

Executive Committee Minutes

November 1, 1999

(Approved)

Chairperson Curt White called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chris Knox, Barbara Kurtz, Fred Noyes, Khalid Razaki, Curt White, Steve Whitmore, Al Goldfarb, Matt Goodwin, President Boschini, Sandra Zielinski, Steve McCaw, Vanatta Ford

Approval of Executive Minutes

Motion XXXI-48: by Senator Razaki, second by Senator Knox, to approve the October 18, 1999 Executive Committee minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Communications (Oral):

10.21.99.01 From UCC: Proposal for new major and minor in Applied Computer Science (To Rules and Budget Committees)

10.25.99.01 From Student Volunteer Center: Request for donations of Christmas gifts for needy children

10.27.99.01-02 From Sandra Little: Political Science Sequence in Public Service Proposal and Political Science Sequence in Applied Community and Economic Development Proposal (To Academic Affairs and Budget Committees)

10.28.99.01 From Sharon Stanford: University Review Committee Membership Apportionment (To Academic Affairs and Rules Committees)

10.29.99.01 Consider the Children Presentations

10.29.99.02 From Sandra Little: Honorary Degree Committee Selection (To Rules Committee)

11.01.99.01 From the Provost: Selection of Distinguished Professors

Senator Goldfarb: A group of Distinguished Professors will make the recommendations for selections to the Provost and to the President. The President will forward recommendations to the Senate for affirmation.

11.01.99.02 From Norma Honn: President Boschini will be absent from the November 10, 1999 Senate Meeting.

Communications (distributed):

10.22.99.01 From Jamal Nassar, Department of Political Science Chairperson: Recommendation to eliminate Constitution test with approval of a course on U.S. Government and Politics accepted in the middle core of the General Education program.

Senator Knox: Will this proposal replace Political Science 101 with 105?

Senator White: At this point, we don't have the specifics.

Senator Goldfarb: Stated that the course should be reviewed in relation to the General Education Committee curricular criteria with a recommendation from the committee about the Constitutional requirement. He also suggested Academic Standards and Academic Affairs Committees review it.

Senator Kurtz: Stated that there was discussion in the Senate about the Constitution test being an online exam so that the task of grading the test would no longer be the department's responsibility.

Senator Knox: Asked what aspects of the proposal General Education and Academic Standards would review.

Senator White: Academic Standards would look at whether or not it was important for us to have a Constitution test and General Education would look at whether or not the proposed course fit the curricular criteria.

Senator Knox: Asked about the timeline for a decision on the proposal.

Senator Razaki: Stated that we could not be governed by the request that the proposal be implemented in time for the 2000-2001 catalog.

Senator White: Suggested sending the proposal to Academic Affairs for review and asking the committee to consult with the General Education Committee and the Academic Standards Committee.

Senator Razaki: Stated that the Academic Affairs Committee should not have the authority to make the final decision about the proposal. General Education and Academic Standards should be able to veto the proposal if it did not fit their criteria.

Senator White: Stated that it was a Constitutional question and ultimately the Senate would decide. Therefore, we will ask Academic Affairs to get input from General Education and Academic Standards and then forward their recommendation to the Senate.

Senator Zielinski: Stated that we have no discretion about whether or not General Education would approve the course in U.S. Government and Politics to replace the Constitution.

Senator White: We can act on curricular matters that come from a committee or that we create ourselves.

Senator Zielinski: But ordinarily we only receive course proposals from committees, which the committees have already approved.

Senator Goldfarb: Asked that the Academic Affairs Committee check to see if Political Science has had the course approved by General Education.

Senator McCaw: If the department wants to eliminate the burden of grading the test, the proposal seems self-serving. Students should have the option of taking the test. With this proposal they will no longer have that option; they would have to take the proposed government course.

Senator Whitmore: Disagreed. He said that the new class would be part of the middle core of General Education and students would have three different courses from which to choose.

Service Awards

Senator White: Asked if the Faculty Affairs Committee would make nominations for approval by Senate for the service award or if the committee itself would choose the recipients.

The Executive Committee agreed that Faculty Affairs would choose the recipients.

Proposed Agenda for Academic Senate Meeting 11/10/99 at 7:00 P.M.

Senate Faculty Caucus November 10, 1999 at 6:00 p.m.: Non-tenure track faculty

Action Items:

09.24.99.01 Proposal for Minor in East Asian Studies (Academic Affairs and Budget Committees)

09.24.99.02 Deletion of Minor in Japanese Studies (Academic Affairs Committee)

07.27.99.01 College of Education Revised Bylaws (Rules Committee)

09.14.99.02 College of Applied Science and Technology Revised Bylaws (Rules Com.)

Information Items:

10.07.99.02 Proposal for Major and Minor in Industrial Technology Education (Academic Affairs and Budget Committees)

Motion XXXI-49: To approve the agenda by Senator Zielinski, second by Senator Goodwin. Agenda was approved unanimously.

Motion XXXI-50: To adjourn. Approved unanimously.