

MINUTES
MAY 6, 1997 FACULTY SENATE MEETING

1. Call to Order.

Frank Hanson, Chair of the Faculty Senate, called the May meeting of the 1996-97 Faculty Senate to order on Tuesday, May 6, 1997 in Room 219 North of the University Center at 2:20 p.m.

2. Roll Call.

The following members were present: Arntson, Blumberg, Bren, Clayton, Clements, Downing, Epps, Fraedrich, Freiberg, Ghavamshahidi, Ghosh, Goroff, Hanson, Huang, Jentoft, Jones, Klug, Kozlowicz, Molloy, Parks, Reid, Savage, Schauer, Snow, Tetley, Topp, Webb, Weston and Witherill.

The following members were absent: Cartwright, de Onis*, Eamon*, Hurstad, Karges*, Nelson, Ossers*, Sorensen, Thatcher. (* Contacted chair regarding absence.)

3. Approval of Minutes.

Goroff/Jentoft moved approval of the Faculty Senate minutes of April 8, 1997 meeting. Motion passed.

4. 97-98 Senate Announcements.

a. Chair Hanson explained that the decision to hold the organizational meeting for the 1997-98 Faculty Senate in September was due to the late publication of Spring Faculty election results. The 1997-98 Senate will organize itself at the September meeting.

5. Reports of Committees.

a. Jentoft/Witherill moved approval of the UCC actions of March 21, 1997. Motion passed.

b. Jentoft/Witherill moved approval of the UCC actions of April 11, 1997. Motion passed. Editorially, item F.8.1. is noted as 150-242 Introduction to Music .

c. Jentoft/Ghosh moved approval of the UCC actions of April 25, 1997 meeting. Motion passed.

d. Faculty Personnel Rules Committee has not met recently. It will report to the Senate early in the Fall semester. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee has forwarded a set of sub-committee recommendations concerning changes in the appeals and grievance processes to the Personnel Rules Committee.

e. Senate Chair Hanson received a report last week from the Admissions & Academic Standard Committee regarding a proposed final exam policy. The report will be put on the September Senate agenda.

6. Resolutions.

a. Ghosh/Goroff moved the resolution on May 1997 Graduates:

The Faculty Senate of the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater recommends to the University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents that the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater students who have applied for graduation in May 1997 and who have been certified by the University Registrar to have met all academic requirements and completed all of their courses of study be granted their degrees at the May 1997 commencement exercises.

Motion passed.

b. Klug/Jentoft moved the resolution on Faculty elections:

The Faculty Senate requests that the Elections Committee develop procedures to insure that nominations and elections for Faculty Senate and other faculty committees are completed, and results published and distributed to the entire faculty, at least one week prior to the final regularly-scheduled spring semester meeting of the Faculty Senate. The Faculty Senate also requests that the Elections Committee distribute to faculty, at the beginning of the nomination process, a full list of current committee members with the year that their terms expire.

Goroff/Jentoft amended to add the request:

Nominations will be requested the first week in March with a due date for nominations no more than ten days later. Elections will be held by April 15.

Motion to amend passed. Original motion as amended passed.

7. Elections.

- a. Affirmative Action Committee (1 member, 2-year term) Parks nominated Ashok Bhargava. Ashok Bhargava was elected.
- b. Memorials Committee (2 members, one full 3-year term and one 2-year term replacement) Blumberg nominated Jerry Witherill for the 2 year term. Witherill elected. The 3 year term was not filled and will be on the September Senate agenda.
- c. Campus Landscape Planning Committee (1 member, 2-year term) Schauer nominated Steve Karges. Karges was elected.
- d. Faculty Appeals and Grievance Committee (3 members) Ghosh nominated Zohreh Ghavamshahidi. Goroff nominated Robert Horton. Ghavamshahidi and Horton were elected. One position remains open and will be on the September Senate agenda.
- e. Faculty Personnel Rules Committee (2 members, 3-year terms) Virginia Epps nominated by Schauer for At-Large position. Epps was elected. Parks nominated Sandra Snow for the Business and Economics position. Snow was elected.
- f. Summer School Advisory Committee (2 members, 1-year terms) Snow nominated Sue Parks. Freiberg nominated Barabara Reid. Parks and Reid were elected.
- g. General Education Review Committee (5 members, 2-year terms) Snow nominated Jerry Laurent for Business and Economics position. Laurent was elected. Jentoft nominated John Zbikowski for Education position. Zbikowski was elected. Kozlowicz nominated Zohreh Ghavamshahidi and Hanson nominated Andrea Nye for Letters and Sciences positions. Ghavamshahidi and Nye were elected. The Arts and Communication position remains open and will be on the September Senate agenda.
- h. Nominations to the Chancellor for the Provost and Vice Chancellor Search Committee (one female + one male representative from each constituency)
 1. Arts and Communication nominated Barbara Monfils and Frank Hanson. Monfils and Hanson were elected.
 2. Business and Economics nominated Christine Clements, David Munro, and G M Naidu. Clements and Munro were elected.

3. Education nominated Brenda O'Bierne, Brenda Clayton, Donna Clasen, Jerry Witherill, Phil Makurat. Clasen and Witherill were elected.
4. Letters and Sciences nominated Zohreh Ghavamshahidi and Sibdas Ghosh. Ghavamshahidi and Ghosh were elected.
5. Other Constituency nominated Vickie Topp and Roger Yin. Topp and Yin were elected.

8. Announcements.

a. Chair Hanson presented the proposed UW System "Cyberspace" policy document. He described the draft report of the committee appointed by President Lyall. Schauer recommended consulting C. Cottle for additional feedback.

b. Chair Hanson reported that the Faculty Representatives meeting primarily discussed the Governor's budget proposal, current lobbying efforts with members of the legislature, and the Faculty/Staff pay plan. Board of Regents President Grebe has stated that he favors no more than a 7% tuition increase, however, a 7.6% increase will be necessary to meet 4%/4% the salary proposal unless additional GPR funding is added to the amount recommended by the Governor. Classified increases in other agencies may result in some GPR increases. Distance Education and Instructional Technologies budgets appear secure. The first budget hearing will be May 12, 1997.

Chancellor Greenhill confirmed the report of over \$200 million unexpectedly being "found" in the state budget. These funds are from larger-than-anticipated tax revenues. He urged support for the costs of "Badger Net" project which, if funded, will result in optimal networking capabilities for UW-Whitewater.

Additional Faculty Representative^{1/4}s meeting time was spent discussing the proposed optional retirement plan (TIAA-CREF) being introduced in the legislature. D. Ward considers such a plan would bring pressure to improve W.R.S. Regents apparently are not enthusiastic. There is a possibility of this optional retirement bill being attached to the budget.

c. Discussion at the Chancellor's Cabinet meeting noted that Summer School and Fall enrollment figures are improved over the reports from last month, but still lower than targets. Bids for Hyer Hall renovations will be opened June 4, 1997. Hyer Hall remodeling should be completed in time for the Fall semester of 1998. Regents granted approval for remodeling in the University Center and the creation of a campus visitor information center on Starin Road. Permission to proceed with planning for the Williams Center Fieldhouse was also given, but not funded. Also approved were the Masters Degree in Management Computer Systems, the appointment of Larry Davis as Interim Provost, and permission to recruit a new Provost.

9. Adjournment.

Reid/Jentoft moved adjournment. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Blumberg
Secretary, Faculty Senate