

**Faculty Senate Minutes
November 19, 2001**

Present: David Bahar, Dave Balaam, Kris Bartanen, Bill Breitenbach, Terry Cooney, John Hanson, Kathie Hummel-Berry, Martin Jackson, Juli McGruder, Hans Ostrom (Chair), George Tomlin, Alexa Tullis, Roberta Wilson

Visitor: Carrie Washburn

Breitenbach M/S/P approval of minutes of previous meeting.

Ostrom made announcements:

- 1) suggesting that Senators watch for the minutes of Academic Standards Committee in which they would see a discussion of the pass/fail grade option.
- 2) noting that Diversity Committee had a new draft statement to be circulated via the web.

Old Business: The academic calendar

Hanson M/S/P that Senate ratify action of Curriculum Committee approving the "Guidelines for setting the academic calendar" which now reflect removal of Summer School session "Term D" previously scheduled by the School of Education but no longer needed.

There was some discussion, initiated by Senator Balaam, of additional time off at Thanksgiving given low attendance on the Wednesday before the holiday. Senators weighed in on this topic citing how such a change would affect particular classes and the possibility of replacing any lost class days with a shorter orientation period. Cooney noted that faculty had discussed and rejected a move to shorten orientation. The length of orientation was discussed. Bahar noted that in his experience the perception that students leave campus on the Tuesday before the Thanksgiving holiday is greater than the actual exodus. Hanson raised a point of information question as to the relative number of class days in each semester. Spring semester is 3 days longer than fall as currently constituted.

Washburn and Breitenbach recounted historical discussions of the calendar and the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, and of the creation of the fall break day. Breitenbach argued against asking Curriculum Committee to revisit these calendar-related issues given the amount of time already spent. At 4:31 the motion passed and the calendar guidelines were approved.

Jackson M/S/P approval of the basic academic calendar for AY 2005-2006.

Cooney M/S/P approval of the detailed academic calendar for AY 2002–2003, with friendly amendments from Bartenan and Washburn that made the following changes:

- Residential facilities open and the board plan meal service begins on Saturday August 24, not Friday August 23, as written.
- Orientation week runs from August 24 – September 2, Saturday – Monday, not September 1 (Sunday) as written.

New Business: The issue of the appointment procedure for the Media Advisor:

Bahar brought forward a printed document recommending changes to the faculty bylaws with regard to the appointment of the media advisor. This writer, and perhaps other Senators, were befuddled by the language of the document. We did not have before us the language of the faculty by-laws that the proposed change appeared to address.

Bahar offered that, in part, the question of the appointment procedures revolves around whether faculty who assume this position of media advisor do so as part of their teaching load or as University service. That question in turns seems to depend upon whether a given medium of expression (Cross Currents, the Trail, the KUPS radio station) is undertaken by students for academic or activity credit or as extracurricular activity. Cooney offered the information that:

- working on the Trail and at KUPS no longer earns credit toward a degree;

- the Senate executive committee appoints faculty to some forms of media oversight service, just as it does to standing committees;
- there are new media groups evolving that are not covered by any by-law documents, neither those of the faculty nor of ASUPS
- the sovereignty of the media board is protected by its own governance structure;
- the language concerning the media advisor in the ASUPS by-laws may no longer be current in that it refers to a now defunct **staff** position of media advisor.

Unable to discern the nature of the problem to which the proposed changes speak nor a clear solution to same, the Senate declined to act on the proposed changes. The document proposing said changes is reproduced here in full.

Adjourned 4:46

Respectfully, if a bit belatedly, submitted

Juli McGruder

A reproduction of the document referred to under "new business" above:

Proposed changes—to the Faculty By-Laws
Concerning the ASUPS Student Media Department

[last revised 11/05/01]

1. If his/her department **does** receive academic credit from the University, the ASUPS Student Media Head shall sit, as a voting member [his/her voting power only pertains to the selection of the Media Advisor that he/she will be working with], on the Faculty committee which selects the media advisor that he/she will be working with.

2. ASUPS Media Advisors serve infinitely renewable one (1) year terms.

Vice President, Terry Cooney, ASUPS Vice President Trina Olson, and ASUPS CrossCurrents Media Head, Teri Eastlund, met Tuesday November 1 to discuss these changes. While Cooney thought that the process to change by-laws was arduous, and would be more than willing to create an agreement between himself and Eastlund for this year, we found it more appropriate to make the necessary changes to the formal documents so as to ensure that the collaboration will be a permanent one.