

Faculty Senate Minutes
19 February 1996

Senators present: Beardsley, Bristow, Butcher, Farmer, Goleeke, Kirchner, Mace, Matthews, Potts, Rocchi, Stirling.

Guests: Steve Rodgers.

1. Kirchner called the meeting to order at: 4:05 p.m. The minutes of February 5, 1996 were approved without revision.
2. Goleeke reminded senators of the upcoming Faculty Reception (Friday, Feb. 23) as well as the upcoming performances of Mozart's comic opera *La Finta Giardiniera* (a full production, in English, with an eighteen piece orchestra and seven talented cast members).
3. There was no report from the Chair.
4. (a) There was discussion of the ongoing review of the Enrichment Committee and its duties. After some discussion of the role of the Committee in "encouraging" faculty leaves and exchanges

M/S/P That the Senate recommend that Bylaws (V,6,D,b) be revised so as to read:

- b. The duties of the Committee shall be:
1. To promote the professional growth of the Faculty by seeking and receiving funds for research and travel, to budget and allocate such funds and approve research and travel reports.
 2. To seek and allocate funds for student research.
 3. To seek nominations and select the Register lecturer.
 4. To support Faculty leaves such as sabbaticals, grant assisted leaves, and exchanges.
 5. Such other duties as may be assigned to it.

It was decided to delay action on suggested changes to Bylaws V,6,D,a until global issues with respect to Standing Committee membership are resolved.

(b) Proposed changes to the Bylaws governing the duties of the Curriculum Committee were discussed.

Potts moved that the question be divided and the proposals be taken up one at a time (passed without objection)

M/S/P that the Senate recommend that the words "and to review proposals for new majors and programs" be appended to the language of Bylaws V,6, B,b,5.

M/S/P that the Senate recommend that the word "five" be substituted for the word "four" in Bylaws V,6,B,b,6.

After much discussion of issues both substantive and stylistic, and as the result of several friendly amendments

M/S/P that the Senate recommend that the sentence "To monitor the effectiveness of Core components and initiate reviews of the Core." be added to Bylaws V,6,B,b as item 7.

5. Discussion of proposed changes to Bylaws V,6,H regarding the Committee on Diversity was resumed.

M/S that The Faculty Senate recognizes the importance of encouraging initiative in the area of campus diversity. We ask that the Enrichment Committee consider if any of the funds or release units at its disposal might be used for this purpose.

The ensuing discussion focused on such issues as the scope of the recommendation, the appropriateness of approaching the Enrichment Committee about a matter that lies outside of its duties as specified in the Bylaws, the availability of such funds and release units, the appropriateness of taking such action in the context of a review of the Bylaws as well as on other ways in which the dialog on diversity issues could come to involve the whole campus. In acknowledgment that the matter deserved further thought, a motion to postpone was passed without objection.

M/S that the Senate recommend that the word "monitor" be substituted for the word "assist" in Bylaws V,6,H,b, items 2, 3, and 4.

The ensuing discussion focused on such issues as the propriety of a Senate standing committee `monitoring' the efforts of the administration, the wisdom of removing the role of the Committee in assisting in those efforts and whether the intention of the proposal might be better effected by an additional charge to the Committee. After much discussion the motion was abandoned in favor of

M/S/P that the Senate recommend that the following be added to Bylaws V,6,H,b as a duty of the Committee on Diversity: "To annually report to the Faculty the University's efforts and results in recruiting and retaining members of ethnic and minority groups on campus. The report shall be presented and published as the Committee deems appropriate."

M/S/P that the Senate recommend that the word "encourages" be substituted for the word "supports" in Bylaws V,6,H,b,5.

Bristow reminded the Senate that it still had to consider the recommendation regarding a Women's Center.

6. Discussion turned to the Bylaws governing the Student Life Committee (V,6,F). Rocchi reported to the Senate the conclusions of the *ad hoc* group working on this section of the Bylaws. A majority ("almost everyone") of those consulted by the group agreed that either the Committee should be abolished or that the Bylaws be redrafted to reflect the true nature of the Committee and its duties. Those opting for abolition felt that a better result might be obtained from allowing the Dean of Students to form her own advisory group(s) to consult on specific issues and adjudicating major student life issues on the floor of the Senate. Rodgers, who serves on the Committee, supported the group's general conclusions.

M/S that the Senate recommend that Bylaws V,6,F be struck (thus abolishing the Student Life Committee).

After some discussion and in acknowledgment of the importance of the issues and the lateness of the day a motion to postpone was passed without objection.

7. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30

Respectfully submitted,

Beardsley