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**FACULTY SENATE
OCTOBER 28, 1991
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Call for Press Identification.
2. Provost Marlin was unable to attend meeting. Chair indicated comments in the Provost's 10/21/91 letter would be discussed later in the meeting under Docket #444.
3. Committee reports from Strategic Planning, Student Outcomes Assessment, and Academic Program Review.
4. The Chair indicated members would be receiving copies of recommended academic calendar years 93-94, 94-95, 95-96, and 96-97, submitted by the Registrar, Philip Patton.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

5. Motion from Senator Charles Quirk: "The University of Northern Iowa Faculty Senate recommends that UNI proceed to request authorization from the Board of Regents to cap enrollment." Motion was passed to docket in regular order, Calendar #510, Docket #445.

DOCKET

6. 509 444 Request from Senator John Longnecker to approve "Enrollment Growth Control" recommendations. See Senate minutes #1441. Motion passed to postpone Docket #444 until consideration of Docket #445.

CORRECTIONS

7. Corrections to Senate minutes 1441.

The Faculty Senate was called to order at 3:30 p.m. in the Board Room of Gilchrist Hall, by Chairperson Longnecker.

Present: Edward Amend, Leander Brown, Phyllis Conklin, Kay Davis, David Duncan, Reginald Green, Bill Henderson, Randall Krieg, John Longnecker, Charles Quirk, Ernest Raiklin, Irwin Richter, Ron Roberts, Nick Teig, Marcus Yoder, ex-officio

Alternates: Sharon Smaldino/Robert Decker, Dean Primrose/Roger Kueter, Grace Hovet/Barbara Lounsberry, Kate Martin/Patrick Wilkinson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Chair called for press identification, at which time representatives from the Waterloo Courier and Northern Iowan identified themselves.
2. Provost Marlin was not present at this meeting. Chair Longnecker referred Faculty Senate to the Provost's letter dated 10/21/91. The Chair indicated the Provost's comments contained in this letter would be discussed later in the meeting under Docket #444.
3. Committee Updates

A. Strategic Planning

Jim MacMillan, chair, indicated the committee has requested an update from College Deans on their plan sent to the Board of Regents one year ago. He stated this updating of existing plans would be a continuous process done each year.

He stated they are currently reviewing planning assumptions and implications in regard to enrollment, resources, research, library, and faculty and incorporating this with information being received from the Deans.

In conclusion, Professor MacMillan stated he will be meeting with Gene Lutz from Student Outcomes and Herb Safford from Academic Program Review to see how these three committees impact each other.

B. Student Outcomes

Gene Lutz, chair, indicated there had not been much of a change since last Faculty Senate meeting. Committee is checking with departments to see where they are in this process.

He indicated department feedback thus far has indicated departments desiring to create their own capstone and also having portfolios.

C. Academic Program Review

Herb Safford, chair, stated Provost Marlin had confirmed that she would pay 50% of the cost of external program review with no particular limits on departmental expense for program reviewers but assumed that good judgement would be used in funding for this process.

He also indicated Professor Duncan had attended a meeting pertaining to requests which go through ISCS. The purpose of the group was to evaluate statistics to see what can be done to assure that requested statistics are commensurate in keeping with one another in form and content; therefore minimizing the need to constantly recreate data reports.

Provost Marlin had indicated that any department or program feeling they are not prepared to do program review at the appropriate time should express their concern to their college dean.

The committee is considering how best to handle program review for an interdisciplinary program, namely those without specific home departments.

The committee has concluded that the document which they are presently using for program review will continue to evolve in a direction helpful to programs undergoing review.

The committee is considering what constitutes a program. Some departments have listed a significant number of programs within the department. This lead to a discussion concerning the appropriate number of outside reviewers for a department program.

4. The Chair indicated members would be receiving copies of recommended academic calendar years 1993-94, 1994-95, 1995-96, and 1996-97, submitted by Registrar, Philip Patton.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

5. The Chair relinquished the chair for the remainder of the meeting to Marc Yoder, ex-officio, in the absence of Vice-Chair Lounsberry.

Professor Quirk made the following motion: "The University of Northern Iowa Faculty Senate recommends that UNI proceed to request authorization from the Board of Regents to cap enrollment." Henderson seconded this motion.

Senator Longnecker began the discussion, stating UNI can anticipate approximately 13,500 students in Fall 1992 due to the increasing percentage of students coming directly from high school and the "eventual" yield from transfers. He further stated, there are 11 fewer equivalent full-time faculty in Fall 1991 compared to Fall 1990, with the prospect of hiring more faculty next year unsure. He stated he concurred with Quirk that there is the need to proceed with an enrollment cap, in light of budget cuts.

Professor Brown inquired as to whether this enrollment cap would meet the concerns stated in Provost Marlin's letter.

Professor Quirk replied, "Yes," indicating this cap would not deny access, but rather would just determine a number as a cut-off point. He stated his primary motivation in recommending this enrollment cap is to preserve the quality of education at UNI. He indicated, however, we must consider other effected areas as well, such as secretarial, clerical, and residence hall availability.

Professor Duncan inquired as to how the Admissions Office would proceed if this cap were implemented.

Dennis Hendrickson, Associate Director of Admissions, replied that a combination of things would need to be considered, such as reviewing past rates of number of students admitted to those who show up, number of new applications, and number of "wait letters", but discretion would be used in carrying out an enrollment cap.

Professor James Skaine questioned whether an enrollment cap would be sending a message to the legislature that we will live with our lack of funding.

Professor Quirk responded he felt the message would instead be the opposite -- UNI cannot give adequate education with lack of funding and, therefore, must limit number of students.

Professor Smaldino stated she felt this would have a serious impact on minority recruitment and also would imply to the Board of Regents that we do not want to grow.

Senator Green stated he did not favor the message this motion would be sending to students or the citizens of Iowa and further stated anyone who meets our admission requirements should be able to attend UNI.

Dennis Hendrickson interjected that some flexibility exists in admissions, such as the number of exceptions granted. He added that if we can't meet the needs of students through faculty, housing, etc., UNI can't continue to grow.

Professor Hovet stated the motion centered on incoming freshmen, but she would like to see inside requirements tightened.

Senator Longnecker stated we have a responsibility to quality of education, and students will be losing some intangible qualities UNI possesses if enrollment continues to increase without increased resources and funding.

It was suggested this motion be considered further in relation to Senator Longnecker's "Enrollment Growth Control" recommendations, Docket #444.

Duncan moved, Quirk seconded that the recommendation regarding the enrollment cap be docketed in regular order (Calendar #510, Docket #445). Quirk called a question on the motion. Motion passed.

6. 509 444 Request from Senator John Longnecker to approve "Enrollment Growth Control" recommendations. See minutes 1441.

Quirk moved, Brown seconded to postpone this docket until consideration of Docket #445.

There was no discussion. Motion passed.

There being no further business, Acting Chair Marc Yoder called the meeting adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

CORRECTIONS

7. Corrections to Senate minutes 1441.

Page 2, 4A, 1st paragraph should read: "Professor Gene Lutz, chair, stated meetings have been held with departments, and the Student Outcomes Committee has requested identification of chairs of departmental committees. As of this date, 19 departments have responded, with no response from 12. Two departments have submitted draft plans."

Page 3, 4B, 2nd paragraph, last word should read "duplication", not "duplicity".

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Wallace
Secretary

These minutes shall stand approved as published unless corrections or protests are filed with the Secretary of the Senate within two weeks of this date, November 1, 1991.