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SENATE MINUTES

January 26, 1981

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1. Remarks from Vice President and Provost Martin.

CALENDAR

2. 280 Attendance at Commencement (memo from Robert Leahy, Registrar, 12/5/80). Approved motion to return to petitioner because of decision not to docket at this time.
3. 281 Mission Statement of Educational Policies Commission (memo from Jay Edelnant, Chair, EPC). Docketed in regular order. Docket 225.
4. 282 College of Natural Sciences Required Course with Scheduled laboratory (memo from Len Froyen, Chairperson, General Education Committee, 12/15/80). Docketed in regular order. Docket 226.
5. 283 Report on Academic Ethics (Report from Educational Policies Commission, 1/16/81). Docketed in regular order. Docket 227.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

6. Professor Marlene Strathe was appointed to fill a vacancy on the University Curriculum Committee.
7. The Senate decided not to hear appeals on the decisions of the Committee on Admission and Retention or to investigate CAR appeals procedures but to await a legal opinion concerning present policies and procedures.

DOCKET

8. 277 222 A ROTC Program at UNI (letter from LTC Michael J. Bartelme, Professor of Military Science, University of Iowa, 10/14/80). See Senate minutes 1275, 1276 and 1277. Selected questions to be resolved and empowered chair to seek the information and requested chair to report back to the Senate at its next meeting.

The University Faculty Senate was called to order at 4:03 p.m. January 26, 1981, in the Board Room by Chairperson Davis.

Present: J. Alberts, Cawelti, D. Davis, Evenson, Gadelmann, Gillette, R. Gish, Hallberg, Hollman, G.A. Hovet, Millar, Noack, Remington, Sandstrom, Schurrer, TePaske, Thomson, J.F. Harrington (ex officio).

Alternates: Hermanson for Abel, L. Nielsen for J. Duea, Rider for Richter

Absent: Little

Members of the press were requested to identify themselves. Mr. Jeff Moravec of the Cedar Falls Record and Ms. Lynn Sheerbach of the Northern Iowan were in attendance.

1. Vice President and Provost Martin rose and addressed the Senate. Dr. Martin indicated that legislative budget hearings will be conducted on February 17, 18, and 19 in Des Moines.

Vice President and Provost Martin stated that there appeared to have been little inconvenience to members of the faculty resulting from the shutdown of the university over the Christmas season. He stated, however, that he was desirous of soliciting information from people concerning any faculty problems that were created by the shutdown. Dr. Martin stated that enrollment for next fall appears to be ahead of last year. He stated that the reasons were not exactly determinable but it appears that students may be applying earlier than normal this year.

Calendar

2. 280 Attendance at Commencement (memo from Robert Leahy, Registrar, 12/5/80). Remington moved, Cawelti seconded, to return to petitioner because of decisions not to docket at this time. Several senators voiced two concerns with this calendar item, mainly the vagueness of the proposal and secondly that the issue is one that probably would have to come under the collective bargaining process. Vote on the motion was called. The motion passed.

3. 281 Mission Statement of Educational Policies Commission (memo from Jay Edelnant, Chair, EPC).

Schurrer moved, Thomson seconded, to docket in regular order. Motion passed. Docket 225.

4. 282 College of Natural requirement requirement for course with scheduled laboratory (memo from Len Froyen, Chairperson, General Education Committee, 12/15/80).

Schurrer moved, Remington seconded, to docket in regular order. Motion passed. Docket 226.

5. 283 Report on Academic Ethics (report from EPC Commission 1/16/81).

Hollman moved, J.F. Harrington seconded, to docket in regular order.

Senator Remington stated that the Graduate Council is currently preparing a report on this matter and that perhaps the Senate should delay acting on this item until information is received from the Graduate Council. Senator Schurrer pointed out that the Senate could docket this item now and defer action to a later date. Deferred action may include creation of an ad hoc committee. Chairperson Davis stated that he would contact the Graduate Council to encourage them to cooperate with the Senate on this issue.

Question on the motion was called. Motion passed. Docket 227.

Old/New Business

6. Chairperson Davis informed the Senate that there was a vacancy on the Curriculum Committee. He indicated that the next highest vote getter in the election for this position was willing to complete this term. There was no objection from the Senate and therefore Professor Marlene Strathe was appointed to fill the vacancy on the Curriculum Committee.
7. The Senate had before it the following communication from President Kamerick:

January 23, 1981

Vice-President and Provost James G. Martin
Assistant Vice-President Fred W. Lott
University Faculty Senate Chairman Darrel W. Davis

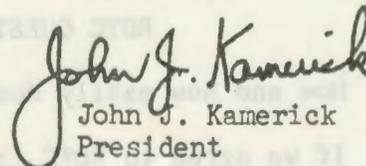
Apparently there is a possibility the university may need to defend decisions not to permit two students to continue in school because of academic deficiencies. Whether this defense will proceed as far as legal action is at present unknown.

Insofar as can be ascertained, the policies and procedures guiding such decisions have never been forwarded for review to the University's Counsel. For the protection of all concerned, it is probably desirable to do so. For example, a question has been raised concerning due process, since it may be alleged the Committee on Admission and Retention functions as a decision-making body and appeals hearing body on the same cases. Even though the standards are established by the Senate, in the application of the standards some discretionary authority is evidently exercised by the Committee.

The Committee on Admission and Retention is a Senate Committee, and the question of whether appeals from Committee decisions should be heard is presumably a question for the Senate to decide. Obviously, it is not necessary for the Senate itself to hear appeals in order to have an appeals procedure.

If the Senate decides to investigate an appeals procedure, University Counsel can be made available to the Senate. If the Senate decides against such an investigation, then presumably for the benefit of all we should have a legal opinion concerning our present policies and procedures.

Sincerely,


John J. Kamerick
President

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cc: Members, University Faculty Senate
Vice-President Thomas W. Hansmeier
Members, Committee on Admission and Retention
Federal Compliance Officer Harold J. Burris
✓ Registrar Robert D. Leahy

Chairperson Davis indicated there were two issues that needed to be addressed by the Senate:

- a. Whether the Senate wished to hear appeals from the Committee on Admission and Retention.
- b. Does the Senate wish to look into the policies and procedures of the Committee on Admission and Retention in relationship to due process.

Senator Hollman inquired as to how a case comes to the Committee on Admission and Retention. Chairperson Davis indicated the Registrar's Office makes the determination of students who are eligible for suspension. The Committee on Admission and Retention then places the student on suspension or allows them to remain on probation. If the student has been suspended, the student may appeal that decision to the Committee on Admission and Retention. Senator Hollman pointed out that the standards which the Committee on Admission and Retention uses are established by the Faculty Senate. Senator Sandstrom indicated that he felt that consultation with the University Attorney should occur in relationship to the due process question.

Chairperson Davis summarized stating that the Senate does not wish to hear appeals on the decisions of the Committee on Admission and Retention. Senator Remington pointed out that if the Senate takes no action then the Senate is welcoming a legal opinion concerning the present policies and procedures. This sentiment expressed the will of the Senate.

Docket

8. 277 222 A ROTC Program at UNI (letter from LTC Michael J. Bartelme, Professor of Military Science, University of Iowa, 10/14/80). See Senate Minutes 1275, 1276, and 1277.

This docket item appears in Senate Minutes 1275 and therefore will not be reproduced here.

Chairperson Davis reminded the Senate that this discussion was to continue consideration with a goal of drafting a list of questions the Senate desires to have answered before making a recommendation on ROTC at UNI.

Remington moved, G. A. Hovet seconded, that the Senate move into a committee as a whole. Motion passed.

While the Senate was in session as Committee of the Whole, the following questions or request for information were raised:

ROTC QUESTIONS TO BE RESOLVED

1. How and how easily does a student get out of their commitment.
2. If we agree to ROTC is our commitment for a specific time or permanently.
3. What control do we have over the courses offered and over their quality.

4. Request a copy of the contract between ROTC and the student.
5. Request copies of any documents or statues relating to ROTC organization and governance.
6. What is the obligation of the university to provide space and facilities.
7. How will UNI budget support be determined.
8. How will faculty status and rank be determined.
9. Where does ROTC fit organizationally at UNI and who will ROTC report to on curricular and faculty matters.
10. Request examples of oversight committees.
11. Will UNI or University of Iowa get credit for the FTE's generated.

Thomson moved, J.F. Harrington seconded, that the Senate rise from the Committee as a whole. Motion passed.

G. A. Hovet moved, Schurrer seconded, that the Senate recommends the creation of an ad hoc committee appointed by the Chairperson of the Senate to seek answers to the questions raised today.

Senator Remington inquired if Senator Hovet wanted the ad hoc committee to simply seek the answers to the questions raised. Senator Hovet responded in the affirmative plus stating that she would expect a report from the ad hoc committee to the Senate summarizing the results of their inquiry.

Senator Remington inquired if perhaps the Chairperson of the Senate could be empowered to seek the answers to the questions raised and to report back to the Senate at its next meeting. He stated that time was a concern and that appointing of an ad hoc committee at this point may be too time consuming. He also pointed out that depending upon the results of this effort, that the Senate may find it unnecessary to appoint a committee to review the information gathered.

Senator Schurrer pointed out that the use of a committee could allow for an exchange of ideas and evaluation of the information received.

A vote on the motion was called. The chair was in doubt as to the outcome of the voice vote and called for a division. On a division of the house the motion lost 11 to 9.

Remington moved, Evenson seconded, that the Chair of the Senate be empowered to communicate the questions raised by the Senate to the university administration and to LTC Bartelme and to convey the resultant information gathered to the Senate at its next meeting.

Question on the motion was called. Motion passed.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn. Motion passed. The Senate adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip L. Patton, Secretary

These minutes shall stand approved as published unless corrections or protests are filed with the Secretary within two weeks of this date, Friday, February 4, 1981.