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MINUTES

Faculty Senate
Thursday, October 2, 1997
12:00 p.m.
College Center Board Room

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

Roll was taken: Members unable to attend: Louis Belby, Van Symons, Roald Tweet, Eddie Mabry, Deborah Hamilton, Stacey Rodman and Michael Schroeder.

Jeanneth Vazquez will replace Ashish Tiwari on Senate this year. Ashish is on leave for the year. David Hill will serve as Parliamentarian for the 1997-98 academic year.

2. Upon **motion** by Sonja Knudsen and **seconded** by Ruth Ann Johnson, **the Minutes of May 8 were approved** with the following corrections: Add Vicki Sommer's last name to 4 #10c.

Upon **motion** by Dan Lee and **seconded** by Vicki Sommer, the **Minutes of May 15 were approved.**

3. Upon **motion** by Dan Lee and **seconded** by Charles Hyser, the schedules of Faculty and Faculty Senate Meetings were **approved.**

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

Proposed 1998 Summer School Calendar

Upon motion made by EPC and **seconded** by Dona Dungan the 1998 Summer School Calendar was approved.

5. **Enrollment Report - Jack Hullett**
Mike Kirn

Jack Hullett reported that the academic strength of the first year class is impressive. Our first year students are, by all common measures, stronger than the national average. This first year class is stronger than its recent predecessors:

the mean ACT and high school GPA are both higher, as is the percentage of students who ranked in the top 5%, top 10% and 25% of their graduating classes.

6. **Computer Services Report** - Douglas Nelson

Outline of topics discussed:

- a. The three year plan
- b. Standardizing the campus on a state of the art workstation platform with Windows 95 and Microsoft Office 97
- c. Upgrade of backbone to increase the carrying capacity for data
- d. Interior wiring project
- e. Coordination with future telecommunications upgrade
- g. List of staff and responsibilities and new positions in the Computer Center

Hardware, software and infrastructure are all being updated at the same time. ACUMEN has approved \$200,000 for upgrading at this time; \$450,000 is needed for updating for the rest of the year. Over a 3 year period \$1,900,000 is the proposed cost for the entire project. Mac users will not have the same support like the other system, but will be supported. Software training is now available for everyone. Doug Nelson wants to hear about what's happening with computer problems. Problems should be directed to Tina Tendall.

Discussion on the current situation with computer problems were discussed. Jim Winship and Dan Lee both felt that everyone be notified when off campus mail problems arise. Darrin Good wonders how the students will react with the problems and if retention might become a problem. Karen Peterson agreed that there are a lot of very frustrated students on campus because of the computer problems. Larry McCallum requested that prior to winter term, information/updates/help be given regarding building and writing of syllabi.

Dr. Tredway stated it was hoped there would be improvement in services and equipment by January 1998 and be stressed that academic needs must have priority.

There being no further business, the meeting was **adjourned** at 1:00
p.m.

Sue Williams
Secretary