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The University of Oklahoma (Norman campus)
Limited Agenda Special Session - June 27, 1988 - 4:00 p.m.
Conoco Auditorium, Neustadt Wing, Bizzell Memorial Library

The Faculty Senate was called to order by Professor Gary B. Cohen, Chair.

PRESENT: Bergey, Cohen, Dietrich, Fife, Gabert, Gudmundson, Herstand, Jackson, Kenderdine, Kiacz, Kutner, Lewis, Magid, McManus, Mouser, Ray, Razook, Reardon, Rideout, Ryan, Salisbury, Stoltenberg, Swisher, Turk, Vestal, Weaver-Meyers, Wedel, Zelby Provost's office representative: Ravindran

ABSENT: Ahern, Baker, Barker, Bert, Blick, Brock, Cook, Cozad, Fagan, Farmer, Goodey, Johnson, Knox, Minnis, Moore, Nicewander, Robertson, Sankowski, Smith, Snell, Tompkins, Zonana

[In accordance with precedent, absences from this special meeting of the Senate are not counted in the attendance records of Senators. However,

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attendance at this special meeting may be used to offset an absence from a

The Chair announced that since this was a special session with a limited agenda, the Senate would dispense with the normal order of business.

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION TO PRESIDENT FRANK E. HORTON

regular meeting during the 1988-89 academic year.]

The Faculty Senate unanimously approved the following resolution commending Dr. Frank E. Horton, whose resignation as President is effective August 1, 1988.

WHEREAS, Dr. Frank E. Horton, Eleventh President of the University of Oklahoma, has been a strong and tireless advocate for higher standards of achievement and increased funding levels in the Oklahoma system of public higher education;

WHEREAS, Dr. Horton has successfully urged the State Regents for Higher Education to abandon enrollment-driven formulae for funding Oklahoma's state colleges and universities and to support the two comprehensive universities at levels more consonant with their missions and functions;

WHEREAS, Dr. Horton has championed higher academic standards at the University of Oklahoma through the strengthening of general education and the raising of admission requirements, by greatly expanding the Honors Program and by spectacularly increasing the number of National Merit Scholars at the University;

WHEREAS, Dr. Horton has brought to the University a vision of excellence epitomized by the Association of American Universities, and has guided the University in taking steps toward the goal of membership through the Strategy for Excellence, Program Review, rationalized budget planning, and involving faculty meaningfully in charting the University's future direction;

WHEREAS, Dr. Horton came to the University not only as a seasoned academic chief executive but also as an accomplished scholar and teacher, and has continued throughout his tenure as President to relate to faculty as an understanding colleague;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the University of Oklahoma Norman Campus Faculty Senate THANKS and COMMENDS Dr. Horton for his work on behalf of the University over the past three years, and for setting a new high standard for Presidential leadership. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we heartily WELCOME him back as a faculty colleague and WISH him success in all his future efforts, including the advocacy of quality teaching, research, and service at the University of Oklahoma.

ELECTION OF NOMINEES TO THE PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

The University of Oklahoma Board of Regents requested that the Norman campus Faculty Senate forward the names of eight Norman faculty, from which the Regents shall select four, for the presidential search committee. Having received suggestions from the general faculty, the Executive Committee of the Senate recommended the following slate of nominees to the Senate for approval. In selecting the nominees the Executive Committee tried to assemble a balanced slate representing the various constituencies and to follow the criteria suggested in the June 10 memo to the faculty (see Appendix I). There being no further nominations from the floor, the motion to approve the slate by acclamation was approved by the Senate without dissent.

Arthur Johnson, Professor of Chemistry

E. L. Lancaster, Professor of Music

Nancy Mergler, Associate Professor of Psychology and Director of Honors Program

Jerry Purswell, Professor of Industrial Engineering

Kevin Saunders, Associate Professor of Law

Daniel Snell, Associate Professor of History

Bart Ward, Professor and Director of Accounting

Wanda Ward, Assistant Professor of Psychology and Director of Center for Research on Minority Education

The search committee will also include three faculty from the Health Sciences Center, two students and two staff (each with a one-half vote), and five at-large members. The faculty, with seven members, will represent 50% of the votes. The composition of the committee is the same as in 1985 except for one additional at-large member.

ADJOURNMENT

The Faculty Senate adjourned at 4:20 p.m. The next regular session of the Senate will be held at 3:30 p.m., on Monday, September 19, 1988, in the Conoco Auditorium, Neustadt Wing, Bizzell Library.

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Administrative Coordinator

Gary B. Cohen

Chair

Appendix I

TEXT OF MEMO DATED JUNE 10, 1988 CALLING FOR NOMINATIONS

The University of Oklahoma Regents have called for nominations by July 1 for a Search Committee to identify candidates for a new President of the University. The committee shall include four Norman Campus faculty, three Health Sciences faculty, two students (1/2 vote each), two staff (1/2 vote each), and five at-large members. As previously, the Regents are asking each of the two Faculty Senates to provide twice as many nominees as positions on the Search Committee.

The faculty members of the Presidential Search Committee will bear a heavy responsibility. They must represent effectively the concerns of the Norman Campus faculty in identifying and recruiting worthy candidates for president, in assessing their academic and administrative qualifications, and in working with the student, staff, and at-large members of the committee. They must also be able to work effectively in presenting the candidates to the OU Regents. A good knowledge of the University of Oklahoma, its teaching, research, and service functions, is essential for all faculty nominees. Good national contacts in higher education will also be useful. Service on the Search Committee will require much time and dedication, but this work is of utmost importance.

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Please submit names of full-time, tenured or tenure-track faculty, who consent to be nominated, in writing to the Faculty Senate Office, OMU 406, to be received no later than Monday, June 20. Please give due attention to the need to represent the University's various faculty constituencies, including women and minorities. After receiving suggestions, the Executive Committee of the Senate will then assemble a proposed slate of eight nominees to submit to a vote of the Faculty Senate at a special meeting tentatively scheduled for June 27 at 4:00 p.m. in the Conoco Auditorium. Nominations from the floor will be possible at that time.

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