

## **Faculty Senate Minutes March 3, 1997**

**Senators Present:** Bill Beardsley, Terry Cooney, Bill Haltom, Kathy Hummel-Berry, Judith Kay, Grace Kirchner, Bruce Lind, Bob Matthews, Keith Maxwell, Ili Nagy, Marta Robertson, Sarah Sloane, Bryan Smith, Bob Steiner, Michael Farmer, Kevin Barhydt

**Minutes of 2/3/97 and 2/17/97** were approved with minor corrections.

### **Announcements:**

1. The newly elected president of ASUPS, Kevin Barhydt, was welcomed to the Faculty Senate.
2. The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be 3/24/97.
3. The Chair noted that there have been no requests for an appeal regarding the code interpretation by the Professional Standards Committee. Thus, the interpretation becomes final. (See Faculty Senate Minutes of 1/27/97 regarding "Interpretation of Chapter III, Section 6, Whether a Five-Year Evaluation of a Full Professor Entails 'Altering the Status of the Evaluated Faculty Member's Appointment' So As To Be Subject to Appeals Procedures.)

**Honorary Degree Recipients:** Cooney reported to the Senate the names of those proposed by the Honorary Degrees Committee to receive honorary degrees at this year's commencement. Cooney revealed the identities of the proposed recipients on the understanding that they not be included in the minutes since the names will not be made available to the general campus community and to the public until a later date.

**ACTION: M/S/P that the Senate approve the slate of honorary degree recipients.**

**Graduate Student Eligibility for ASUPS Committee Membership:** In response to a question raised at the last Faculty Senate meeting, Haltom reported that graduate students are assessed ASUPS fees and are therefore eligible for membership on committees. Matthews asked if graduate students are advised of this. Barhydt responded that they are not specifically solicited but that there is a general solicitation published in the Tattler.

**Continuing Discussion of Bylaw Changes Regarding Committee Membership:** Kirchner noted that the proposal for membership of the Diversity Committee reflects concerns the Senate has had regarding composition of the committee. Specifically, changing the language defining faculty members to "no fewer than five appointed faculty members" permits an appointment of a number of faculty sufficient to create a committee majority. Also, this wording is consistent with the membership formulas of the other standing committees. In addition, the new language specifies that a maximum of three staff members may be appointed. Traditionally, two staff members have been the Assistant Dean of Students and the Director of the Access to College Initiative. Kay indicated that she supported this word change so that these responsibilities could be shared among staff from other divisions.

Matthews asked if there had been any thought to making the Diversity Committee a University Community Committee. Kirchner responded that this suggestion had not been well received. If made a University committee there would be no requirement to report to the Senate as it does now as a standing committee of the faculty. Cooney wondered what the assumptions were behind the reporting requirement for this committee when only 5 of the 16 members are faculty. Lind stated that keeping this committee under the faculty was desirable because we can control the appointments. Kirchner expressed the view that appointment procedures would be the same in either case.

The discussion of the Diversity Committee concluded with the Senate accepting the proposal as written.

**Faculty Governance and Accreditation Review.** Kirchner indicated she would determine if there are any governance issues which need to be resolved for the accreditation review.

**Professional Standards Committee Role.** Kirchner reminded the Senate that we had asked the PSC to look at its function. Cooney stated that the Senate's specific request may not be clear from the materials provided to the committee. Beardsley recalled that one issue to be looked at was whether it is desirable to continue having the committee involved both in policy-making and exercising a judicial function. It was noted that any change will involve changes in numerous documents, Faculty Code and Bylaw provisions. No action was taken.

**Comments Regarding Academic Standards Committee Plagiarism Policy Statement.** The 30-day comment period expires on 3/9/97. Any comments must be submitted to Kirchner by that date. This can be done by e-mail.

Adjourned 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Maxwell