

## Executive Committee Minutes

November 15, 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, Matt Goodwin, President Boschini, Sandra Zielinski, Steve McCaw, Vanatta Ford

Excused Absence: Steve Whitmore, Al Goldfarb

### *Approval of Executive Minutes*

**Motion XXXI-61:** by Senator Razaki, second by Senator Goodwin, to approve the November 1, 1999 Executive Committee minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

### *Communications (oral):*

11.04.99.01 From Sally Pancrazio: Survey of 1997-98 Baccalaureate Teacher Education Graduates (Available for review at Senate office)

11.09.99.01 From Betty Chapman: Facilities Planning Report (To Budget and Administrative Affairs Committees). The Administrative Affairs Committee will meet with Richard Runner, Assistant Vice President of Physical Planning, to review the report.

11.09.99.02 From University Curriculum Committee: Applied Community Development Sequence in Economics Proposal (To Academic Affairs and Budget Committees)

### *Communications (distributed):*

11.02.99.01 Letter from Alan Lacy: Disagrees with extension of time for nominations for Service Awards. (The Senate office has received one additional nomination for the service awards.)

### *Proposed Agenda for Academic Senate Meeting 12/1/99 at 7:00 P.M.*

#### *Action Items:*

10.29.99.02 Honorary Degree Committee Selection (Rules & Student Affairs Committees)

#### *Information Items:*

10.21.99.01 Applied Computer Science Major and Minor Proposal (Academic Affairs and Budget Committees)

**Motion XXXI-62:** To approve the agenda by Senator Zielinski, second by Senator Goodwin. Two additional items may be added to the agenda, a proposal from the University Curriculum Committee (UCC) and an item regarding the fair treatment of students at university sponsored events. Agenda was approved unanimously.

#### *Discussion:*

#### *University Curriculum Committee Proposal*

**Senator White:** The University Curriculum Committee proposal is extremely consequential for the traditions of the Senate. In essence, it stops approval of course proposals at the college level. Proposals would not even go to the UCC.

Programming, with the exception of General Education, would come to the Executive Committee for review and, if necessary, forwarded to the Academic Affairs Committee. There would be approximately a month of time saved with this process. Additionally, there would be a Sense of the Senate Resolution that all colleges and departments integrate students into their curriculum committees.

**Senator Zielinski:** The resolution will be broadened to include students on other committees within departments, including the curriculum committees.

**Senator White:** Most of what the Senate does with the proposals is not consequential and the Senate may use this as an opportunity to redefine what it does on campus.

**Senator Knox:** Noted that the Senate had found an error in one of the proposals regarding the total number of hours required for the proposed minor.

**Senator Razaki:** If the Executive Committee has any questions about proposals, can it forward the proposals to the Senate?

**Senator White:** Yes. Also, we might want to design a form for the UCC to inform the Executive Committee about any concerns committee members had about proposals.

**Senator Razaki:** One of the problems is that this will give the Executive Committee a lot of extra work. In a sense, we will become a substitute for the Academic Affairs Committee and the Budget Committee.

**Senator White:** The alternative that UCC proposed was that the proposals stopped at UCC and we never see them.

**Senator Zielinski:** The Rules Committee would not go along with that. Rules finally reached the compromise for the Executive Committee to receive proposals.

**Senator Razaki:** The campus community will no longer have a forum if someone has a problem with a proposal.

**Senator Zielinski:** The university community has a chance to look at a proposal prior to it coming to the Executive Committee and to UCC.

### *Fair Treatment of Students at University Events*

**Senator Ford:** Stated that the Academic Affairs Committee is discussing the fair treatment of students involved in university events, an academic policy proposal from Professor Roger Tarr. This would involve excusing students from classes who are involved in events on behalf of the university.

**Senator White:** This issue has been referred to the Academic Standards Committee as well and the committee has this on its agenda for its upcoming meeting. Senator White suggested that the Academic Affairs Committee receive an opinion on the issue from Academic Standards before bringing it to the Senate as an information item.

**Note:** Copies of proposal also forwarded to Student Affairs Committee April 1999.

### *Honorary Degree Recipient*

**Senator Boschini:** Last year, the Senate approved Gwendolyn Brooks and Judith Ivey as recipients of Honorary Degrees. Gwendolyn Brooks, however, is not available to come to the university to accept this degree. Judith Ivey will be here on Founders Day in February 2000 to accept her honorary degree.

### *Class Schedules*

**Senator Razaki:** Stated that the Accounting Department usually has Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday class schedules. He stated that accounting faculty preferred teaching two 75-minute classes, but are really being pressured by the college to go to a Monday/Wednesday/Friday 50-minute schedule. A lot of the faculty members think this will

be detrimental for the students. The 75-minute time period is optimal for presenting accounting concepts. Also, there is no way to test students comprehensively on this material in less time.

**Senator McCaw:** Some class schedules were changed because there was too much time allotted for a class and classrooms were sitting empty.

**Senator Zielinski:** The Theatre Department has a variety of class lengths, two-hour classes, an hour and 15 minutes, etc.

**Senator White:** This would be more of a College Council issue than a Senate issue.

*Athletic Director at Senate Meeting*

**Senator McCaw:** Stated that within the bylaws, there is a stipulation about asking the Athletic Director to periodically attend Senate meetings to report on athletic activities. He suggested that we invite the new Director to the Senate.

**Senator White:** Agreed to invite the Director to attend a Senate meeting in the spring.

**Motion XXXI-63:** by Senator Razaki, second by Senator Zielinski, to adjourn. Approved unanimously.