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Minutes

Faculty Senate
Thursday, December 18, 1997
12:00 p.m.
College Center Board Room

1. **The Meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Janis Lonergan.**

Roll was taken: Members unable to attend: Ben Nefzger, Paul Olsen, John Pfautz, Darrin Good, and Jeanneth Vazquez.

2. Upon **motion** by Ralph Troll and **seconded** by Gary Mann the **Minutes of the November 6, 1997 Faculty Senate** meeting were approved with the following addition: the first sentence on page 2, paragraph 1 should read "The discussion of this proposal focused on whether interdisciplinary courses such as WS of LS should be recognized as second areas **without the explicit consideration of the relevant divisions.**"

3. **Report from EPC - David Snowball**

Second area credit for Women's Studies courses

Motion by EPC that interdisciplinary majors and minors adopt, in consultation with the administration, a formal governance structure which includes no fewer than three faculty members from no fewer than two departments. This motion would be effective by the end of winter term, 1997-98.

EPC would like the motion reconsidered. After EPC had a chance to talk with the head of the reading/writing center, they felt there had not been very much consultation pertaining to this motion. Therefore pending a report back to EPC, they are withdrawing the motion.

4. **Nominations and Rules Committee - Randy Hengst**

(a) **Proposed change in description and membership of the Impairment Committee. Moved by Chuck Hyser and seconded by Lori Scott. Discussion followed about the concern for using the**

term "impairment". Some felt that it was an insensitive word to use. The Committee will discuss the change at a later date. **Motion was approved.**

(b) **Committee Appointments - Moved** by Dara Wegman and **seconded** by Ellie Beach. **Motion was approved.**

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5. **Report from the Office of Academic Affairs - David Snowball**

At the Steering Committee's request the following issues were discussed.

(a) Where we are fiscally.

There is a balanced budget. However, it is a tight budget and there is less flexibility and not much money for contingency cases. It is a tight budget due to the fact that we are in a transition from a quarter to term system. Also, because the faculty course load dropped more than the student course load has dropped.

(b) Why we are where we are.

That is due to the fact that the faculty is well paid.

(c) What the administration has done to date.

Faculty is being added a small amount at a time. Also, it is harder to take away resources that the departments have had to date than it is to add to them.

(d) What the administration will try to do in the future.

The administration actions are going to be to limit spending on computer costs, decrease non-instructional costs, eliminate staff positions, postpone non-essential costs. They are going to try to keep buildings within the budget and ask if all departments could live within the guidelines. We have expensive programs that do not generate dollars but that is good for strengthening the well being of the college.

6. **Comments on the Board Meeting - Janis Lonergan**

The sub-committee for Academic Affairs met and discussed the Logos program and minority students. Board members were

pleased with the activities. The General Board was pleased with the audit and the way the Endowment has been set up. They felt they were very positive reports. It also reaffirmed that there is a need to upgrade the computer network.

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7. **Other Business**

Dan Lee **moved** to change the Senate meeting from January 15 to Thursday, January 22, 1998. It was felt that with the timing of proposals from departments and divisions to EPC there would not be enough time allowed. Also the Faculty meeting scheduled for January 22 will need to be postponed to another date.

Seconded by Gary Mann and **approved**.

8. **Announcements**

(a) Janis Lonergan announced that the committee reports to Senate will be on reserve in a notebook in the Library. Janis also has a notebook with the same information for your use.

(b) Ellen Hay announced that anyone interested in planning the spring research fair to meet in the Dahl room at 3:00 p.m. today.

(c) Ellen Hay also announced that January 7, 1998 there is a TRAC meeting at 3:00 p.m. in the Wilson Center.

9. **Adjournment**

There being no further business a **motion** was made by Mike Finnemann and **seconded** by Dave Hill to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 12:55 p.m.

Sue Williams
Secretary