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SUMMARY OF FACULTY SENATE MEETING 10/13/03

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Heston at 3:20 P.M.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes of the 9/22/03 meeting as submitted by Senator O'Kane; second by Senator Christensen. Motion passed.

CALL FOR PRESS IDENTIFICATION

Terry Hudson of the Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier was present.

COMMENTS FROM PROVOST PODOLEFSKY

The Provost reported that President Koob has appointed people to the advisory committee on tuition.

He also commented on the recent state budget report, noting that this amounts to about \$2 million for UNI.

The Provost also noted that an 8.3% increase in tuition has been recommended to the Board of Regents. Students are likely to comment on the proposed rate increase at the next Regents meeting.

COMMENTS FROM FACULTY CHAIR, CAROL COOPER

Dr. Cooper remarked that she attended the dedication of the McCollum Science Hall last Friday, rode in the homecoming parade Saturday, and that NCATE, the national accrediting agency for teacher education, is currently on campus.

She reminded the Senate that the Board of Regents meets this Wednesday and Thursday in Iowa City. She also noted that on Thursday, October 30, there will be a forum for those running in the municipal election at the Cedar Falls City Hall with Betty DeBerg as moderator; this forum is co-sponsored by the Faculty Senate.

COMMENTS FROM CHAIR, MELISSA HESTON

Chair Heston commented that she had a good time riding in the homecoming parade, and that it would be a good thing for faculty to participate in in the future.

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR ITEMS FOR DOCKETING

855 Accept Committee on Committees 2003-2004 Report

Motion to docket in regular order at #765 by Senator Chancey; second by Senator Pohl. Motion passed.

CONSIDERATION OF DOCKETED ITEMS

762 Accept Intercollegiate Athletics Advisory Council report

Paul Turman, Chairman, and Anne Woodrick, NCAA Faculty Representative, and Rick Hartzell, UNI Athletic Director, were present and answered several questions from members of the Senate.

Motion to accept report by Senator Romanin; second by Senator Moore. Motion passed.

764 Emeritus Status request for Carol A. Anderson, Chemistry, effective 5/03

It was unclear from the request form whether Ms. Anderson met the requirements for emeritus status.

Motion to table by Dr. Cooper; second by Senator Pohl. Motion passed. Chair Heston will gather additional information on Ms. Anderson's eligibility and report back to the Senate.

765 Accept Committee on Committee on Committees 2003-2004 report.

Motion to accept by Senator Vajpeyi; second by Senator Pohl.

Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

DRAFT FOR SENATOR'S REVIEW**MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE MEETING****10/13/03****1595**

PRESENT: Ronnie Bankston, Karen Couch Breitbach, Clif Chancey, David Christensen, Carol Cooper, Cindy Herndon, Melissa Heston, Associate Provost Koch, Otto MacLin, Susan Moore, Chris Ogbondah,

Steve O'Kane, Provost Podolefsky, Gayle Pohl, Tom Romanin, Roberta Roth, Dhirendra Vajpeyi, Katherine van Wormer, Shahram Varzavand, Donna Vinton, Mir Zaman

Absent: Jesse Swan

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COMMENTS FROM PROVOST PODOLEFSKY

The Provost reported that President Koob has appointed people to the advisory committee on tuition but they have not yet been contacted.

He also commented on the recent state budget report, noting that this shortfall is new information for the cabinet. Up to this point they have been assured by state governmental leaders that there was no reason to worry about mid-year reductions. It is too early to make any decisions or statements about how we will respond but that we will use the processes and consultant with various groups as we did in the past. The cut amounts to about \$2 million for UNI, which means we have to not spend \$2 million this year. As it is a base budget reduction, that means we can choose between using temporary funds to not spend this year and reallocate next year, or to cut at the base this year. He stated that there is no easy way to resolve a \$2 million hole in the budget.

The Provost also noted that an 8.3% increase in tuition has been recommended to the Board of Regents. This was the first reading and he expects the students to comment at the next meeting. It is possible that this most recent budget cut may affect the amount of the increase. The President and the cabinet feel that the students have borne their share of the state's difficulties and we should not burden them further.

COMMENTS FROM FACUTY CHAIR, CAROL COOPER

Dr. Cooper remarked that she has been busy, attending the dedication of the McCollum Science Hall last Friday. She also rode in the homecoming parade Saturday, which was rather enjoyable. Dr. Cooper also noted that NCATE, the national accrediting agency for teacher education, is currently on campus.

She reminded the Senate that the Board of Regents meets this Wednesday and Thursday in Iowa City. One of the items that will be presented is the report from the Regents Interinstitutional Task Force of Scholarly Communication; Senators Chancey and Ogbondah sat on this committee.

Dr. Cooper also noted that on Thursday, October 30, there will be a forum for those running in the municipal election at the Cedar Falls City Hall with Betty DeBerg as moderator; this forum is co-sponsored by the Faculty Senate.

COMMENTS FROM CHAIR HESTON

Chair Heston commented that she had a good time riding in the homecoming parade. It was fun to see all the students and colleagues, and those that participated agreed that it would be a good thing for faculty to participate in to the degree that we can manage it in the future.

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR ITEMS FOR DOCKETING

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Paul Turman, Chairman, and Anne Woodrick, NCAA Faculty Representative, and Rick Hartzell, UNI Athletic Director, were present to answer questions.

Dr. Cooper asked Dr. Woodrick to describe her role as NCAA Faculty Representative, and how she thinks that role relates to the Senate. Dr. Woodrick responded that her appointment comes from President Koob directly and she reports to him any concerns she may have in terms of the conjunction between athletics and academics here at UNI. As NCAA Faculty Representative, she is a non-voting member of the Intercollegiate Athletic Advisory Council and reports every month regarding academic reforms in the NCAA and any business that would be pertinent for the Council to know. She also asks Diane Wallace of the Registrar's Office to

put together various reports on the academic achievements of student athletics. She also chairs the Compliance Team at UNI, which consists of Mr. Hartzell, Sandy Williamson, Athletics, Colleen Heimstead, Athletics, Diane Wallace, Registrar's Office, Dan Schofield, Admissions, Reg Green, Academic Advising and Heather Soesbe, Financial Aid Office. They meet fall and spring, or as needed, to discuss issues that come up.

Dr. Cooper also asked if Woodrick attended the NCAA meetings and votes on behalf of the university. Dr. Woodrick responded that it is not a one-vote/one institution structure anymore. Mr. Hartzell noted that the NCAA system has changed with most of it being done online through the Missouri Valley Conference with Dr. Woodrick and Dr. Williamson handling most of the input as to how UNI should vote. Dr. Woodrick commented that she does attend NCAA seminars and Missouri Valley Conference meetings.

Dr. Cooper remarked that she has been pleased with the way UNI handles their athletics and that she feels we do a better job than Iowa or Iowa State. Mr. Hartzell responded that UNI spends one-fifth as much money as they do, and the reason UNI is able to have a handle on its athletics program because our coaches are teachers first. They all teach, as well as teaching their specific sport. The other two institutions in the state have lost that and that's perhaps one of the reasons they have dropped.

Senator Chancey questioned how athletics are advised. Mr. Hartzell responded that they are advised out of their academic departments and through the campus advising office. Due to the budget cuts, UNI has lost the position that was specifically the athletics academic advisor. However with that position gone the coaches now have more ownership over their athletics and the athletes' grade point averages increase in the last two semesters. The coaches know they have to be more involved with their athletes on a daily basis. The GPAs for athletes at UNI is the highest it has ever been, the graduation rate is higher than that of the general UNI student body, and the highest in the Missouri Valley Conference. Senator Chancey remarked that he was not aware of this and that it is very good news.

Mr. Hartzell noted that the college he was Athletic Director at prior to UNI had the number one graduation rate in the country eight of the eleven years he was there. This is the top commitment he brings to UNI; the athletes are here to study and graduate first.

Senator O'Kane spoke in response to Mr. Hartzell's comments, noting that whenever he receives a call from a coach about a student athlete, the coach has been very supportive.

Associate Provost Koch remarked that not too long ago UNI went through the NCAA certification process and asked Mr. Hartzell for an update.

Mr. Hartzell responded that UNI sent in all the appropriate paperwork, had a campus visit, responded appropriately, and the final decision is due this weekend. We have no reason to believe that we will not be certified. Associate Provost Koch asked Mr. Hartzell to report back to the Senate on this.

Senator Bankston commended the Council on what they are doing, noting that it indicates a positive direction, and questioned what issues were left to address.

Mr. Hartzell responded that one of the main things was the shift in their exit interviews last year to try to learn more about why some student athletes leave before they complete their studies. Traditionally only those who graduated were surveyed. At coaching meetings, coaches will talk about the things they are trying to do to help their student athletes, and the coaches are pretty innovative with the things they are doing to make sure their athletes are getting the things they need academically. This may account for the rising GPA's of student athletes.

Associate Provost Koch commented that she believes the loss of the Athletic Academic Advisor is still an issue that is on the table and appreciates the way the coaching staff and people in Academic Advising are picking up the slack. She also appreciates the fact that the coaches and people in the Athletic Department are monitoring their students.

Dr. Woodrick noted that UNI's exit interview is on a website and she will e-mail the URL to Chair Heston for distribution to the Senate.

Motion to accept report by Senator Romanin; second by Senator Moore. Motion passed.

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Motion to table by Dr. Cooper; second by Senator Pohl. Motion passed. Chair Heston will gather additional information on Ms. Anderson's eligibility and report back to the Senate.

Chair Heston noted that Senator MacLin has agreed to update the Faculty Senate website.

765 Accept Committee on Committee on Committees 2003-2004 report

Motion to accept by Senator Vajpeyi; second by Senator Pohl.

Chair Heston noted that some of the slots on committees were just filled or are in the process of being filled and updates will be forwarded.

Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Senator Zaman; second by Senator O'Kane.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dena Snowden
Faculty Senate Secretary