

MINUTES OF THE FACULTY SENATE FOR AUGUST 5, 1993

The Faculty Senate was called to order at 3:20 p.m. Paul Shaffer presided.

Senators in attendance: S. NOEL, R. ROBISON, G. HARRIS, L. TATHUM, J. McCLUSKEY, A. PHY-OLSEN, M. GOTCHER, J. ASANBE, S. CALOVINI, M. BADGETT, D. WHITE, A. SALAMA
C. WOODS, P. SHAFFER and A. CHRISTIAN

The agenda for the meeting was approved and the minutes for the June 10 meeting were accepted as read.

The attendance of the Vice-President for Academic Affairs was approved.

Summary of Dr. Butler's remarks:

1. Changes in the physical plant are proceeding and, hopefully, all tasks will be completed by the beginning of the school year.
2. With a faculty now numbering 250, it is a struggle to provide adequate office space. There will not be adequate "officing" for the fall semester, although when Harned Hall comes on line it will put us over the top temporarily.
3. The president and the VP for Academic Affairs have met with the TBR to discuss the new Science Building and renovations to McCord. The feedback was favorable. On the other hand, the replacement of the AC chillers which are 22 years old (with a life expectancy of 20 years) did not garner a favorable reception.
4. Harned Hall renovations continue to proceed on schedule. The trenching for the fibre optic cable has been completed. The replacement of classroom furniture continues: new desks for McCord should arrive in October. Next in line for furniture replacement will be classrooms on the entry floor of Clement.
5. Current estimates for the Fall enrollment indicate a potential of 500 more students although we do not expect all of these to show. The institution has done a better job on enrolling re-admits this summer. First time freshman applications are up by 1% over last year. The credentials of the entering freshman class continue to show improvement as evidenced by higher high school grades and ACT scores.

Dr. Butler then opened the floor to questions:

--When will there be repairs made to the road behind McCord?

Dr. Butler was unable to indicate a schedule.

Dr. Butler also mentioned Ann Dehr's replacement as Affirmative Action Officer. Eva Lemeh comes to us from Vanderbilt University. Her preparation includes a degree in law which supplements her background for the position. The faculty was urged to make her welcome to the campus.

Reports were then solicited. There were no reports from either the Academic Council or the TBR Faculty Subcommittee.

Old Business:

Faculty Red--Steve Anderson has prepared a list of proposed recommendations concerning policies and procedures for chairs. These will be distributed to the Faculty Senators in advance of the September meeting.

Nominating Committee--No report. Dr. Shaffer mentioned the need of this committee to address the matter of Professor Mabry's replacement in the Senate.

Faculty concerns-- Regarding Master's degree faculty teaching graduate level courses: the faculty member who raised the issue was not in attendance therefore discussion could not proceed.

Regarding the restructuring of the university organization and its effect on the make-up of the Faculty Senate: Dr. Shaffer reported that the Executive Committee determined that there would be little impact given the nature of representation as described within the constitution.

Other Business:

Dr. Butler inquired about the status of the Faculty Development Committee: membership is to come from the Faculty Senate.

Professor Robinson mentioned the university's addition of Internet. Faculty Internet trainees will host training workshops in the fall. Some faculty development monies have been made available for the purchase of modems.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary M. Harris
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