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MINUTES
Faculty Senate
Thursday, April 20, 1995
12:00 Noon
College Center Board Room

1. **The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Jim Winship, Chair. Roll was taken.** Members unable to attend: ME. Kirn, J. Lonergan, M. Finnemann, J. Hildreth, E. Mabry, M. Quinn, R. Schussheim-Anderson, S. Stone, D. Dehnel, C. Hyser, J. Ma, G. Mann, L. Falconer, S. McGinnis and J. Novak.

2. Upon a motion by R. Haak and **seconded** by D. Reed, the **Minutes for the meeting of April 20, 1995, were approved** with the following correction:

Page 3, subparagraph b), add the following language:

'Seconded by D. Hill and carried.'

3. **Report from EPC -- Arne Selbyg**

a) **Assessment Plan**

Seconded by D. Snowball.

The Assessment Plan Committee, chaired by Ellen Hay, has prepared an Assessment Plan to be submitted to the North Central Association by June 30, 1995.

The Mission Statement was discussed. Provost Nelson stated that the resolution of the six-point Mission Statement will not take place in the fall, as earlier hoped. A booklet is being published detailing and presenting the six points.

Discussion will be held after the booklet has been distributed. Provost Nelson further stated that even if the Mission Statement changes, it will not change the Assessment Plan. Ellen Hay added that the Plan is similar to plans being developed by other institutions, and that the general parameters are still in place even if some

changes are made down the line.

With the understanding that the 'Mission' Statement will be re-phrased as 'Purposes', the **motion** was **approved**.

b)Library Bill of Rights

Seconded by D. Ballman.

Barbara Doyle-Wilch was present to give background and answer questions. The context of the Bill of Rights is to safeguard intellectual freedom of the library. Since the Augustana Library is open to the public, holdings might come under scrutiny, and steps should be taken to assure intellectual freedom. R. Paulson explained that the criteria which guide library selections are (1) support of the curriculum, (2) the educational mission of the College, and (3) budget constraints. Selection is made based on those criteria, not on the basis of any kind of censorship.

An amendment to the Bill of Rights was suggested. Upon a **motion** by D. Crowe, paragraph #2 is amended to read as follows:

'The Augustana College Library will seek to provide materials and information presenting all points of view on current and historical issues. Materials will not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval.'

Seconded by B. Nefzger. The original motion to approve the Augustana College Library Bill of Rights, as amended, was **approved**.

c)Interpretation of 4th year of high school foreign language.

EPC has clarified the existing interpretation and voted to interpret the foreign language graduation requirement as fulfilled by students who complete the regular four years of high school foreign language courses even if they started the sequence in eighth grade and completed it in the eleventh grade.

R. Crossley called for a discussion and made a **motion** to discuss the matter further and send it back to EPC for reconsideration. **Seconded** by T. Kalas.

R. Crossley feels that junior high school foreign language instruction is not as academically rigorous as that in high school, and is therefore reluctant to accept it as fulfilling our requirement. A possible solution might be to require all students to take a foreign language placement test.

M. Kirn believes that what is wanted is reconsideration of the entire foreign language requirement, as there are inequities throughout.

Others, including S. Knudsen and T. Felden, spoke in support of Crossley's motion.

J. Winship explained that a vote in favor of Crossley's motion would direct EPC to re-open and reconsider the interpretation of the foreign language graduation requirement early in the fall term and bring it back to the Senate for further discussion of the issues.

The **motion carried**.

4. Foundations Program -- Arne Selbyg

Dean Selbyg informed the meeting that a third section has been added to the Foundations program. 160 students have been invited to participate; it is anticipated that about 80 first-year students will choose to enroll in next year's program.

5. Administrative Work in Progress -- Provost Nelson

Provost Nelson referred the meeting to the Provost's Newsletter for updated information on the status of the tenure/merit review reform discussions, recommendations regarding salary increases, and progress reports on the recreation center and new science building. Dr. Nelson also reported that the Catalog will be published, and that the Faculty Welfare Committee is meeting to discuss the Asian Studies program.

Dean Selbyg reported that the subject of shortening the pledging period is on the agenda for the next meeting of the SPC.

6. New and Other Business

A reminder of the Faculty Forum:

Thursday, April 27, 1995 @ 12:00 noon (Larson Hall)
re: Medical Benefits and Compensation package

7. Announcements

Ellen Hay reminded everyone of the Student Research Fair this afternoon in the Board Room.

Upon a **motion** by D. Snowball, **seconded** by R. Schroeder, the **meeting adjourned** at 12:55 p.m.

Tamara Felden
Secretary