

Faculty Senate Minutes March 4, 1996

Present: Beardsley, Bristow, Butcher, Chandler, Farmer, Goleeke, Kay, Kirchner, Mace, Matthews, Potts, Rocchi, Smith, Stirling

Guests: Haltom, Moore, Nunn

Kirchner called the meeting to order at 4:05.

1. The minutes of February 19, 1996 were approved with the following changes.
 - (i) Under 4.(a) (Ongoing review of the Enrichment Committee and its duties) the following text (in boldface) should be inserted into Bylaws V,6,D,b,1: To promote the professional growth of the Faculty by seeking and receiving funds for research and travel, to budget and allocate such funds and **to receive and** approve research and travel reports.
 - (ii) Under 4.(b) (Proposed changes to the Bylaws governing the duties of the Curriculum Committee):
 - (a) The first "M/S/P" statement should read: M/S/P that the Senate recommend that the words "and to review proposals for new majors and programs" be appended to the language of Bylaws V,6,B,b,7 (changed from V,6,B,b,5).
 - (b) The last "M/S/P" should include the following:
 1. Insert: **M/S/F To change the phrase "initiate reviews of the core" to "initiate periodic reviews of the core."**
 2. The sentence "To monitor ... " should be added to the Bylaws as item **8** of V,6,B,b (instead of item 7).
 - (iii) Under 5. The phrase "To annually report ..." should be changed to "**To report annually....**"
2. There were no announcements.
3. There was no report from the chair.
4. Continued discussion of the Ad Hoc Committee report on the Student Life Committee (SLC).

Discussion centered on the pending motion to abolish the SLC. Most comments favored having some faculty group act in an advisory fashion to the Dean of Students. The SLC is a reasonable choice for this group (and in fact the SLC currently functions in this manner) but the Bylaws' charges to the SLC are inappropriate for this task. The options discussed included (in no particular order):

- (i) Keep the SLC as a standing committee but change the Bylaws to

- reflect its advisory nature to the Dean of Students.
- (ii) Abolish the SLC as a standing committee but institute a faculty sponsored Advisory Committee.
 - (iii) Abolish the SLC as a standing committee but institute a University Community Committee (similar to the Committee on Honorary Degrees.)
 - (iv) Abolish the SLC.

M/S/P that the SLC both report to the senate with suggested changes to the Bylaws V,6,F by April 15, 1996 and that the senate postpone further deliberation on this issue until its April 15, 1996 meeting.

5. Discussion of filling of unexpired terms of members of the Faculty Advancement Committee (FAC) who have resigned.

M/S/P As the Bylaws are silent concerning the filling of unexpired terms of members of the Faculty Advancement Committee who have resigned and as a vacancy on the FAC requires immediate action, the Senate exercises its authority (Bylaws VI,3,A) and determines that Bylaws V,C,b allow for the existing vacancy to be filled by a replacement chosen to serve a full three year term.

6. Discussion of the Ad Hoc Committee report on the Academic Standards Committee (ASC).

After a brief discussion the Senate decided, by acclamation, to defer discussion of the sizes of all standing committees (and hence, the ASC) to a later meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan Smith