

REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

April 5, 1993

MINUTES

Senators not in attendance were: James Magee, Peter Roe, William Stanley

Senators excused were: Susan Amert, Kenneth Biederman, Stuart Cooper, Alexander Doberenz, Steven Grant, Judy Hough-Goldstein, William Idsardi, Robert Knecht, Leo Lemay, Ajay Manrai, Thomas Meierding, Henry Reynolds, David P. Roselle

I. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The Senate adopted the Agenda as printed and distributed.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The Senate approved the Minutes of the meeting of March 1, 1993 with the following addition to the bottom of page 4: After receiving assurance from the three Program Directors that there would be funds available for scholarships based not only on high grades but also on financial need in order that these programs will not become financially elitist programs excluding students who could not afford to go abroad, the resolution was approved.

III. REMARKS BY UNIVERSITY PROVOST PIPES

Provost Pipes ceded the floor to Bruce Walker, Associate Provost for Admissions and Financial Aid who described this year's faculty-inclusive process of awarding scholarships and its results and the general growth of scholarship funding at the University of Delaware.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senate President Lomax announced that those who wish to submit names for consideration for Honorary Degrees must send them to the President's Office by June 1. He also announced that the proposed Statement of Responsibility would be distributed at the end of the meeting.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Item A. was a resolution introduced at the March Senate meeting by Senator Shapiro which was referred to the Executive Committee. After consultation with the Executive Committee, Senator Shapiro withdrew her original resolution and substituted another resolution having to do with the representation of students on the Student Life Committee and on all Ad Hoc Committees that may treat student issues. After discussion of the nature and inclusiveness of student representation, why the resolutions were changed, the politics of student-faculty factions on committees, the nature of the Faculty Senate's democracy, and problems with the second resolution, the

Senate separated the two resolutions and approved the following resolution:

- WHEREAS, the Faculty Senate deals with issues directly affecting the student body of the University of Delaware, and
- WHEREAS, the perspective of informed and experienced students participating in the policy-making process of the committees of the Faculty Senate enhances and strengthens the decisions made by these committees, and
- WHEREAS, the purpose of certain committees is to deal predominantly or fully with issues pertaining to student life, and
- WHEREAS, the purpose of these committees warrants the equal representation of faculty and student voting members, and
- WHEREAS, the Delaware Undergraduate Student Congress (DUSC) is the official undergraduate student government of the University of Delaware, and has the knowledge, leadership, and experience necessary to evaluate and consider candidates for positions on the Faculty Senate Committee on Student Life, therefore be it
- RESOLVED, that the second paragraph of the charge to the Committee on Student Life, as it appears in the Faculty Handbook, Section I, page I-22, be changed to read as follows: "This committee shall consist of . . . four undergraduate students to be appointed by the Delaware Undergraduate Student Congress, "

After a discussion of the second Resolution's ambiguities, the Senate then returned the following resolution to DUSC for rewriting:

- RESOLVED, that the first paragraph of the charge to the Committee on Committees and Nominations, as it appears in the Faculty Handbook, Section I, page I-14, be changed to read as follows: "It is authorized directly to constitute on an interim basis such subcommittees, task forces, or study panels as may be requested by faculty committees to help carry out their work, in each case promptly recording through faculty or Senate minutes the membership and charges of such subgroups. Such subgroups which directly concern themselves with student issues shall

consist of an equal number of faculty and
student voting
members."

Item B. was a recommendation from the Faculty Senate Executive Committee concerning a statement of mission for the University of Delaware. After a review of its history, a discussion of grammar and style, some discussion of its content, and some editorial changes, the Senate approved the following resolution: [A copy of the approved Mission Statement for the University is attached.]

WHEREAS, the University should have a statement
identifying its purpose and goals, and

WHEREAS, several committees developed a statement of
mission for the University during the
processes of first the Focused Vision effort,
and then the Middle States Accreditation
Self-Study, and

WHEREAS, the Faculty Senate Executive Committee has
developed a proposed statement in response
to Senate action in October 1992, and

WHEREAS, the content and principles of a statement of
mission should reflect the consensus of the
faculty, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the University Faculty Senate approves
as the statement of mission, the "Mission
Statement for the University" and also
recommends its approval by the Board of

Trustees.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Senator Murray introduced the following resolution:

1. A grade of A+ be established effective September 1993.
2. The A+ grade will have a numerical value of 4.33.
3. The GPI will be calculated, as it is now, on the weighted numerical values of each letter grade, but with the restriction that a GPI greater than 4.0 be rounded to 4.0.
4. All other policies and procedures regarding the plus/minus grading option will remain in place.

After distributing the Statement of Responsibility and explaining its genesis, Senate President Lomax adjourned the meeting at 5:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Roof
Secretary

University Faculty Senate

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Attachment: Approved Mission Statement

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