

FACULTY SENATE CALLED MEETING
Tentative Minutes
Thursday, March 18, 1999, 3:20-5:00 PM
University Center Ballroom

ROLL CALL OF SENATORS IN ATTENDANCE.

1. Steven Anderson
2. Willodean Burton
3. Daniel Frederick
4. Meredith Gildrie
5. Dolores Gore
6. Rudy Gostowski
7. Ronald Gupton
8. Kay Haralson
9. Carlette Hardin
10. Ellen Kanervo
11. Phillip Kemmerly
12. Tom King
13. JD Lester
14. Larry Lowrance
15. DeAnne Luck
16. Robin Mealer
17. Stephanie Newport
18. George Pesely
19. James Prescott
20. Albert Randall
21. Adel Salama
22. Paul Shaffer
23. Cindy Taylor
24. David Till
25. Danielle White
26. Richard Williams
27. Howard Winn
28. Pei Xiong-Skiba
29. Greg Zieren

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA.

A motion to approve the agenda by Senator Winn seconded by Senator Gupton. The motion to approve was carried.

Previous minutes not approved due to lack of a motion. Action held until next meeting

OLD BUSINESS

Budget Oversight Committee Report

Report by Senator Williams.

Senator indicated he had nothing to report. He had collected a series of questions from faculty which had been sent to the Business Office. At the last Faculty Senate Meeting the Senate was told the answers are now ready and will be available the next day. Following the Senate meeting the members were told they cannot see the report until Budget Oversight Committee meets. Senator Williams then announced he will be taking job somewhere else.

DISCUSSION

- Senator Winn: Who told you the answers are not available?
- Senator Williams: Joyce Mounce. However, the TBR Report said the Business Office can answer any questions. Since I am leaving, I will ask any question.
- Senator Till: Why could you not meet with Mounce to see the answers?
- Senator Williams: It would be more efficient to have the answers before meeting.
- Senator Winn: Where is it written that public information can only be dispensed on their terms?
- Senator Newport: Dr. Mounce wanted to know how we define things.
- Senator Haralson: What recourse does Faculty Senate have if information is not provided? For example, the entire Mercer Study has not been provided.
- Senator Randall: An AAUP Article has appeared studying institutions, "Death by Intention". Ours could be the institution studied. The article gave ways for the administration to avoid providing information.
 1. Provide incomplete information
 2. Send information not requested
 3. Do not give appropriate time to study the material.
- We do have recourse through AAUP. These represent violation of AAUP guidelines and the CCC Report.
- Senator Anderson: The Board of Regents would become involved if we cannot get answers. It is difficult to get information because of three sets of books. The problem is systemic. State auditors do not look at the middle only the final numbers. This is function is left to the institution's administration.
- Senator Newport: We should not jump the gun about recourses. My fear is a firm letter to the President would be ignored. My understanding of the Chancellor's report is to "set down and shut up". We could go to the TBR and say the Chancellor's recommendations are not being followed. I feel we have been disempowered and may only go to AAUP for a solution.
- Senator Hardin: I propose we meet with Mounce. We cannot go to TBR and say information is not available because we will not meet with them. I recently got information from Dr. Pontius for Summer School Report.
- Senator Frederick: Speaking as member of committee, it required two months for response. A two months delay with no communication is not reasonable.
- Senator Gupton: While at the Strategic Planning Committee, I said faculty do not have input into budgeting. This does not meet AAUP Guidelines. The Committee only looks at new money not the entire budget. Recourse is available, either a vote of no confidence or a AAUP vote to censure.
- Senator Randall: I would agree
- Senator Newport: The President said last year what is your agenda? I said let me see the checkbook.

Motion made by Senator Winn that the Senate by resolution wishes to receive this information by Monday morning of the coming week. Motion seconded by Senator Gupton.

DISCUSSION CONTINUED

- Senator Winn: Make motion that senate by resolution wishes to receive info by Monday morning of coming week.
- Senator Randall: We can put in teeth by adding a motion for censure.
- Senator Winn: I am not ready to go there.
- Senator Mealer: We should meet with Dr. Mounce first. There may be a reason.
- Senator Mealer: We do not gain in this. We do not get information.
- Senator Gupton: I agree with that comment. We should not go to more drastic measures unless information is not received.
- Senator White: Is there an agenda for this meeting?
- Senator Williams: I am not sure. They will not give information until the meeting. The question of consultants came up. Also, what dollars are looked at by the SLRP Committee. I can understand the question about consultants.
- Senator Gildrie: How can she have answers if she does not have the questions?

Motion withdrawn by Senator Winn.

DISCUSSION CONTINUED

- Senator Williams: I am willing to meet to collect this information from Dr. Mounce.
- Senator Newport: Can we agree that the Budget Oversight Committee will meet.
- Senator Frederick: If we are stonewalled it will be difficult to report in a timely fashion.
- Senator Mealer: To expedite an agenda should be provided to Dr. Mounce.
- Senator Williams: That was is in the original information request.

Motion by Senator Till to report to the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate the meeting of the Budget Oversight Committee and Dr. Mounce. Motion seconded by Senator Winn. Motion carried.

Summer School Committee Report

Report by Senator Hardin.

Of the funding from the state (THEC) a percentage of this amount is implied to be spent on summer school. Ms. Hamilton and Mr. Irby say these funds do not exist. The budget is a guideline and we can spend it any way we choose. A memo from Irby says this is figure is meaningless and no state funding set aside for summer school.

In addition, both campus made a profit from fees for summer school. The overall university budget has increased but summer school budget has remained flat. Therefore, we cannot offer as many summer courses.

The change of 12 to 9 month contracts at FCC has further reduced the budget. The difference in salaries was to be moved into a separate account but this did not happen. As a result a drastic reduction in course offering for summer school has occurred at FCC.

To address these Summer School Addresses Thirteen Recommendations were made by the committee.

DISCUSSION

- Senator Till: If we were to stop teaching summer school would funding be reduced?
- VPAA: It would not reduce state funding but we would be short by those fees.
- Senator Randall: Students enrolled in summer school generate money from fees and from formula funding (FTE) so money generated is twice that shown.
- Senator Frederick: The FTE number has been the same since 1993. It comes from all enrollment.
- VPAA: FTE comes from fall and is doubled to include spring. Other times such as summer is supplemental FTE and is funded at lower rate.
- Senator Winn: Money from summer school need not be spent on summer school but it is instructional money. Who decided how this is spent?
- Senator Gupton: It is clear that summer school pays for itself. The state funding is in case it did not pay for itself. There is no excuse for summer school to be reduced if it pays for itself. Steve (VPAA) shame on you for taking our money.
- VPAA: I did not take your money. The budget for summer school went over in expenditures.
- Senator Gupton: I ask did we go over the budget before summer school. I was told no summer school is efficient.
- VPAA: Summer school is part of the total budget. The entire budget went over.
- Senator Hardin: Seems like in the conversion of 12 to 9 month contracts, the money would be put away and the budget would not go over.

Senator Hardin requested that each of the thirteen recommendations be voted on separately.

Recommendation #1

- Senator Lester: Do you mean faculty senate or faculty
- Senator Hardin: All faculty.

Motion carried.

Recommendation #2

Motion carried.

Recommendation #3

- Senator Blake: In terms of the bucket of money from the State, is a separate amount seen for operation of buildings?
- Senator Hardin: Yes
- Senator Blake: Should we assume this is covered from other money?
- Senator Hardin: I do not know.
- VPAA: Is this Summer I 1999 and Summer II?
- Senator Hardin: It is all of Summer 1999
- Senator Gildrie: Because we do not know where money is going now we may be giving up money we are not aware of.

Motion carried.

Recommendation #4

- Senator Blake: Returned money should go to specific programs where it was lost. For some technical courses small class size is justifiable. These courses are bridges to our programs.
- Senator Haralson: That is what the committee intended.

Motion carried.

Motion by Senator Winn to extend the meeting until all recommendations are covered. The motion was seconded by Senator Gildrie.

Recommendation #5

Motion carried.

Recommendation #6

- Senator Lester: Who will investigate?
- Senator Hardin: A committee will be found.

Motion carried.

Recommendation #7

- Senator Kanervo: For some small departments insufficient money is available for a single professor to each course.
- Senator Hardin: That is what this is to address.
- Senator Kanervo: Should a full professor take a reduced pay?
- Senator Hardin: No.

Motion carried.

Recommendation #8

- Senator Prescott: There may be a problem. In our case the contract period can conflict with the recommendation.
- Senator Blake: If the load is split between Main Campus and FCC it may conflict. The load is different for his department.
- Senator Randall: TBR policy does not limit number of overload hours in summer but the salary.
- Senator Frederick: It may run over nine hours.
- Senator Lester: What does it matter if you teach those hours.
- Senator Hardin: TBR assumes a limit of what teaching can be done effectively.
- Senator Myers: I am scared this could be used in the wrong way .

Motion failed.

Recommendation #9

- Senator Salama: For some courses may be difficult to make.
- Senator Clark: What was the motivation for this recommendation?
- Senator Hardin: I was told many course are being taught with low numbers but could not find an example.
- Senator Mealer: Can we have a group of courses exempted?

- Senator Blake: Maybe this should only apply to traditional academic courses.
- Senator Hardin: I can look for a policy that covers this.
- Senator Lester: If enrollment caps are set by departments why cannot lower limits?
- Senator Newport: We have not talked about averaging.
- Senator Clark: Summer time in the Music department would always be low.
- Senator Randall: "variations are to be negotiated by ..."
- Senator Blake: One page of memo would be better.

Motion carried.

Recommendation #10

Motion carried.

Recommendation #11

- Senator Lester: What do you mean to tell new candidate for faculty?
- Senator Hardin: So we will not mislead new faculty.
- Senator Lester: Change "all" to "present and future"
- Senator Senator Till: TBR has a policy about distribution which this may violate.
- Newport: We can change "policy" to "process".

Motion carried.

Recommendation #12

Motion carried.

Recommendation #13

Motion carried.

Recommendation #14

- Senator Gildrie: I have problem with task forces. They tend to be hand picked by the administration.
- Senator Newport: We could use Academic Red/White Faculty Senate Committees.
- Senator Frederick: Can they be authorized to act during summer? Lester: So we will appoint some and the administration will appoint some?

Motion carried.

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