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MINUTES
Faculty Senate
April 25, 2002 - 11:30 a.m.
Science Building, Room 102

1. **The meeting was called to order by S.A. Fenwick, chair, at 11:34. Roll was taken.** Members unable to attend: Jeffrey Coussens, Kevin Geedey, Jon Hurty, Charles Hyser, Peter Kivisto, Paul Olsen, Dara Wegman-Geedey. Excused absence: Dona Dungan, Karin Johnson, Larry McCallum, Susan Stone, Heidi Storl, Ritva Williams.
2. Upon a **motion** by Larry McCallum and **seconded** by Mark Vincent **the Minutes of March 14, 2002 were approved..**
3. **Motion from EPC - Rick Jurasek**

On behalf of EPC, Rick Jurasek made motions on the following two items for the approval of the senate.

- a. Proposal to change the Asian Studies requirements.

Seconded by Ben Nefzger and **approved.**

- b. Proposal of revision of Dentistry Program's Catalogue description, Darrin Good stated that the words "and one term of biochemistry" on the tenth line of the first paragraph will be deleted since neither participating institution requires the course. He will continue to strongly encourage dentistry students to take this course.

Seconded by Dave Crowe and **approved.**

4. Report from the Greek Faculty Liaison Committee – Lou Belby

The Greek Faculty Liaison Committee was reconfigured last year in response to a proposal by Jim Winship to create an ad-hoc committee to address Greek activities. The senate voted last year to restructure the existing committee and to report this year on the committee's activities. The blue sheet summarizes the major changes in pledging. Belby also made available a few copies of the full report of the committee. Division representatives should have been reporting on the committee's activities over the course of the year at division meetings. Dave Hill had a question about the pledging process change that states: "No groups of pledges can congregate until after 8:30 p.m. on school days." Hill questioned whether this includes voluntary, informal activities as well. Belby responded that a certain amount of common sense is presupposed, and that the students have been told that they must adhere to both the letter and the spirit of the law, and

should not be looking for ways to sneak around the pledging rules. Kathy Suchenski asked about the number of complaints this year. Evelyn Campbell responded that there were 10 complaints this year (3 noise-related, 4 outside sanctioned hours, 2 incidents of alcohol poisoning, and 1 physical activity rule) opposed to 50 the previous year.

5. **Report from Advanced Standing and Degree Committee – Mike Kirn**

Mike Kirn, on behalf of the committee, recommended approval *of the graduates for Spring and Summer 2002*, subsequent to the completion of all requirements.

Seconded by Lou Belby and **approved**.

Mike Kirn recommended the list of Honors candidates for spring, 2002. He noted that “Schmitt, Kathryn N.” is the last of summa candidates, and that “Grubich, Sarah A.” starts the list of the magna candidates. On the second page, the break between magna and cum laude occurs between “Westby, Jesse W.” and “Moes, Deirdre M.”. This year 31.7% of students were eligible for honors, as compared to 33.5% last year. The actual percentage will raise slightly by the end of the year. Mark Vincent questioned whether this percentage is rather high and which committee should review this. Kirn answered that the standards are decided by Advanced Standing and Degrees, and that a 3.5 G.P.A. is listed in the catalog as cum laude. This would be the appropriate committee to investigate this if so charged by the senate. Darrin Good stated that Augustana’s graduation honors are not out of line with other colleges. Laura Greene questioned the effect of plus-minus grading. Kirn responded that there are currently two classes with plus-minus grading and two with the old system of whole number points assigned to letter grades. The overall G.P.A. for students on the +/- system is lower since more minus grades are given than plus grades.

6. **Other Business**

There was no other business.

7. **Announcements**

There were no announcements.

8. **Adjournment**

David Snowball **moved** to adjourn the meeting and Rowen Schussheim-Anderson **seconded**. The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Jamie Nelson
Secretary

