

FACULTY SENATE

There will be a meeting of the Faculty Senate on Tuesday, May 18, 1976, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 101, Nursing Building.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Minutes
3. Special Order of the Day
 - A. Announcements (see attachment of Chancellor Jenkins' letter and letter from Dean Gray to the Chairman of the Faculty)
 - B. Faculty Governance Committee - Proposed amendments to the Senate Constitution (see attachment)
4. Unfinished Business
5. Report of Committees
 - A. Ad Hoc Quarter/Semester Review Committee
 - B. Committee on Committees (see attachment)
 - C. University Curriculum Committee
 - D. Ad Hoc Screening Committee

Codes submitted to the Senate for approval will be forwarded to the unit's senator(s). Faculty of those units who desire to see the code should see their senator(s).
- E. Standing Committees of the Faculty Senate
6. New Business

CHANCELLOR JENKINS' LETTER

Excerpted copy of letter from Chancellor Jenkins to Dr. Benjamin:

"I have your letter of April 14 which includes three questions. I will respond to them in the order in which you pose them.

1. In my letter of November 21 to Professor Adler I stated: 'I appointed the Employee Benefits Committee as an administrative committee, and I prefer that it remain so. Since this has a University-wide function, I shall continue to appoint all members myself or through my associate, Dr. Holt.'

Following this statement of my preference, you ask still, 'Why is it not possible?' I will respond with a question to the Senate: 'Why did the Senate prefer that Senate committees be appointed solely by the Senate rather than to have one half of them appointed by me or my associate, Dr. Holt.' It obviously is still possible for one half of them to be appointed by administrators."

2. (On the two-track system for unit recommendations).

"There is no fundamental disagreement in principle and no issue here. If the Board of Governors approves Appendix D in its present form, Appendix D will supercede any prior University rules to the contrary and each unit will be required to follow a two-track system regardless of the present wording of each unit code. In fact Appendix D is sufficiently detailed to make elaboration on this point in unit codes unnecessary.

3. Your selective reliance on Webster's Collegiate Dictionary leaves something to be desired. The first five usages of 'will' include such meanings as desire, choice, habit, futurity, capability, probability. The sixth usage includes determination and inevitability. The seventh and last usage includes command, exhortation or injunction. On the other hand, usage 2a of 'shall' provides: 'used in laws, regulations, directives to express what is mandatory.' In interpretation of regulations, we must seek the most appropriate meaning, not just any of several meanings that may be available.

Furthermore, the context of the Senate resolution of December 1975 suggests that it was intended as a direct instruction to units that they take an action. The initial resolution before the Senate that day instructed 'personnel-action committees of the various units of the University to obtain a concrete, detailed statement from the proper administrative officials . . .' I am aware that the last-quoted draft was not passed, but it colors the question of whether the resolution that was passed was intended as such a directive. I do not regard the Faculty Senate as empowered to send instructions to personnel committees on matters such as this one. Personnel committees, although composed of faculty members, are committees which assist me in making personnel decisions. They are in this sense administrative committees responsible to me as the chief administrator of the institution. They often follow policies that have been initiated by the Senate and approved by me, but they are not required to respond directly to instructions from the Senate. It was on this basis that I instructed unit heads that they were not required to respond to that resolution of the Senate."

LETTER FROM DEAN GRAY TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FACULTY

Letter from Dean W. B. Gray, School of Art, to Lloyd Benjamin, Chairman of the Faculty, dated April 6 and received May 3, 1976:

"You have developed quite a reputation on campus as one who is 'involved.' I shall not recommend promotion on the basis of these involvements since they do little, if anything, to enhance your professional abilities to us in the School of Art. As I indicated when you advised me over a year ago of your candidacy for Senate Chairman, it might be, perhaps, a better use of time to pursue and consolidate your career."

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Letter from Dr. Robert L. Holt to Dr. Lloyd Benjamin:

"In reply to your letter of April 14, perhaps I need to clarify a point. I suggested placing the chairman of the Computer Committee on the Computer Policy Committee as an alternate to having the Senate committee established. Obviously, the Senate chose to establish another committee instead."

FACULTY GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

The Governance Committee recommends the following changes in the Senate Constitution by-laws:

Section VI. par. 1, last line: replace "quarter" with "semester."

Section VII. par. 5, first line: replace "first" with "second"
replace "quarter" with "semester."

Section VII. par. 6, line 6: replace "quarter" with "semester."

Section VII. par. 7, last line: replace "quarter" with "semester."

Section IX. par. 1, first line: replace "Three" with "Four."

Section IX. par. 1, line 2: delete ", winter," and replace "quarter" with "semester."

Section IX. par. 1, line 5: replace "first" with "second."

Section IX. par. 1, last line: replace "quarter" with "semester."

Section IX. par. 2, last line: replace "quarter" with "semester."

The only major change proposed above is at Section IX. par. 1, first line. By substituting "Three" with "Four" and making other changes, the number of Senate meetings per year is reduced from a total of ten (10) to a total of nine (9). We believe that this change is compatible with the semester calendars that are now being developed.