

UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 17 MEETING OF THE FACULTY SENATE

Members absent: Mattox, Canarina, McMinn, McMahan, Smith, McCoy.

1. President Billy Thompson called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.
2. Minutes of the January 13 meeting were approved.
3. Agenda of the February 17 meeting was approved.
4. Report on SBR Faculty Sub-Council (Glenn Carter):

At the February 4 meeting there was discussion on the revised Policy on Academic Freedom, Responsibility, and Tenure and the new Policy on Financial Exigency. Responses to and comments on these policies, copies of which are available from the Sub-Council Representative, are due by April 15.

The President's Council has backed the Faculty Sub-Council recommendation for release time for chairpersons of faculty associations. The President's Council, however, has not supported proposals for sabbaticals and tuition waivers for faculty and faculty dependents. Nor has the Council supported a recommendation that faculty be provided an option of 9 (or 10) or 12 monthly salary payments.

A summer Masters Program in Computer Science for SBR faculty has only 10 applicants for 22 slots. Those interested should apply immediately.

The Sub-Council meets again on May 6.

5. Report from Executive Committee Relative to Governance (Billy Thompson):

In an effort to provide closer relations between the faculty and the University President, the Executive Committee recommends changes in the Senate Constitution, by-laws and procedures. Among the salient changes are these: (1) The President of the University may refer matters to the Senate and expect a response from that body. (2) The Senate will be a recommending body for University Committees. (3) The President of the University or his designate has the right to address the Senate and confer with it during the first 20 minutes of a Senate meeting.

6. Moved that the Executive Committee recommendations regarding governance be referred to the Rules Committee. Seconded and passed.
7. Report from Academic White Committee on Retention of Adult Students (Nora Beiswenger): A faculty questionnaire is in circulation, a student questionnaire is ready for circulation, a full report should be ready for the next meeting.
8. Report from Faculty White Committee on Award for Recognition of Distinguished Professor at Fort Campbell Center: The Committee has resolved to meet with FCC staff for further deliberation; meanwhile, suggestions are invited.

9. Faculty Red Committee Report on Amendments to Rules for Distinguished Professor Award: Information regarding election procedures has been gathered from the Student Government Association and the Alumni Association. The committee will evaluate this information and report at the next meeting.

10. Issue of Rank Tied to Terminal Degree (Dil Bhatia):

There are ten faculty with master's degrees who have been frozen at the level of assistant professor for the past 13 or 14 years by SBR policy. This policy may no longer serve the purposes for which it was created, especially for faculty hired before 1967. The permanent frustration of career goals for these faculty damages morale and is a problem that needs to be addressed.

11. Moved that the issue of Rank and Terminal Degree be presented to the appropriate committee. Seconded and passed.

12. Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.