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SEC Minutes

October 4, 2000

SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

October 4, 2000

MINUTES

Present: William Kearns, Barbara Loeding, Sara Mandell,
Gregory Paveza, Nancy Tyson, James Vastine

President's Office: Josue Cruz

Due to President Genshaft's State of the University Address at 3:00 p.m., today's meeting was

rescheduled to begin at 4:00 p.m. It was called to order at 4:03 p.m. The Minutes from the meeting of September 13, 2000 were approved as presented.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Nancy Tyson)

President Tyson's report consisted of the following announcements:

- Per the request of the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) at its September meeting, a letter has been sent to the chairs of all the committees and councils informing them of the procedure for nominations and appointments, for revising charges, as well as requesting a recording of their membership. If any SEC member would like to receive a copy of this letter, please contact either President Tyson or Ann Pipkins.
- President Tyson will be attending an Advisory Council of Faculty Senates Meeting in Tallahassee, Florida, on October 20, 2000. It is expected that Chancellor Herbert will be in attendance. Discussion was held regarding the statement made by United Faculty of Florida's President Mitch Silverman at the September Faculty Senate meeting that tenure will be dissolved along with the Board of Regents (BOR). The question raised was whether or not a contract remains in force if the signator is no longer in existence. President Tyson said that she will informally try to find out during her trip to Tallahassee how others feel about losing contracts when the BOR is dissolved.
- Discussion was held regarding setting limitations of presentations from the Provost

and President. Senator-at-Large Paveza recommended that all presentations be limited to ten minutes in order to allow the Faculty Senate to conduct its business. It was agreed that the reports from the President, the Provost and the United Faculty of Florida representative should total no more than 45 minutes maximum, including question-and-answer segments. In addition, if there is a critical issue to be considered by the Faculty Senate then it should be presented under New Business. President Tyson will relay this information to the appropriate assistants, as well as to the United Faculty of Florida representative pointing out to them that this is in keeping with the guidelines of the Faculty Senate.

REPORTS BY OFFICERS AND COUNCIL CHAIRS

1. Committee on Committees (Barbara Loeding)

As a member of the Committee on Committees (COC), Sergeant-at-Arms Loeding presented a report of that committee's activities on behalf of COC Chair Jenifer Schneider who is out on maternity leave. A slate of nominations for vacancies on Faculty Senate Standing Committees and Councils was presented for approval by the SEC. Discussion was held regarding the nomination of Professor Roger Brindley to the Research Council. Due to the fact that Professor Brindley is not a tenured faculty member, Parliamentarian Sara Mandell recommended that he not be nominated to the Research Council and that the nomination be reopened for a tenured faculty member. Therefore, the motion was made to accept the slate of nominations with the exception of Roger Brindley. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed. A letter from the COC Chair will be sent to Professor Brindley stating that the SEC rejected his nomination to the Research Council out of concern for the potential political ramifications to his still junior career; therefore, his nomination was not forwarded to the Faculty Senate. In addition, Professor Brindley will be informed of other College of Education committee and council vacancies.

Sergeant-at-Arms Loeding also reported on the COC's discussion of the importance of the Faculty Evaluation and Standards Committee. COC Chair Schneider will convene that committee to ask them to select a new chair. If that does not occur, the issue would be revisited by the COC.

2. Senate Vacancy (James Vastine)

Secretary Vastine announced that Professor Richard Will from the College of Business Administration has expressed an interest in serving on the Faculty Senate. A motion was made and seconded to appoint Professor Will to a one-year appointment until elections in the spring. The motion was unanimously passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Faculty Assistant Josue Cruz announced that President Genshaft will be sending President Tyson a letter supporting the recommendation for the creation of the Parking and Transportation Committee.

NEW BUSINESS: Agenda Items for October 18, 2000 Faculty Senate Meeting

1. University Bookstore

Ms. Grace McQueen, Director of University Bookstores, would like to give a presentation on the services that the Bookstore has to offer, as well as an overview of

the new Faculty Center Network which is a website devoted to textbooks. Ms. McQueen will be at the October 18th Faculty Senate meeting.

2. Plagiarism on the Internet

At the September Faculty Senate meeting, Senator Cheryl Hall suggested that the Faculty Senate look into an institutional subscription to one of the web sites that checks for plagiarism on student papers. President Tyson asked William Kearns, Chair of the Instructional Technology and Distance Learning Council (ITDLC), to investigate the possibility of doing this and his report follows.

Chair Kearns distributed a printout of a web site called plagiarized.com (see attachment) which is a primer for faculty on how to recognize plagiarized papers. Dr. Kearns indicated that Dr. Anthony Llewellyn, Director of Academic Computing, expressed concern that the publicity involved in such a venture could, in fact, be detrimental in that it could make it appear that there is a real problem with plagiarism on campus. The SEC voiced their opinion that the problem has, indeed, become epidemic. Dr. Kearns then indicated that this might be looked upon as a resource that would be available to faculty, perhaps out of the Provost's Office. It would not necessarily be well advertised, but something that would be accessible. Dr. Kearns indicated that the site at plagiarism.org could be one such site to be used, but one problem is that there is only a limited subset of available papers that have been turned in. He did add that from the plagiarism.org site there are a variety of links to other plagiarism features. Dr. Kearns did not have a subscription price at this time, but will provide that information at a later date. President Tyson pointed out that before this information is presented to the Faculty Senate, she would like to know how much it will cost.

Discussion took place regarding where the site would be housed and one place which was suggested was the Center for Teaching Enhancement. The SEC agreed that there are two issues involved: (1) where the site will be housed for faculty access, and (2) who will pay for the site license. Therefore, the issue was tabled until the next SEC meeting so that additional information can be gathered. President Tyson will send an e-mail message to Provost Stamps to ask him in advance whether if the Faculty Senate decides to do something like this, his office would be willing to help.

3. Other

Mr. Gregory Sylvester, Director of Parking and Transportation Services, has been invited back to the October Faculty Senate meeting to pick up where he left off at last month's meeting.

4. Other

President Tyson brought up the issue about problems that arise pertaining to nominations to committees, particularly for students and staff where the administrators for those groups are not aware of the procedure. She asked if the SEC would approve, by consensus, sending a brief letter to the Student Government President, the Student Senate President, the USPS Senate President, and the A&P Presiding Officer to inform them of the process for which nominations to committees and councils should be presented. It was so agreed. It was also recommended that the same letter go out each year to all committee chairs and appropriate administrators who make appointments, as well as at the same time that the call for nominations

goes out in the spring.

The issue of the lack of student representation on committees was also discussed. President Tyson would like to explore the possibility of the Faculty Senate putting an ad in the *Oracle* for students to fill vacancies. Mr. Cruz added that the Office of Student Affairs has initiated a new step which is making applications available for students interested in serving on those committees that have student representation. The applications will then be forwarded to the appropriate committee administrator. This strategy is being done in order to address the problem of not having students on committees by identifying those students who are keenly interested in serving with the understanding that if they are appointed to a committee, there needs to be a commitment on their part. President Tyson asked how the information was going to be advertised outside of Student Government to the general student body. Ann Pipkins responded that she has met with Ms. Lorie Kittendorf, Coordinator in the Office of Student Affairs, and provided her with a list of which committees and councils have student representation and the necessary number. Ms. Kittendorf will be working with Student Government to fill these student vacancies. Some of the mechanisms by which Ms. Kittendorf plans to do this are via the Internet, student clubs, advisors, and classes. Student nominations will be forwarded to the Faculty Senate Office whereby they will be sent to the appropriate committee administrator. A motion was made and seconded to commend Ann for her extraordinary foresight shown more than once at today's meeting. The motion was unanimously passed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

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