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MINUTES
Faculty Senate
Thursday, October 5, 1995
12:00 Noon
College Center Board Room

1. **The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. by Robert Haak, Chair. Roll was taken.** Members unable to attend: Roger Crossley, Robert Johnson, Bruce McCart, Norm Moline, Robert Tallitsch, James Winship, Ruth Ann Johnson, Eddie Mabry, Barbara Doyle-Wilch, Taddy Kalas, Nirmala Salgado, and Judy Strauss.

2. Upon a **motion** by Ralph Troll and **seconded** by Peter Kivisto, the **Minutes of September 7, 1995, were approved** with the following change:

On page 2, paragraph 6, the fourth sentence should read as follows:
'He noted that the Assessment Plan filed with the NCA was not accepted, and that there was a need for a further development of the assessment plan...'

3. Enrollment Report update -- Mike Kirn

Mike Kirn addressed the Senate regarding the school's enrollment. He announced that the enrollment figures had grown by 30 students (from a total of 2,133 to 2,163). At that tabulation, there were now 605 first-year students (80 above the estimated amount), and 114 transfer students (24 above the estimated amount). The increase is from continuing and former students. This number represents an increase of 213 over the original 1,950 estimated. The attrition rate is 14%, as opposed to 19% last year.

4. Report from EPC -- Doug Nelson

- a. Provost Nelson reported that summer school enrollment for 1995 was higher than it has been for the last three years. The proposed 1996 Summer School Calendar was discussed.

Seconded by Vicki Sommer, the calendar was **approved**.

b. Provost Nelson discussed the need to formulate a task force regarding the assessment plan, particularly regarding general education goals. There was a discussion over whether to appoint representatives from the divisions or to employ the same individuals who had served on assessment committees previously.

c. Provost Nelson lastly reported that the Minutes for EPC are published and accessible on the 'S' drive.

5. Nominations and Rules Committee -- David Hill

Bob Haak announced that David Hill has been elected the new chair of the Nominations and Rules Committee, replacing Taddy Kalas. David Hill presented the following committee member replacements:

a. **Campus Ministry Committee -- Sue Williams**
Seconded by Janet Novak and **approved**.

b. **Internship Committee -- Peter Kivisto**
Seconded by Sonja Knudsen and **approved**.

c. **Athletics Committee -- Louis Belby**
Seconded by Peter Kivisto and **approved**.

6. Report on Fire Damage -- Evelyn Campbell

Evelyn Campbell provided the Senate with a timeline regarding the dormitory fire in Erickson Hall and informed the meeting that students would start moving back into their dorms at 1:00 p.m. today. The period of time that the students waited outside of the dormitory was discussed, as well as the situation regarding students being housed at the Plaza One Hotel. Faculty members questioned the immediacy of the fire department's arrival, to which Dean Campbell explained that the time taken in responding was well within normal limits. Other questions involved whether the fire alarms had functioned properly, and Dean Campbell responded that they had. Other questions focused on how it was possible that two students could sleep through

the alarms; the explanation for this occurrence was not apparent to those attending. Dean Campbell informed the meeting that a Residence Assistant had crawled down a smoke-filled hallway in order to alert those two students, potentially saving both of their lives. This student has asked to remain anonymous.

Dean Campbell emphasized the very real risk of loss of life in this fire, and reminded members present that this was a very frightening experience for the students. She remains very concerned for the students, especially the first-year students affected. She asked the faculty to be aware and considerate of these students as they continue to adjust to what has happened. There is no final or official statement yet on the cause of the fire.

Tom Bengtson proposed two **motions** to officially praise the Residence Assistants and the members of the Dean of Students' Office for effectively contending with the fire. The following motions were presented, **seconded** by Jon Clauss and **approved**:

Motion #1:

"WHEREAS, the fire on Wednesday morning, September 27, 1995, disrupted the lives of the residents of Augustana's residence halls; and

"WHEREAS, the residence hall staff have served well, working above and beyond the normal call of duty;

"THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate gratefully acknowledges the hard work and dedication of Dr. Evelyn Campbell, the Residence Hall Assistants, and the entire staff of the Dean of Students' Office."

Motion #2:

"WHEREAS, his quick action and clear thinking helped to prevent injury and loss of life, and to minimize damage;

"THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate commends Mark Smith for his valorous action during the fire on Wednesday morning, September 27, 1995."

Kai Swanson spoke to the Meeting and reiterated Mark Smith's requests to remain anonymous and 'in the background'. It was stated that the above Motions will remain in the Senate books as a matter of record.

Additional discussion followed concerning safety features in campus buildings, such as automatic doors and sprinkler systems.

7. Recreation Center Report -- Don Umland

Don Umland announced that there would be a dedication ceremony for the new Recreation Center on Friday, October 20, 1995, at 12:15 p.m. Augustana Board members will be in attendance at this event. The entire building will not yet be opened for use, as the summer heat and humidity has delayed the pouring of the floor. He anticipated the entire Center will be available for use by the beginning of the winter term. Mr. Umland concluded by describing the makeup of the Center and its facilities.

8. Announcements

Bob Haak made two announcements:

- (1) The Impairment Committee will hold an informational meeting on Tuesday, October 12, 1995, at 12:00 noon in Wallenberg Hall;
- (2) AS&D will hold an open committee meeting to discuss honors on Thursday, October 12, 1995, at 3:00 p.m. in the Wilson Center. Bob Haak encouraged everyone to be present with comments, ideas, etc., so that recommendations may be presented at next month's Faculty Senate meeting.

There being no additional business, and upon a **motion** by David Crowe and **seconded** by David Dehnel, the meeting **adjourned** at 12:35 p.m.

Susan Zickmund
Secretary