

REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

September 16, 1991

MINUTES

President Taggart called to order the regular meeting of the University Faculty Senate on Monday, September 16, 1991 at 4:00 p.m.

Senators not in attendance were: Suzanne Alchon, Lawrence Nees, Raymond Nichols, Debra Norris, Alfred Wedel

Senators excused were: Edith Anderson, Costel Denson, Bernard Herman, Robert Knecht, John Pikulski, Daniel Rich, David P. Roselle, Yda Schreuder, Stuart Sharkey, Janet Smith, Carolyn Thoroughgood

I. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Before explaining the Guidelines for Reduction and Elimination of Programs appended to the agenda, President Taggart requested that we approve the agenda as distributed, but change the order of business so that we could begin the process of electing the chairperson of the Committee on Committees and Nominations before commencing with Old Business. The Senate approved the modification without objection.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Since no one offered changes or objections, the Senate approved the minutes as distributed.

III. OLD BUSINESS

Item A was a recommendation from the Ad Hoc Committee on Divestment (D. Colton, Chairperson). Wunyabari Maloba, a member of the Committee, explained that the Committee's view of the need for divestment had not changed. After debate and defeated motions to table and for secret ballot, the following resolution was not approved:

Based on our considered deliberations and our extensive consultations and, after having fully considered the significant political changes that have taken place in South Africa, we hereby recommend to the University Faculty Senate the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the University of Delaware continues to deplore the policy of apartheid still practiced in South Africa, and

WHEREAS, the University of Delaware has the moral and intellectual responsibility to provide leadership in opposition to this abhorrent policy, and

WHEREAS, divestment has proven to be an effective weapon against apartheid in South Africa, and

WHEREAS, a fundamental and irreversible rupture with apartheid

policy has not yet occurred, and taking note of the continuing calls for sanctions by organizations representative of the majority of South Africa's people, and

WHEREAS, considering that the suspension of armed struggle in South Africa makes economic pressure against apartheid all the more significant at this historic juncture, be it

RESOLVED, that the University Faculty Senate of the University of Delaware recommend that the officers and trustees of the University divest the University of stocks, bonds and other holdings in all corporations that have operations in South Africa.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Item A: David Smith was the elected Chairperson of the Committee on Committees and Nominations.

Item B: was a recommendation from the Committee on Committees and Nominations (Jon Olsen, Chairperson) to delay its report on the use of outside legal advisers in actions before the Committee on Faculty Welfare and Privileges. The following motion was approved:

WHEREAS, in the March 11, 1991 Faculty Senate meeting, the University Faculty Senate referred the following resolution to the Committee on Committees and Nomination for consideration:

Except in cases involving termination (or non-renewal) of faculty, in hearings before the Committee on Faculty Welfare and Privileges, the choice of "advisers" or "observers" who may participate in the hearing shall be limited to persons selected from the University of Delaware faculty. In a termination (or non-renewal) complaint before the Committee the decision whether to involve non-faculty attorneys shall rest with the person who faces termination. If the complainant chooses to engage a non-faculty attorney for the hearing, the University shall be obliged to provide an attorney for the respondents to the complaint.

. . . With the recommendations to be reported at the October 1991 meeting, and

WHEREAS, the entire procedures for operation of the Committee on Faculty Welfare and Privileges now are being reviewed by the Committee on Committees and Nominations, and

WHEREAS, the resolution of March 11 is included within the later charge, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the University Faculty Senate amends the timing of the charge of March 11, 1991 to the date of the report of the review of all of the procedures for the Committee on Faculty Welfare and Privileges.

Item C: was a resolution amending the Faculty Handbook, changing a title in roster of the Committee on Instructional Computing and Research Support Services to reflect current usage. The following resolution was approved:

RESOLVED, that the second paragraph of the charge to the Committee on Instructional, Computing and Research Support Services, as it appears in Section I-III, page I-19 of the Faculty Handbook be amended as follows:

The Committee on Instructional, Computing and Research Support Services shall consist of one faculty member from each of the colleges of the University, one of whom shall be appointed as chairperson; an undergraduate student; a graduate student; a designee of the Director of the Library; a designee of the Associate Provost for Instructional Technology; and a designee of the Associate Vice President for Computing and Network Services.

Item D: Senator Edward Schweizer offered the following motion which was placed on the agenda for October:

BE IT RESOLVED, that all of the parents of students who are members of live-in social organizations be advised, in writing, that the University does not have Residence Life staff members residing in the social organizations' housing units.

President Taggart adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Roof

Secretary
University Faculty Senate