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SUMMARY OF FACULTY SENATE MEETING 10/28/02

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cooper called the Senate to order at 3:16 P.M., noting that Dean Callahan will be attending today's meeting and the Senate may move the Price Lab School discussion to the head of today's agenda once he arrives.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Chair Cooper noted the minutes for the last meeting, October 14 will be delayed until the November 11 meeting.

CALL FOR PRESS IDENTIFICATION

Terry Hudson, Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier was present.

COMMENTS FROM PROVOST PRODOLEFSKY

The Provost had no comments for today's meeting.

COMMENTS FROM FACULTY CHAIR, MELISSA HESTON

Dr. Heston encouraged the Senate to talk to students and colleagues about possible calendar changes and to get that information to the Calendar Committee, as they will be meeting early November to review feedback they've received.

COMMENTS FROM CHAIR, CAROL COOPER

Chair Cooper noted that Election day is approaching and urged the Senator's to vote and to become educated about the educational stance of the people who are running. She noted both gubernatorial candidates are putting education first and will hopefully have funding to allow that to happen.

She welcomed a new Senator, Jesse Swan, from English Language and Literature who replaces Richard Utz.

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR ITEMS FOR DOCKETING

824 Emeritus Status request for Paul R. Trafton,
Department of Mathematics, effective 12/02

Motion to docket in regular order as item #734 by Senator Couch
Breitbach; second by Senator Chancey. Motion passed.

825 Resolution on Tuition

Motion to docket in regular order as item #735 by Senator
Kashef; second by Senator Pohl. Motion passed.

826 Request for study of Academic Titles

This item is to be referred to the Ad Hoc Committee on Titles.

NEW BUSINESS**ONGOING BUSINESS**

Motion to defer discussion until Dean Callahan arrives by
Senator Terlip; second by Senator Couch Breitbach. Motion
passed.

CONSIDERATION OF DOCKETED ITEMS

734 Emeritus Status request for Paul R. Trafton, Department of
Mathematics, effective 12/02.

Motion to accept by Senator Zaman; second by Senator Kashef.

Motion passed.

735 Resolution on Tuition

Motion to table the resolution until the next meeting by Senator
Romanin; second by Senator Chancey.

Motion passed.

Dean Callahan arrived that the Senate moved to Ongoing Business, Price Lab School.

Dean Callahan noted that the College of Education Senate accepted the first part of his report dealing with curriculum, deferring on the second part, feeling they did not have adequate information on the second part as it deals with the budget. The Teacher Education Council has accepted the total report. He also noted parent reaction has been positive and faculty members other than those from official bodies dealing with the report have also been supportive.

Dean Callahan noted that from here the report is forwarded to the Vice Provost.

The Provost noted that once he receives the report he would forward his recommendation to the President. Chair Cooper questioned that if there were to be a change at the Lab School, would that be on the Regents docket for November? Provost Podolefsky responded that the reason the Lab School issue is on the Regents docket is the potential for changing grade levels and/or curriculum, both of which are of interest to the Board, and the parents wanted to know if there could be a change so they would be able to relocate their children. It is presently docketed but if it would not be is up to the Board. Chair Cooper noted that we would know that by looking at the Docket for the November Regents board meeting which comes out the Friday before.

Senator Terlip moved to accept Dean Callahan's report and thanked him for all his hard work; second by Senator Pohl.

Discussion followed with Senator Terlip noting that in her motion, she was referring to the first, curricular part of the report and that the Senate has no say in the budgetary issues.

Motion passed unanimously.

Senator Terlip thanked Nadene Davidson, Jodi Stone and all the people that were involved in this process who spent a huge amount of time working on this, noting that we all owe them a big debt of gratitude.

Chair Cooper noted that this has been one of the longest and most draining issues that has come before the Senate, and it will be nice if we can put this behind us and move forward.

ADJOURNMENT

DRAFT FOR SENATOR'S REVIEWS**MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE MEETING**

10/28/02

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PRESENT: Kenneth Basom, Karen Couch Breitbach, Clif Chancey, Carol Cooper, Cindy Herndon, Melissa Heston, Ali Kashef, Susan Moore, Chris Ogbondah, Provost Podolefsky, Gayle Pohl, Tom Romanin, Jesse Swan, Laura Terlip, Katherine vanWormer, Susan Wurtz, Donna Vinton, Mir Zaman.

Lynn Nielsen was attending for David Christensen and Keith Crew was attending for Dhirendra Vajpeyi.

ABSENT: Shahram Varzavand.

CALL TO ORDER

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APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Chair Cooper noted the minutes for the last meeting, October 14, which was a rather lengthy discussion, will be delayed until the November 11 meeting.

CALL FOR PRESS IDENTIFICATION

Terry Hudson, Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier was present.

COMMENT FROM PROVOST PODOLEFSKY

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COMMENTS FROM FACULTY CHAIR, MELISSA HESTON

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COMMENTS FROM CHAIR COOPER

Chair Cooper noted that Election day is approaching and she encouraged the Senator's to all vote and to become as educated as they can about the educational stance of the people who are running. She noted that both gubernatorial candidates are putting education first and will hopefully have funding to allow that to happen.

She welcomed a new Senator, Jesse Swan, from English Language and Literature who replaces Richard Utz.

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR ITEMS FOR DOCKETING

824 Emeritus Status request for Paul R. Trafton, Department of Mathematics, effective 12/02.

Motion to docket in regular order as item #734 by Senator Couch Breitbach; second by Senator Chancey. Motion passed.

825 Resolution on Tuition

Chair Cooper noted that she was the petitioner and the intent is for the Senate to work on to support the students as they work toward maintaining tuition.

Motion to docket in regular order as item #735 by Senator Kashef; second by Senator Pohl. Motion passed.

826 Request for study of Academic Titles

Chair Cooper noted that this item came before the Senate when they met in executive session in August. An Ad Hoc Committee was formed to look into this issue and they have been meeting. This request is forwarded to the Faculty Senate from the College

of Education Senate for action. This item is to be referred to the Ad Hoc Committee on Titles. Motion passed.

ONGOING BUSINESS

Chair Cooper noted that Dean Callahan has not yet arrived. The Senate has received quite a bit of information on the Price Lab School issue recently starting with Dean Callahan's recommendation, an earlier resolution from the Teacher Education Faculty, followed by a resolution from the College of Education Senate accepting the first half of the of the Dean's report dealing with curriculum. She urged the Senate to stay with the Curricular issues and not part from them so that any discussion other than curricular impact would be out of order.

We have a curricular statement from Dean Callahan that he would like to pass on to the Provost relating to keeping Price Lab School as a K-12 school.

Motion to defer discussion until Dean Callahan arrives by Senator Terlip; second by Senator Couch Breitbach. Motion passed.

CONSIDERATION OF DOCKETED ITEMS

734 Emeritus Status request for Paul R. Trafton, Department of Mathematics, effective 12/02

Motion to accept by Senator Zaman; second by Senator Kashef.

Dr. Heston remarked that Dr. Trafton has been at UNI for a number of years, working with young children's understanding of mathematics and development of curriculum regarding effective teaching of mathematics to young children.

Motion passed.

Chair Cooper reminded the Senators to have faculty in their departments that will be retiring to send their materials to their Senate and have the Senate forward those request to either herself or to Senate Secretary Dena Snowden. Many times faculty fill out the paper work but just don't know what to do with them.

735 Resolution on Tuition

Motion to accept by Senator Romanin; second by Senator Ogbondah.

Chair Cooper commented that as author of the resolution she was trying to get at the fact that not just students are impacted by the increased tuition. The conflict of students working and going to school is becoming somewhat overwhelming.

Senator Couch Breitbach suggested some numbers or data to help illustrate the pattern. The numbers or percentage of students working or the number of hours working outside the university, on campus, the number of hours they are working would help support our case.

Discussion followed and it was noted that Financial Aid made a presentation to the Faculty Senate last year that touched on this topic.

Senator Herndon suggested making a distinction between hours worked as co-op, internship, or as academic credit, and hours worked as just jobs.

The Provost commented that the UNI student leaders, Jeff Scudder and Emiliano Lerda have made exceptional presentations at the last two Regents Board meetings and they have very clearly laid out the difficulties for students as a result of these tuition increases, as have the student leaders from the other Regents institutions. They have done an excellent job and have consistently laid the difficulty where it belongs, which is in the reduction of state support rather than the overall cost of educating a student. Looking at the cost increases in educating a student, it has not gone up much more than the cost of living. However, if you look at the cost of tuition, it has gone up very quickly because of the decline of support by the state. He noted that they have done a tremendous job representing their own interests, as well as ours. And he noted that he supports the resolution.

Chair Cooper responded that this resolution was drafted just after hearing the student leaders speak and she wanted to let all three groups of student leaders know that we supported them without interfering because they know what they are doing very well. Jeff Scudder acknowledged that the Student Senate would appreciate the support from the Faculty Senate. Chair Cooper stated that she will rework the resolution to include some data

and will have it ready for the Student Senate meeting so they would be able to have this for the next Regents meeting.

Motion to table the resolution until the next meeting by Senator Romanin; second by Senator Chancey. Motion passed.

ONGOING BUSINESS

Chair Cooper stated that the Senate has Dean Callahan's report before them and ask the Dean to make any comments relating to his report and the Price Lab School issue.

Dean Callahan noted that the College of Education Senate accepted the first part of his report dealing on curriculum, deferring on the second part, feeling they did not have adequate information on the second part as it deals with the budget. The Teacher Education Council has accepted the total report. He noted that the College of Education Senate had a discussion about the term "accepted", versus "supported". "Accepted" is in Roberts Rules of Order as a strong supportive message about a particular document; "support" was not in Roberts Rules of Order. The College of Education Senate went with "accept" as they wanted to use a term that could be standardized. He also noted parent reaction has been positive and faculty members other than those from official bodies dealing with the report have also been supportive.

Chair Cooper questioned what the next step would be if the Faculty Senate were to approve it, accept it. Dean Callahan responded that from here it is forwarded to the Vice Provost.

Chair Cooper questioned Provost Podolefsky what the options are once it reaches him. The Provost responded that he would forward his recommendation to the President. Chair Cooper questioned that if there were to be a change at the Lab School, would that be on the Regents docket for November. Provost Podolefsky responded that the reason the Lab School issue is on the Regents docket is the potential for changing grade levels and/or curriculum, both of which are of interest to the Board, and the parents wanted to know if there could be a change so they would be able to relocate their children. It is presently docketed but if it would not be is up to the Board. Chair Cooper noted that we would know that by looking at the Docket for the November Regents Board meeting which comes out the Friday before.

Senator Terlip moved to accept Dean Callahan's report and thanked him for all his hard work; second by Senator Pohl.

Senator Herndon questioned if there were currently two classes at each grade level at the Lab School, and this would be maintaining the current number of class sections. The Dean responded that there are.

Senator Zaman remarked as point of clarification, noting that the report has two parts, with the first being the curricular issue and the second being more budgetary. Was Senator Terlip referring to the first part of the report?

Senator Terlip responded that she was referring to the first, curricular part of the report. She noted that the Senate has no say in the budgetary issues.

Chair Cooper commented that the problem that comes is if the budget changes the report. Say if Price Lab needs to go to K-9, will that come back to the Senate, will that be part of the procedures. The response was that yes, that would come back to the Faculty Senate.

Dean Callahan responded that in his mind, that would re-open the entire discussion but that it will not come from him.

Motion passed unanimously.

Senator Terlip thanked Nadene Davidson, Jodi Stone and all the people that were involved in this process who spent a huge amount of time working on this, noting that we all owe them a big debt of gratitude.

Chair Cooper noted that this has been one of the longest and most draining issues that has come before the Senate, and it will be nice if we can put this behind us and move forward.

Motion to adjourn by Senator vanWormer. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Dena Snowden
Faculty Senate Secretary