

UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE MAY 5, 1977 MEETING OF THE FACULTY SENATE

President Fott called the meeting to order. Fourteen senators were present; absent were Gannaway, Hager, Baggett, Jolly, Lambert, Irwin, Mabry, Till, and Rudolph.

The minutes of the April meeting were approved as circulated. The proposed agenda was adopted as circulated with the addition of an item to allow discussion of possible meeting dates of the Faculty Senate for next year. No treasurer's report.

The following officers were elected for the 1977-1978 term:

Robert Sears, President  
Harvey Blanck, Vice-President  
Tom Pinckney, Secretary  
Carl Stedman, Executive Committee  
Clarence Ikerd, Executive Committee

President Sears thus became presiding officer of the meeting.

The Senate proceeded with the report of the ad hoc Committee to study the Faculty Senate Constitution and Committee structure. Because two constitutional amendments had been submitted to the Faculty Senate at the April meeting pursuant to the Constitution, the following amendments were moved.

- 1) Moved by Ikerd that Article II, Section 1, Election be amended to add after the fourth full sentence therein: "Ties in run-off elections shall be broken by a vote of the Senate". Seconded by Brackett.  
Passed by Constitutional majority.
- 2) Moved by Brackett that Article II, Section 1, Nominations be amended to delete the words "two weeks" and substitute the words "four days". Seconded by Stedman.  
Passed by Constitutional majority.

The Executive Committee will carry out the faculty referendum on these two amendments.

The following motions were made as additions to Senate by-laws:

- 1) A senator may give to the Executive Committee (prior to a meeting) a written vote on a specific issue. If a vote is called on the issue, the vote will be counted but will not contribute to a quorum. Moved by Der, seconded by Brackett.  
Failed.
- 2) Every motion or matter presented to the Senate shall be

referred by the Executive Committee to the appropriate Senate Committee for a recommendation (with usually a suggested time period) except when an emergency calls for the Senate to act as a committee of the whole. Moved by Der. Seconded by Bath. Failed.

Moved by Der that the Senate make the following changes in its committee structure.

- 1) Empower each committee to recruit additional non-voting members from the faculty when more people are needed to efficiently complete some task of the committee. Seconded by Smith. Passed.
- 2) Create a Committee on Nominations and Appointments consisting of five Senators to make, subject to the approval of the Senate, all nominations and appointments for which the Senate is responsible. Seconded by Ikerd. Passed.

Moved by Brackett to accept the remainder of the Committees report as information. Seconded by Der. Passed.

Moved by Fott to adopt the schedule of meeting dates submitted by Sears for 1977-1978 Faculty Senate Meetings, omitting June, July, and August 1977. Seconded by Thompson. Failed.

Moved by Smith to allow Executive Committee to set time of next year's Faculty Senate meeting, after a poll of the Senators. Seconded by Brackett. Passed.

Moved by Fott that we have no regularly scheduled meetings of Faculty Senate during June, July, and August 1977. Seconded by Blanck. Failed for lack of Constitutional majority.

Fott presented Executive Committee report.

Meeting adjourned.