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UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE MEETING  
Monday, October 10, 1983, 3:15 p.m., Board Room, Gilchrist

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Request for members of the press to identify themselves
- III. Remarks by Administrative Officers
- IV. Calendar
  - 351 Report of the Academic Master Plan Committee (sent to Senators, dated October 4, 1983)
  - 352 Request for Emeritus Status
- V. New/Old Business
  - 5.1 Naming of Senate appointee to General Education Committee (as of 5 October 1983, the Chair has received expressions of interest and of willingness to serve on this committee from two Senators--George Glenn and Peter Goulet).
  - 5.2 Announcement from Faculty Chair Hovet regarding corrections to the published faculty roster for 1983-84.
  - 5.3 Proposal from the Senate Chair for Senate procedures to handle appeals from the Faculty Chair's rulings on the 1983-84 roster of the voting faculty (see attachment A).
  - 5.4 Statement from the Chair regarding the relationship between membership on the voting faculty of the University and voting membership in a department, school, or college of the University (see attachment B).
  - 5.5 Committee chairs who wish to consult with the Senate may do so at this time.
- VI. Docket
  - 348 289 Proposal for the Establishment of an Instructional Development Center at UNI (see Senate Minutes 1319).
  - 350 291 Petition for the Senate to consider the creation of a New Athletic Policies Advisory Committee to replace the current one (see attachments C-E) (see Senate Minutes 1320).

To: U.N.I. Faculty Senators  
From: Tom Remington, Senate Chair

*Senate Document*

ATTACHMENT A

Under the revised Faculty Constitution, the Senate now has the responsibility to act on appeals made to the decisions made by the Faculty Chair in establishing the faculty roster. (In the past, the Senate has not been involved in the process of including or excluding people from the roster.)

The Senate Chair has already received one such appeal.

Such appeals will need to be acted upon with care, discretion and dispatch; clearly, I think, the Senate should not undertake to hear them without prior screening. Therefore, I feel that the Senate should establish a Faculty Roster Appeals Committee from its own membership to deal with these matters.

I suggest that the Senate Vice-Chair serve as ex officio chair of the committee, with the understanding that it will be the Vice-Chair's responsibility to solicit the services of two more Senators to complete the membership of a three-person committee. I would also suggest that none of the three members of the committee should come from the same college.

The responsibility of this committee would be to receive appeals to the Senate from the rulings of the Faculty Chair regarding membership on the Faculty Roster and, with deliberate speed, to recommend appropriate action to the Senate on such appeals. Before making its recommendation, the committee would consult with both the Faculty Chair and with the individual making the appeal to assure that its recommendation to the Senate is made with full knowledge of the issues on both sides of the disagreement.

(As chair, of course, I cannot move the adoption of such a procedure, but surely would welcome a motion to this effect.)

Faculty Chair Hovet informs me that, since the publication of the new faculty roster, she has received several queries regarding the effect, if any, the new definition of the voting faculty has on voting eligibility within departments and colleges.

It is my understanding--and I have so informed Faculty Chair Hovet--that the stipulations regarding membership on the voting faculty were recommended by the Senate and adopted by the University Faculty to affect only the governance of the University Faculty as a whole.

I do not believe that either the Senate or the University Faculty intended to dictate to departments, schools, or colleges what criteria those units must use in establishing qualifications or status within their own units. My presumption has always been that any given academic unit has the right to define its own membership as it thinks best. Surely it would be unwise for the Senate to presume to instruct a given college or department as to who (for example) is qualified to vote in elections to college or departmental senates, or to sit on collegiate or departmental committees.

Thus, it is my understanding that departments, schools, and colleges of the University are free to establish their own criteria for membership and voting rights within their own units, and to determine their own memberships. The roster of membership on the voting faculty of the University affects only University elections and votes at University Faculty meetings

A logical consequence of this understanding is that it is quite possible for someone to be eligible to vote on matters within a given department, school, or college, but simultaneously not to be eligible to vote in University elections or at University Faculty meetings. I see no paradox or contradiction in such a case.

My intention--unless I receive convincing advice to the contrary before Monday's meeting--is to rule in the New/Old business section of the next Senate meeting that the above position represents the will of the Senate.

Obviously, any Senator who wished could move to appeal such a ruling.



ATTACHMENT C

*Senate Document*

September 29, 1983

To: Dr. Thomas Remington, Chair  
University Faculty Senate

From: Constantine W. Curris

Tom, I have received a docket request regarding the recreation or reconstitution of the Athletics Policy Advisory Committee. Please know that I would be pleased to receive any advice or recommendation that the Senate would choose to proffer.

May I suggest that preliminary to any substantive consideration of this docket item, the Senate (or a representative group thereof) may wish to consult with the membership of the Athletics Policy Advisory Committee. Several members of that committee, including its Chair, Noreen Hermansen, ex-officio member Dr. Bill Thrall, and NCAA Faculty Representative Dr. Dixon Riggs, would have excellent perspectives on the role and functioning of the committee.

CWC:dm

cc: Miss Noreen Hermansen



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Dr. Thomas Remington, Chair  
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University of Northern Iowa  
October 3, 1983

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ATTACHMENT D

Dear Tom:

To focus discussion on the topic of athletic policy as embodied in Docket item 291, I would like to propose the following resolution for consideration at our meeting on October 10, 1983.

Given the current environment of fiscal weakness and related budget constraints, as well as rising national concerns regarding the academic preparedness of collegiate student-athletes, and the overall quality of collegiate athletic programs for women, among other issues, the UNI University Faculty Senate wishes to express to President Curris and other concerned parties a desire that there be a review of the current level of faculty input into athletic program policy-making at UNI.

Whereas the Senate recognizes the presence of a basic administrative responsibility for the operation of the UNI athletic program and also recognizes that intercollegiate athletics is basically a non-academic, extracurricular activity, we also feel that there are significant decisions made regarding the UNI athletic program, its direction, emphasis, and funding levels which affect the quality of the education received by our student-athletes as well as our other students. We feel these decisions would benefit from the input of a balanced group of concerned faculty, elected from and by their peers. The Senate would like to see this matter discussed openly, candidly, and constructively by all concerned parties or their representatives at the earliest convenience of those involved.

If it is amenable to you I would put this on the table in the form of a motion to give us a point of departure that might eventually lead to a statement of our concerns. From a phone conversation I had with Senator Sandstrom last Tuesday, I gather that President Curris might address us on this topic, either on the 10th or at a future meeting. I also gather he would be a sympathetic listener on this topic.

Let me know if you have any questions about this draft.

Sincerely,

Peter Goulet, Associate Professor  
Department of Management

To: U.N.I. Faculty Senators  
From: Tom Remington, Senate Chair

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ATTACHMENT E

In the light of President Curris's memo to me (Attachment C), I think that the Senate can recognize that President Curris acknowledges that it has legitimate concern regarding the Athletic Policy Advisory Committee and that he is willing to consider such advice as it may offer.

President Curris has given me no indication that he intends to meet with the Senate on this matter at the 10 September meeting. The last paragraph of his memo implies that he feels that some further steps need to be taken prior to "substantive consideration of this docket item".

I would argue that since President Curris has stated that he welcomes our advice on this matter, the Senate should feel constrained to offer him the best and most precise advice that it can. I would like for the Senate's advice, when it reaches President Curris, to be clearly and specifically formulated.

I would recommend that the Senate name an ad hoc committee, which committee would undertake as its charge--mindful of the petition signed by the eleven faculty members who presented their concerns to the Senate, and mindful of the concerns expressed in Senator Goulet's 3 October memo to me (Attachment D)--the following responsibilities:

- To hold at least one meeting to which faculty members currently serving on the Athletic Policy Board are invited, for the purpose of consulting with them regarding current practice on the Board.
- To seek at least one joint meeting with the present Athletic Policy Board.
- To hold at least one publicly-announced meeting open to all members of the U.N.I. Faculty in order to permit all voices of faculty opinion to be heard by the committee, and to hold as many more such meetings as seem necessary for all viewpoints to be expressed.

- To meet with President Curris in order to gain his perspective on the nature and function of the Athletic Policy Board, and his perceptions of how such a board should be composed and of how it should function.
- To take any further steps which it thinks appropriate to gather such information as it thinks would be helpful in formulating its recommendation(s).

While the preceding steps could be taken in any order which the committee thought best, these steps should culminate in the committee's developing a report to be docketed by the Senate, which report will include a specific and concrete proposal for Senate action on the matter of the Athletic Policy Board.

(Once again, as chair, I cannot move the adoption of such a procedure, but take this opportunity to share my views with the Senate in the hope that perhaps some Senator might find it appropriate to make a motion of this sort.)