

MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE, OCTOBER 8, 2001

The University Senate met in regular session at 3:00 pm, October 8, 2001 in the Young Library auditorium.

Members who were absent or did not sign in are: Charles Ambrose, Ali Amoli, Susan Arnold*, Leon Assael, Robert Baldwin, Rolando Berger, George Blandford, Jack Blanton*, James Boling*, Beth Brady*, Laretta Byars, Ben Carr, Craig Chasen, Michael Cibull*, Joseph Fink, Matt Foltz, Daniel Frank, Richard Furst, John Garen, Beth Garvy, Robert Gewirtz, Tejas Ghadiali, Louise Graham, Victor Hazard, Patrick Herring, Kay Hoffman, James Holsinger, Jean Jackson, Ling Hwey Jeng, Kyle Jewell, David Johnson, Scott Kelley*, Jim Kerley, Kathi Kerns*, Thomas Lester, Pat Litzelfelner*, Keh-Fei Liu, Josh Long, Loys Mather*, Patrick McGrath, William McKinney*, Ralph Miller, David Mohney, Katherine Montague, Angel Moore, Phyllis Nash, Michael Nietzel*, Sue Nokes, William O'Connor, Amanda Perkett, Michaele Pride-Wells*, John Rawls, Kenneth Roberts, Thomas Robinson, Tim Robinson, Edgar Sagan, Margaret Saunier*, Robert Schwemm, David Sloan, Bill Smith, Scott Smith*, Sheldon Steiner, Lee Todd*, Allen Vestal, Brian Wade*, Christopher Waller, Carolyn Williams, Eugene Williams, Paul Willis, Emery Wilson, Don Witt*, Shawn Word, Sadia Zoubir-Shaw*.

* Excused Absences.

Chairperson Bill Fortune called the meeting to order.

There being no additions or corrections, the minutes of the September 10, 2001 meeting stood approved as distributed.

The chair noted that he is serving on the Futures and Health Benefits committees, and that interested faculty members might want to attend the public meetings of one or both of those committees.

The chair introduced Stephanie Schloemer, who will be recording and transcribing Senate meetings, if the Senate approves the expenditure of money for this purpose (Item C on the agenda).

Action items:

Item B: a proposal to delete the "college circulation" rule for course and program changes. There being no objection from the Senate, this proposal was withdrawn by the chair on behalf of the Senate Council to allow the Academic Councils under the leadership of Phyllis Nash to develop a tracking and notification system.

Item D: a proposal to amend Senate Rule 4.3.1 (the late add rule) to shorten the number of days for late adds in the summer from six to two: This proposal was withdrawn by the chair because Rule 4.3.1 was changed in February 2001 to allow the Registrar to shorten the add period for sessions less than 15 weeks.

Item C: a proposal from the Senate Council in response to a petition signed by more than ten senators, which would require the transcription of Senate meetings at an estimated cost of \$150-\$250 per meeting. After discussion, the proposal passed on a voice vote.

Item A: proposals from the Rules Committee and Senate Council to amend the election rules for: 1) faculty members of the Board of Trustees; 2) the Undergraduate Council; and 3) the Senate. For a clear understanding, these proposals are referred to in these minutes (and on the web site) as AA (Board of Trustees), AB (Undergraduate Council) and AC (Senate).

AA (Board of Trustees -- Rule 1.5.2)

The chair noted that the Senate Council made a number of non-controversial changes in the proposal as a result of the discussion at the September 10 Senate meeting and at the September 24 Senate Council meeting. The chair noted that two written proposed amendments by Kaveh Tagavi had been received.

The chair put the first proposed amendment by Kaveh Tagavi on the floor and it was seconded by Hans Gesund. The proposed amendment (attached hereto as AA-1) would eliminate the requirement that faculty members designate a second choice on the final election ballot. The Senate Council recommended approval of this amendment. After discussion, the amendment passed on a voice vote.

The chair then put the second proposed amendment by Kaveh Tagavi on the floor and it was seconded by Hans Gesund. The proposed amendment (attached hereto as AA-2) would change the requirement for a faculty member to serve on the Board of Trustees from "50% or more service, research and teaching" to "more than 50% service, research and teaching." The Senate Council recommended disapproval of this amendment. After discussion, the amendment failed on a show of hands 34-41.

The Senate then approved proposal AA as amended on a voice vote without further discussion.

AB (Undergraduate Council -- Rule 1.3.3.3)

The chair pointed out that the Dean of Undergraduate Education is now the Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education, and, without objection, the proposal was deemed amended to reflect the change in title. Item AB attached hereto reflects the change in title ("Associate Provost" replacing "Dean" throughout).

The Senate approved proposal AB on a voice vote without discussion.

AC (Election to the Senate -- Rule 1.2.2.1)

Bill Thom moved to amend the proposal to delete a Rules Committee interpretation which appears on page 1 of Rule 1.2.2.1. Ruth Staten seconded the motion. That interpretation reads.

Faculty members with administrative assignments of an academic nature which

constitute not more than half of their current duties -- the rest composed of teaching and/or research -- will be construed as meeting the requirements of "full-time faculty." (RC 4/2/76)

After discussion, the amendment passed on a voice vote.

Items AA, AB and AC are effective immediately and the web version of the rules will be changed accordingly.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm

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Secretary, University Senate

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