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UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
FACULTY SENATE

16 SEPTEMBER 1996 MINUTES SUMMARY

I. Roll - The following Faculty Senate members were absent: Calculator, Cote, Crepeau, Forest, Goodman, Grosholz, Gross, Jolley, Morgan, Moynihan, and Wood..

II. Communications with President Leitzel - The president is pleased with the new governance structure and glad that the Faculty Senate committees each communicate with a specific vice president. There should be a strong system of shared governance by faculty, administration and the Board of Trustees. The University Governance Communication Council will bring together staff, students and faculty to share information. The council, chaired by the president, will be an information-sharing, not a decision-making group.

The president said that other forthcoming changes will be the business service centers and a reorganization of the Athletic Department and the administration of Facilities Services. The biggest problem is the absence of a faculty contract. The financial campaign for the Whittemore Center is concluding successfully, and now the university must establish a major financial campaign for academic excellence. Strategic planning must be accomplished and put in a comprehensive, long-range plan.

A professor expressed concern about statements by the contract negotiators comparing UNH to other regional universities. Faculty asked for the president's help in encouraging a resolution to the contract dispute. Concern was also expressed about transfer of course work, larger class size, and increased teaching by graduate students rather than faculty.

The president said that each course to be transferred must be approved by the appropriate UNH department and each student must be accepted by the UNH Admissions Office. Electronic teaching will be used more in the future. She expects to deal with the budget and to get to know the trustees as individuals. She will look for legitimate points of compromise and hopes the objectivity of the fact finder will bring us together.

III. Communications from the Chair - The search for a Vice President for Finance and Administration is completed, and Candace Corvey has accepted the position. Interim Vice President for Research and Public Service Don Sundberg's term was expiring, and a decision has been made for him to be Vice President for Research and Public Service for a two-year term, after which he will go on sabbatical and then return as a faculty member. The senate chair intends to end Faculty Senate meetings promptly at 5:00 p.m.

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

V. Appendix 1 of the Faculty Senate Constitution - Because changes in Faculty Senate representation have been requested by certain departments, **a motion was made** by Janet Aikins and seconded by John Miller **that the Faculty Senate confirm the following changes in Appendix 1 of the Faculty Senate Constitution: the Russian Department will be deleted as a separate department and will appear under the listing "German and Russian"; and the Medical Laboratory Science Department will be deleted as a separate department and will appear under the listing "Health Management and Policy and Medical Laboratory Science."** The motion passed.

VI. Future Agenda Items for the Faculty Senate - The Academic Affairs Committee was asked to take up the issue of transfer of credits from two-year colleges. The committee should also review the academic standards for student admission to UNH. The chair of the Academic Affairs Committee accepted these two charges.

VII. Inviting the President to Faculty Senate Meetings - Communication is better if she attends, but the group wants to maintain a sense of independence and freedom of expression. If the president wants to

attend regarding any issue, she is welcome to; and we will invite her on specific matters also. **A motion was made** by Chris Balling and seconded by Barbara Krysiak **that the Faculty Senate should inform the president that any time the president would like to come to meet with the Faculty Senate she is always welcome for as long as she desires, when she has any specific concern.**

The Agenda Committee meets regularly with the president and the provost. The Faculty Senate should meet with the president and other administrators to share specific information as desired, but the Faculty Senate deliberations should occur without the administration present. The Faculty Senate chair will share this understanding with the administration. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Committee Membership - Dot Rentschler is a member of the Committee on Part-Time Faculty. The Library Subcommittee needs one more member who is also a member of the Academic Affairs Committee. Since two other members of the Library Subcommittee are from Liberal Arts, the new member should be from another college. Guy Petty made a motion which David Richman seconded that **the latest version of the committee list be accepted by the Faculty Senate.** The motion passed unanimously.

The Faculty Senate Chair said that, before the October Faculty Senate meeting, each committee should meet with the vice president associated with the committee and should also assemble a charge for the committee and report on that charge at the October meeting of the Faculty Senate.

IX. Appointing a member to the Honorary Degrees and Awards Committee - Nominations for a faculty member of the Honorary Degrees and Awards Committee were accepted, and a vote was taken. The new member will be James Farrell, with John Shotter as his alternate.

X. Meeting Schedule - The schedule of meetings for the Faculty Senate and the Agenda Committee was presented to the Faculty Senate. Please refer to the schedule of the Agenda Committee when you have issues to bring before the Faculty Senate.

XI. Open Mike - Concern was expressed over the recent death of a student due to alcohol and also over another alcohol-related hospitalization this weekend. A number of other such incidents have occurred as well. A discussion ensued over the alcohol situation and policies, as well as on what action by the Faculty Senate would be appropriate. A motion was proposed that the Faculty Senate is saddened by recent events and wishes to remind students of the counseling opportunities on campus, so that those students who have problems or have friends with problems will utilize these services.

The issue was referred to the Student Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate. At the next Faculty Senate meeting, the Student Affairs Committee will respond to questions raised in this meeting and will present a motion or recommendation on the subject.

XII. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned.