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UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
FACULTY SENATE

16 DECEMBER 1996 MINUTES SUMMARY

I. Roll - The following Faculty Senate members were absent: Anderson, Burger, Calculator, Forest, Goodman, Greenlaw, Gross, Guidry, Halstead, Jolley, Komonchak, Laue, McConnell, McHugh, Morgan, O'Connell, Pokoski, Schwab, Seidel, Shotter.

II. Communications from the President - Planning for the university needs to be done in three stages. First is the institutional mission and second the institutional priorities. Lastly, the budget for the next year must be generated without deficit budgeting. We must get a base line budget and then look for ways to decentralize it. Faculty asked that faculty salaries be given a high priority in this budget planning, but the president felt that faculty salaries are within the purview of collective bargaining and thus could not be part of this planning effort.

III. Communications from the Chair - The Faculty Senate chair had invited a student to observe this Faculty Senate meeting, since she had asked at the UGCC meeting to observe at Faculty Senate in order to facilitate communication between constituencies. Many faculty felt that the students can access the information about the meetings through the Faculty Senate minutes which are on uninfo.homepages@unh.edu. Other faculty felt that students' efforts to enhance cooperation should be welcomed. This matter will be referred to the Agenda Committee of the Faculty Senate.

The Faculty Senate motion on calendar guidelines will govern the university calendar until June, 2000. The Faculty Senate chair has a meeting with the registrar on Jan. 7, to discuss how the registrar's office can work within that timing. The PAT, Operating Staff and Extension Educator Councils are working on a scholarship endowment and have asked faculty to support this effort. The Faculty Senate chair will add to the agenda a motion from Craig Wood on the grade submission deadline. The spring schedule of the Faculty Senate and of the Agenda Committee was presented, and the chair asked that senators send a representative if unable to attend a Faculty Senate meeting.

IV. Minutes - The minutes of the previous Faculty Senate meeting were approved.

V. Credit Transfer - At the last meeting, a motion was made by William Stine, chair of the Faculty Senate's Academic Affairs Committee, and seconded by Guy Petty that "**for transfer credits to meet major requirements, courses must be reviewed and approved by the receiving department. Previously approved courses may be reconsidered periodically by the receiving department.**" Similar language is already in the University Policy Handbook, and this motion is to clarify that the faculty approve that policy and do not want it changed. **The motion passed unanimously.**

VI. Representation for UNH-Manchester - UNH-Manchester now has two divisions,

which serve the same purpose as departments; and so UNH-Manchester would like to have two Faculty Senate seats. **Robert Macieski moved and Chris Balling seconded that another Faculty Senator from UNH-Manchester should be added.** Many faculty senators felt that a second senator for UNH-Manchester is needed to facilitate communication with that diverse area which covers a number of academic disciplines on two sites. Other professors commented on situations in the library and the History Department. **Ruth Sample moved and Craig Wood seconded that the motion should be held over to the next meeting. The motion to hold over passed.**

VII. Grade Report Deadline - **Craig Wood moved that, in response to the stalled negotiations on a faculty contract, the Faculty Senate agrees to extend the grade report deadline for Semester I, 1996/97, to January 10, 1997.** However, item nine of the Faculty Senate Constitution says that "Collective bargaining issues may be discussed, but no official action may be taken". Many faculty agreed with the motion on the grade report deadline, but other professors were concerned about its implications on December graduation, student suspensions, internships, registration for courses with prerequisites, violating the Faculty Senate Constitution, etc. Whether or not to eliminate the phrase about the faculty contract was discussed. A faculty member said that the AAUP could ask all tenure-track faculty to vote on the issue.

VIII. Appendices 1 and 2 of the Faculty Senate Constitution - **Janet Aikins moved and Craig Wood seconded that Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 of the Faculty Senate Constitution be designated instead as numbers 4 and 5 in the Bylaws of the Faculty Senate, thereby making these matters subject to item 7 rather than item 8 in the Constitution of the Faculty Senate.** Appendix 1 defines Faculty Senate seats, and Appendix 2 defines the committees and their corresponding administrators. **The motion passed.**

IX. Report on Affirmative Action - Ruth Sample reported on current discussion in the university Affirmative Action Committee. Ruth Sample and Dot Rentschler have been seated as faculty members of the committee. Does the Faculty Senate want to establish its own committee on affirmative action? If so, Affirmative Action Director Elizabeth Lewis would like to meet with the committee from time to time. Currently, the university Affirmative Action Committee has only one item on its agenda. That task is to consolidate affirmative action groups and to reduce the budget for affirmative action, as requested by the University Planning Council and President Peterson. The committee has met and drafted a description of affirmative action functions, without cuts. Also, recent court rulings have made goal setting on affirmative action problematic. The Faculty Senate's Agenda Committee will work on setting up a Faculty Senate Subcommittee on Affirmative Action.

X. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned.