

MINUTES
APRIL 8, 1997 FACULTY SENATE MEETING

1. Call to Order: At 2:20 on April 8, 1997 Chair Frank Hanson called the Faculty Senate meeting to order in Room 219N University Center.
2. Roll call - Faculty present: Arntson, Blumberg, Bren, Clayton, Clements, deOnis, Downing, Eamons, Epps, Freiberg, Ghavamshahidi, Ghosh, Goroff, Hanson, Huang, Jentoft, Jones, Karges, Klug, Kozlowicz, Molloy, Nelson, Ossers, Parks, Savage, Schauer, Snow, Sorenson, Thatcher, Topp, Webb, Weston, Witherill. Faculty Absent: Cartwright, Fraedrich (notified chair), Hurstad (notified chair), Reid, Tetley.
3. deOnis/Osser moved approval of the March 11, 1997 meeting minutes. Motion passed.
4. Report of Committees:
 - a. Jentoft/Witherill moved approval of the February 24, 1997 Curriculum Committee Report. Motion passed.
 - b. Karges reported as legislative liaison, distributing a legislative calendar, a list of state legislative committees & directory of addresses and phone numbers for legislators. He urged faculty to write to legislators and attend the hearing of the Assembly Colleges and University Committee to be held on the UW-Whitewater campus on April 23, 1997 from 9:00-11:00am in room 210N, University Center.
5. Announcements:
 - a. Frank Hanson reported on the Faculty Representatives meeting. A presentation by David Olein of the UW System concerning legislative matters was presented. He encouraged faculty to contact legislators to support the budget for higher education, as well as for salaries. A draft of legislation to introduce an Optional Retirement Plan for UW System employees is being developed, and is expected to be introduced this term. It would enable faculty to choose between the current WRS defined benefit program and an optional defined contribution plan administered by TIAA-CREF. One result of this initiative has been serious discussion on improving the current retirement system, including the issues of immediate vesting.
 - b. Two representatives on the General Education committee will be elected at the May meeting. Incumbents Monfils and Durham are willing to be nominated.
 - c. Cabinet meeting: Hanson reported that the Chancellor has accepted the pay plan passed by the Senate and it is being implemented. Beginning next year, the Faculty Senate chair and the chair of the Academic Staff Assembly will be offered either release time or compensation depending on the individual's situation. Summer 1997 enrollment was discussed. A 13 member search and screen committee for the Provost's position will begin work next fall semester. The committee will include 5 faculty to be selected from 10 nominees supplied by the Faculty Senate. Two nominees, one male and one female from each constituency will be forwarded by the Senate. Senators are asked to bring names of potential nominees to the May Senate meeting. The May Senate meeting will be on Tuesday, May 6, one week earlier than usual so as not to interfere with the exam week schedule.
 - d. Richard Lee presented issues regarding the 1997 Summer Session. Enrollments are 182 headcount (130 FTE) below previous enrollments. Senators are encouraged to inform students of the benefits of summer courses. Discussion covered other special scheduling possibilities as well summer session.
6. The following faculty/staff had resolutions of appreciation and congratulations on their retirement presented:

Laurie Barrett, Accounting
Peter Barrett, Finance & Busn Law

Blumberg/Ghosh moved/seconded
approval

John Bodernstiner, Enrollment Serv
John Cease, Communication
Ronald Ellis, Languages & Literatures
Mercedes Fernandez, Theatre/Dance
Jacob Gerlach, Mgmt Computer Systems
Mary Gerlach, Math & Computer Sci
Carol Goodwin, T&IR & Math
Rosemary Green, Special Education
Hans Hahn, Special Education
Joan Heimlich, Curriculum & Instruc
Frederick Hoffmeister, Safety Studies
Richard Jentoft, Comm Disorders
Gordon Long, Languages & Literatures
Albert Mims, Safety Studies
Agate Nesaule, Languages & Literatures
John Oh, Political Science
E. John Rabe, HPRC
Robert Rothweiler, Political Science
Donald Silva, Economics
Louis Uehling, Languages & Literatures
Gerald Weston, Economics
Lowell Youngs, Music
All motions were passed unanimously.

Molloy/Thatcher moved/seconded
approval
Witherill/Downing
moved/seconded approval
Jentoft/Epps moved/seconded
approval
deOnis/Osser moved/seconded
approval
Webb/Arntson moved/seconded
approval
Goroff/Weston moved/seconded
approval
Weston/Ghosh moved/seconded
approval
Schauer/Witherill moved/seconded
approval
Epps/Jentoft moved/seconded
approval
Witherill/Jentoft moved/seconded
approval
Freiberg/Epps moved/seconded
approval
Witherill/Jentoft moved/seconded
approval
Karges/Witherill moved/seconded
approval
Eamon/Topp moved/seconded
approval
Witherill/Epps moved/seconded
approval
Osser/Ghosh moved/seconded
approval
Kozlowicz/Gahvamshahidi
moved/seconded approval
Clayton/Witherill moved/seconded
approval
Gahvamshahidi/Eamon
moved/seconded approval
Snow/Parks moved/seconded
approval
deOnis/Ossers moved/seconded
approval
Parks/Snow moved/seconded
approval
Webb/Weston moved/seconded
approval

7. Announcements:

a. Senators were encouraged to attend the All-Faculty Meeting Wednesday. Blumberg offered to take roll.

8. deOnis/Ossers moved to adjourn. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Blumberg
Interim Secretary, Faculty Senate