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Special Session -- April 24, 1972 -- 3:30 p.m.
Room 165 -- Student Union Building

The University Senate was called to order in special session by Dr. Rufus Hall,
Chairman.

Present: Bogart, George A.
Brown, Homer A.
Burwell, James
Costello, James
Crim, Sarah
Eliason, Stanley
Feaver, J. Clayton
Frueh, Forrest L.
Gibson, Arrell
Grunder, J. Richard

Hall, Rufus
Hopla, Cluff E.
Kuhlman, Richard
Levy, David
Lutz, Raymond P.
Maehl, William
Marshall, Geoffrey
Miller, Fred
McNichols, William
Norton, Spencer

Prickett, Wilson B.
Olson Ralph
Owens, Mitchell V.
Shahan, Robert W.
Stone, George
Stuart, Chipman
Taylor, Kenneth
Truex, Dorothy
Walker, Dallas
Weinheimer, A. J.
Wilson, William

Absent: Abell, Creed
Bibens, Robert
Bourassa, Ronald
Christian, Sherril D.
Daniels, Raymond
Eek, Nat S.
Gregory, Helen
Hansen, Robert
Hardin, Neal R.

Johnson, B. Connor
Love, Tom
Lynn, Thomas N.
Milby, T. H.
Potter, Emma

Shepherd, Gene
Sims, James H.

Snow, James B., Jr.
Sokatch, John
Upthegrove, William
Weiss, A. Kurt
Whitney, David
Wilcox, Stewart
Zahasky, Mary C.
Zelby, Leon W.

REPORT ON THE UNIVERSITY OVERSIGHT AND EVALUATION
COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

Dr. Lowell Dunham, Chairman of the University Oversight and Evaluation Committee on Administrative Structure, outlined the history and the limited activities of this ^{COMMITTEE} during the administrations of Drs. Hollomon, McCarter, and Sharp. Dr. Hollomon looked upon this new Committee as a buffer and sounding board for the administration and a source of direct faculty reaction to any contemplated changes to avoid a recurrence of the problem with the Vice Provost appointment. The Committee had met with Dr. Hollomon for the last time the afternoon before he submitted his resignation to the University Regents. Dr. McCarter requested broader representation on the committee and normalization of this committee's role and functions.

During the first meeting with Dr. Sharp, the question of the Graduate Deanship vacancy was discussed. Dr. Dunham reported that at present this Committee had no active agenda items.

REMARKS BY DR. PETE KYLE McCARTER, UNIVERSITY PROVOST

Prefacing his remarks with the statement that he was appearing before the University Senate as an emissary of President Paul F. Sharp, Dr. Pete Kyle McCarter, Provost of the University, raised several questions concerning the Senate-approved proposal for restructuring the University councils and committees. Specifically, he expressed a concern over (a) the implied and unmanageable Council size of 17 members on the basis of the specified nine-faculty-member majority on each Council and (b) the absence of non-faculty membership on the various Councils. He urged Senate clarification of such points to forestall at the outset a situation that could prove troublesome in the future. In replying to a question from the floor, Dr. McCarter suggested a desirable Council size of 7 to 9 members.

Dr. William Maehl, Chairman of the ad hoc Committee that had prepared the proposal and the charges considered later at this meeting, replied that the Committee members did not feel that they had either the mandate or the responsibility to speak for groups other than the faculty. The committee deliberately kept this matter open, without being specific. He added that the Senate could issue specific instructions to the Committee.

PROPOSED CHARGES TO THE UNIVERSITY COUNCILS

Background Information: On February 14, 1972, the University Senate approved a proposal to restructure the University councils and committees. (See pages 2-4 of the University Senate Journal for February 14, 1972, and pages 10-12 of the University Senate Journal for January 10, 1972.) That proposal specified that appropriate charges to the various University councils would be prepared subsequently for approval by the Senate and the President of the University, in turn. The seven-page compilation of charges to the councils were forwarded to the individual Senate members in a memorandum dated April 12, 1972, from Dr. Wm. Maehl, Chairman of the Senate ad hoc Committee, in advance of this special meeting of the Senate.

Senate Action: Dr. William Maehl, Chairman of the ad hoc Committee, outlined the procedure used by the Committee in drafting the proposal and then moved Senate adoption of the charges as presented.

For the most part, the discussion centered on the University Budget Council. Professor Miller moved that the third paragraph on the first page, dealing with the Budget Council, be prefaced with the phrase, "Except as provided above." The Senate defeated that amendment in a voice vote. Dr. Geoffrey Marshall then moved that the second and third paragraphs on page one, dealing with the Budget Council, be reversed. The Senate approved that motion with some dissent. Later, the Senate disapproved Dr. Ralph Olson's motion to preface the fourth paragraph on page one with the clause, "Furthermore, it is recommended that . . ." Later, Dr. Maehl moved that the following sentence be added to the first paragraph on page one: "The Budget Council shall also report each semester to the Faculty Senate on matters concerning fiscal policies and resources of the University." He explained that this additional stipulation would parallel the charges to other Councils. The Senate approved the motion without dissent. The Senate then approved Dr. Kenneth Taylor's motion to delete the clause, "Furthermore, it is assumed that . . ." in the middle of the second paragraph, page one.

Some discussion followed concerning the Academic Program Council. Dr. S. Eliason moved that the phrase, ". . . for adult students," in paragraph II, 3, c, be changed to read: ". . . in continuing education." The Senate approved this change without dissent. Dr. Eliason then moved the deletion of the phrase, ". . . individual faculty members," in paragraph II, 6, b. The Senate rejected that change. Dr. Ralph Olson's motion to substitute the phrase, ". . . and other interested groups," for the phrase, ". . . individual faculty members," in II, 6, c, was replaced subsequently by Dr. Kenneth Taylor's substitute motion to change paragraph II, 6, b, to read as follows: "The council shall receive and consider all proposals for planning innovation, and development." The Senate approved, with some dissent, the substitute motion.

With some dissent, the University Senate then approved the charges as amended at this meeting.

PROPOSAL TO RESTRUCTURE UNIVERSITY COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES

Dr. William Maehl, Chairman of the Senate ad hoc Committee, then proposed two changes in the original proposal for restructuring the Councils and Committees as approved by the Senate on February 14, 1972.

The Senate rejected the motion by Dr. Maehl to revise the second sentence in paragraph A, 2 (Council membership) from "Nine faculty members will serve on each Council:" to "Nine tenure-holding faculty members will serve on each council."

The Senate, however, approved, without dissent, the ad hoc Committee's proposal to add the following sentence to paragraph A, 3 (Chairmanship of the Councils): "The chairman of each council shall also be an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate."

Subsequently, the Senate approved, without dissent, the following resolutions submitted by the ad hoc Committee with respect to the implementation of restructuring proposal:

DATE OF EFFECT: That the revised council and committee structure and charges to councils, as recommended by the Faculty Senate and approved by the President, become effective with the fall semester, 1972.

TRANSITION IN COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP: That the transition in membership between existing councils and the reorganized councils be effected as follows:

1. The membership of the Budget Council, the Council on Instruction and the Council on Academic Personnel, whose terms extend beyond this year, should carry over to the corresponding revised councils, and the balance of membership should be filled according to the method provided in the revised structure of councils and committees.
2. The membership of the Council on Research should be filled according to the method provided in the revised structure, but initially with staggered terms so that one-third fall vacant each year.
3. The Faculty Senate Committee on Committees should recommend a method for filling the membership of the Academic Structure and Physical Resources Council.

✓ PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE BY-LAWS OF THE SENATE

At the April 10, 1972, meeting of the University Senate, Dr. Geoffrey Marshall, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Committees, presented the following proposed changes in the By-Laws of the University Senate:

- (1) Delete Section E, 2 (Journal Committee).
- (2) Amend Section E, 3 to read as follows:

"The standing committees of the Senate shall consist of:

 - (a) Executive Committee
 - (b) Committee on Committees
 - (c) Faculty Welfare Committee"
- (3) Delete Section F, 1 (limiting service of Senate members to only one standing committee).

The Senate approved, without dissent, all three changes in its By-Laws.

ADJOURNMENT

The University Senate adjourned at 5:15 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held in Room 165 of the Student Union at 3:30 p.m., on Monday, May 8, 1972.

Anthony S. Lis
Secretary, University Senate

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