda, McGovern, Mlecko, Nesbitt, Park, Receski, Simkins, Carter, Carroll, Dorohovich, Fennel, Horoho, Kreamer Leventry, Parenti, Primm, Schwaed, Sherman and Sklar. These Senators were excused from the meeting: Anderson, Andrew, Chellman, Cunningham, Alice Louise Davis, Fox, Moreau, Perlongo, Sledzik, Tepper, Williams, Edward Wilson, Wolfe and Zoni.

IUP President Dr. John Worthen reported to the Senate on several items, including:

1. We are still waiting for the personnel freeze to be lifted.
2. The freeze in the 400 area -- equipment -- has been lifted and we can now submit purchase requests, if there is any money in the budget.
3. The Board of Trustees gave approval for the University to work toward a budget deficit of approximately \$1 million. All funds available for this year have already been allocated and we must continue to operate under very severe budgetary restrictions. We have tried to communicate to the Department of Education and the Legislature that we are extremely under-funded and cannot continue to offer high quality education in the future unless adequate funding is forthcoming.
4. \$11,000 in research funds to those awarded research grants has been allocated so that research projects for the 1978-79 year can be completed.
5. \$14,000 has been allocated to persons who received research awards for 1979-80 and the Academic Vice President and Deans have been asked to monitor these projects and report to the President on the quality and progress of each of these projects. In addition, the Academic Vice President and Deans have been asked to study ways to stimulate high quality research and to propose methods for allocating research funds, if we have any, in the future. Hence, he has requested the Research Committee of the Senate not to solicit proposals for 1980-81.
6. For purposes of reducing overload and decreasing our deficit, the Vice President for Academic Affairs has been asked to carry out a close review of section size, utilization of rooms and their capacities, minimum acceptable class size, assignment of interns and the use of graduate assistants.
7. Through a study of sections, courses, class sizes, etc., steps are being taken to improve the registration process.

Senate Chairman Chamberlin made the following announcements:

1. Senate Secretary Ruth Anderson is still ill; Dr. Marian Murray will serve as Acting Secretary today.
2. The Board of Trustees has approved all actions of the University Senate taken at its October and November meetings, with the exception of the

Master of Science program in Geology, which has been sent back to the Department and the School for examination of the Independent Study course for that program.

Committee A, Rules, made the following announcements:

1. Dates of future Senate meetings:  
February 12, March 11, April 15 and May 6, 1980.
2. The Armstrong County Center and the Punxsutawney Center have been declared departments for the purpose of Senate membership.
3. Committee A will meet in Ackerman 207 on December 18 at 3:15 p.m.

Committee A conducted an election to fill two vacancies on Committee F1. Results are as follows:

Donna Graham, Food & Nutrition	43 votes	--elected
Edward Wilson, Political Science	38 votes	--elected
Arlo Davis, Mathematics	36 votes	
Joel Mlecko, Philosophy	24 votes	
Richard Rowell, Admin.Services/Bus.Ed.	21 votes	

On a motion by Senator Wegener, seconded by Senator Johnson, as recommended by Committee A, the following persons will fill positions on the Student Cooperative Association, as listed:

Board of Directors: Frank Viggiano  
Co-op Store: Charles Stevenson, Sharon Steigman  
Student Union: Ron Lunardini, Roy Moss  
Lodge Farm: Leonard DeFabo, Dan DiCicco

The Bylaws of the University Senate were again brought to the floor of the Senate, specifically Article VIII, STANDING COMMITTEES, and the Chairman announced that a period of one hour would be spent on this discussion.

The question before the Senate was whether or not there should be one curriculum committee, or two committees, one graduate and one curriculum, as proposed in the Landon substitute motion. The Senate discussed the pros and cons of both and ultimately voted to establish two committees, a curriculum committee and a graduate committee.

In discussing Committee A, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, Senator Duntley moved, and Senator Kofoid seconded, that the phrase "it shall act for the Senate in making recommendations for honorary degrees", which had been removed from the duties of the Executive Committee at the November meeting, be re-inserted. The amendment was passed by the Senate, and approval was given for Committee A, as amended.

A motion by Senator Wegener, seconded by Senator Williams, to make the Budget Committee, operational budget, part of Committee B and the Capital Budget a responsibility of Committee H, Facilities, thereby eliminating Committee I, BUDGET, was defeated. Committee B, as written in the Landon substitution, was approved.

On a motion by Senator Duntley, seconded by Senator Katzbeck, the following substitution was passed by the Senate as Committee C - ACADEMIC:

"Committee C shall consider all matters related to undergraduate academic policies and procedures including judicial matters relating to academic life. It shall consider recommendations for emeritus status. It shall consider general policies in areas including but not limited to academic probation and dismissal, admission, calendar review, and documentation of academic policies. Membership: 13 members -- from Senate membership there will be elected 7 persons from the faculty segment, 3 persons from the student segment, and 3 persons from the administrative segment.

A friendly amendment to the membership make-up of Committee D, CURRICULUM, was accepted, and now reads: Membership: 16 members and 2 ex-officio non-voting members; from Senate membership there will be elected 10 persons from the faculty segment, 4 persons from the student segment, and 2 persons from the administrative segment. In addition, the Academic Vice President and Provost and a representative of the Council of Deans will act as advisors to the committee.

(Discussion on the By-laws was ended, to be taken up at a later meeting.)

Senator Goodrich, Chairman of Committee E, Faculty Research, Library and Educational Services, reported that his committee would like some ideas on how the library can function more effectively, while at the same time cutting costs!! The library is operating under severe budget restrictions, while still trying to maintain its position as an academic library for a university with a great number of departments and disciplines.

Committee F2 reported that at its organizational meeting on November 7 Herm Sledzik was elected Chairman, Bob Nocco, Vice Chairman, and Ruth Podbielski, Secretary.

Committee F2 recommended approval of Vince Celtnieks as varsity tennis coach, with a 25% load reduction, from the Health and Physical Education Department. Mr. Celtnieks served in a temporary capacity during the 1978-79 season. On a motion by Senator Gillis, seconded by Senator Shirey, reference to the load reduction was omitted from the recommendation, which was then passed by the Senate.

Committee B1, Academic Affairs, recommended the establishment of a Senate ad hoc committee, under the auspices of Committee B1, to review the University Catalog with the purpose of determining the accuracy and availability of the courses listed in the catalog and evaluating the accuracy of academic policies contained therein. The composition of this committee should include faculty, students and administrative persons. This recommendation was approved by the Senate.

Committee B1's recommendation of a policy accepting a maximum of sixty-four credits from a Community College as the basic procedure in transfer evaluation was defeated by the Senate.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. due to the loss of a quorum.

Respectfully submitted,

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