MINUTES OF MEETING NUMBER 57
OF THE
SENATE OF MICHIGAN TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY

21 April 1971

(Senate Minute pages: 637-655)

Meeting No. 57 was called to order on Wednesday April 21, 1971 at 7:05 p.m. in the Faculty Lounge of the Memorial Union by President M.W. Bredekamp.

The roster was checked by the Secretary. Twenty-seven members or their alternates were present. Absent were: Brown (BL), Johnson (FF), and Nordeng (GE).

The Minutes of Meeting No. 56 were approved with the following correction: p. 615, first line (title) insert "COMMITTEE" and the word "POLICY."

Senate President's Report

A. As a result of the nominating ballots for at large members of the Senate, the following six names will appear on the final ballot: Gibson, Lord, Andeen, Ortner, Barstow, and Caspary. Of the total of 213 ballots received, 17 were invalid.

B. The Ombudsman Review Committee is now complete. Keeling represents the Senate; Bahrman is the at-large member; Heldt is President Smith's appointee.

C. The Chairman of the Curricular Policy Committee has recommended that another ad hoc committee be appointed to propose basic curricular guidelines.

D. Dr. Stebbins has submitted a recommendation for a temporary solution to the HU/SS problem. Alexander's comments on this issue have been distributed to each Senator.

E. A committee has been appointed by President Smith to study Proposal 11-70, "Promotion Policy," in accordance with his comments in the letter of October 12, 1970 (p. 574). The members are Hardwig, Koepel, Romig, Nordeng, Bayer, and Snyder.

F. The Registrar has recommended that the Senate establish a uniform policy concerning the evaluation of transfer of credit for age or experience factors. This recommendation will be passed on to the Instructional Policy Committee.

G. A letter was received from F. Chernosky, President of the Faculty Association (Appendix A - Available by Request from the Senate Office).

Report on Meetings of the Academic Council and Board of Control

A. Halkola reported on the topics discussed at recent Academic Council meetings. See Appendix B (Available by Request from the Senate Office) for his complete report. In response to a question by Krueger concerning item 2 of the April 20 meeting, Halkola stated that no formal request was made for a meeting with the Curricular Policy Committee. Alexander asked for further information on the revision of the tenure policy. Caspary stated that the Tenure Committee was responsible for the revision and updating of the tenure policy. The procedures followed are the usual ones of review and recommendation by the committee followed by submission to the faculty for consideration and approval at a general faculty meeting.

Krueger reported that at the Board of Control meeting of April 2, 1971, there were no topics of academic concern. In response to a request by Senator Sachs, Kreuger promised to supply a copy of the new policy on Political Activities. It is included here as Appendix C (Available by Request from the Senate Office).

Committee Reports

A. Curricular Policy Committee

Krueger moved the adoption of Proposal 6-71, "Transfer of Credit Policy" (p. 634). The motion was seconded and following a brief discussion was adopted by a vote of 22 Yes, 0 No.

Krueger then reported on a recent meeting of the Curricular Policy Committee requested by Dr. Stebbins. At Dr. Stebbins' invitation, Dean Geddes, Dean Hardwig, Dr. Hesterberg, Dr. Wadlin, and Dr. Schofield, representing their respective colleges and schools, met with the committee to discuss the HU/SS problem. Dr. Stebbins presented a proposed list of courses. The representatives reached a final agreement on the list with some modifications. The final list contains several courses which may be taken as approved electives by students in the College of Science and Arts only. These could be designated as such in the official catalog copy. Krueger then stated that since Policy 9-69 requires no further action on
the Senate's part and all parties involved seem satisfied with this compromise solution, he would ask President Smith to reconsider the request he made to the Senate in his letter of February 24, 1971 (pp. 616-619). At this point President Smith retracted his requests and withdrew said letter. A discussion followed during which some objections to the two-list idea were expressed. However, these were not deemed serious enough to warrant any further action on the Senate's part at this time.

Krueger then stated that the committee had prepared a recommendation on the BSE degree which would be distributed soon. He stated that recommendations on options in Social Science and Computer Science and Engineering were also imminent. He asked that each Senator cooperate with the committee by communicating these recommendations to their colleagues and soliciting their comments and recommendations.

He also reported that some problems have arisen in implementing Policy 10-70. He suggested that guidelines for curricula be established and that the Senate consider the possibility of a dual system, one for an initial look at new programs and another for the final detailed analysis. He then repeated his request for a committee to evaluate these propositions.

At this point, President Bredekamp also suggested that if the Senate intends to complete action on the recommendations mentioned above before the summer quarter, a special meeting must be held later this month. He suggested that a meeting be held on May 12 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the recommendations of the committee concerning the proposed curricular changes and the problems of the committee. (See end of the minutes for this meeting for the minutes of Special Session held 5/12/71)

B. Instructional Policy - No Report

C. Accommodations

Doane reported on the disappointing results of the disadvantaged student scholarship fund drive. Of the 26 responses received, 21 contained donations or pledges totaling $487.50.


E. ROTC Study

Thayer reported that the student members are K.M. Levier and D.A. Davis. The first meeting was held on April 16. This was primarily an organizational meeting and no further report is forthcoming at this time.

F. Sick Leave

Keeling reported that Mr. Koepel has submitted a proposal to several insurance companies. Under the new proposal, every current faculty member would have a choice of either the current plan or the new one which includes much broader coverage but no residual value at retirement. Every new faculty member would be automatically enrolled under the new plan with a six-month cut-off time. There followed a brief discussion concerning the procedures which would be followed in determining the faculty's acceptance or rejections of this new plan, if, indeed, any new plan is finally recommended by the committee.

G. Student-Faculty-Senate Relations

Boutilier distributed copies of two proposals recommended by his committee. A discussion followed concerning the advisability of requiring the student member to be a Student Council officer and whether the member should be elected by the Council or by the student body as a whole. The final consensus was to leave the method of selection and the qualifications for the position entirely up to the Student Council. This resulted in several changes in one of the proposals. The final versions of the proposals are attached here (Appendix D) as Proposals 9-71, "Constitutional Amendment to Provide Student Representation," and 10-71, "Student Representation on Senate Committees."

Old Business

Caspary moved the adoption of Proposal 2-71, "Community College Transfer Policy" (p. 611) as doubly amended. The motion was seconded and passed by a vote of 23 Yes, 0 No.

New Business
Horvath introduced Proposal 7-71, "Modification of Grading Policy" (p. 635), by moving that it be referred to a committee for study and revision, citing as justification the several comments he had received from faculty and administration members concerning the proposal. Senator Alexander recommended the Instructional Policy Committee as appropriate.

Horvath then recommended the adoption of Proposal 8-71, "Editorial Modifications of Senate Proposals" (p. 636). He cited the several months delay in the implementation of the Community College Transfer Policy as an indication of the need for such a change in by-laws. His motion was seconded. Sachs, Halkola, and Alexander then proposed a series of amendments. The final motion to amend substituted the following wording for item 7D:

7D. An "editorial change" shall be construed to be any minor change in wording which clarifies the meaning or improves the grammatical structure of the proposal but which has no effect on the substance, scope, or application of the proposal. In the event of question, the presiding officer of the Senate shall be empowered to rule, subject to the usual parliamentary controls.

The motion to amend was seconded and passed by a vote of 22 Yes, 0 No. Amended Proposal 8-71 was then approved by a vote of 24 Yes, 0 No. As this is an internal Senate matter no further action is necessary.

Caspary moved that the Senate establish an ad hoc committee to meet with the Faculty Association as requested by Frank Chernosky's memo of April 22 (Appendix A - Available by Request from the Senate Office). The motion was seconded and passed by a voice vote.

Thayer submitted a list of cooperative plans approved unanimously by the faculty of the Department of Metallurgical Engineering. They are with the General Motors Corporation, Saginaw Steering Gear Division; and the Ford Motor Company, Body Materials Engineering Department.

Krueger submitted a list of those approved by the Civil Engineering Department: Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul Railroad Co.; Allegheny Ludlum Steel Co.; Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co.; Edmonds Engineering, Inc.; Eastman Kodak Co.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

R.S. Horvath
Secretary

Minutes of Special Meeting of May 12, 1971

A special meeting of the Senate was called to order by President Bredekamp at 7:00 p.m., May 12, 1971, in the Faculty Lounge of the Memorial Union Building. The purpose of this meeting was to consider the recommendations of the Senate Curricular Policy Committee concerning several new programs and related subjects.

Roll was called by the Secretary. Those Senators who were absent and for whom no alternates were present were Bahrman (AL), Caspary (AT), DelliQuadri (AL), Johnson (FF), Lajeunesse (PE), and President Smith.

President Bredekamp recognized Senator Krueger. Krueger first stated that Proposal 11-71 was one which he personally prepared to meet the need for some sort of faculty involvement in the AP-1 course listings. This is contrary to a statement in the Agenda which attributed the proposal to the Curricular Policy Committee. Krueger then reviewed the events of last fall starting with the Special Meeting of October 14, 1970, and culminating in the Administration's recommending four out of an original twenty-two new programs. In anticipation of the July 15 deadline for AP-1 forms this year, he moved the adoption of Proposal 11-71 which was to establish a committee to recommend programs to be included on the AP-1 forms. His motion was seconded. President Bredekamp suggested that several editorial changes would put the proposal into a more conventional form. Stebbins moved the adoption of these changes. The motion to amend carried 21 to 0. The amended version of 11-71 appears here as Appendix A. Following a brief discussion, Proposal 11-71 as amended was approved by a vote of 21 Yes, 0 No.

Krueger then submitted the report of the Curricular Policy Committee on the BSE degree. Boutilier moved that the Senate receive the report for information on the subject. The motion was seconded and approved by a vote of 22 Yes, 0 No.

Krueger then moved that the Senate pass the following resolution:

1. The Senate Recommends the approval of the BSE degree, that it be implemented as soon as practicable, and that it includes the items contained in recommendations 2 and 3 following.

2. The Senate Recommends the establishment of Professional Interest Groups within a Department that have the responsibility to develop and authority to approve individual programs. Such groups would advise, counsel, and assist students in developing individual BSE programs, and would include representation from all departments, relevant to the student's interests, including departments outside the College of Engineering when appropriate.

3. The Senate Recommends that as programs are implemented, a joint committee of the Senate and College of Engineering annually review these programs for report to the Senate and Administration. The purpose of review is to document the trends in
educational goals of these programs for the benefit of interested Departments or Colleges outside of the College of Engineering and for the benefit of the coordination of the University as a whole.

The motion was seconded and a lengthy discussion followed. Much of it concerned the need for such a program and whether a student's interests might better be served under the traditional departmental structure with some room for inter-disciplinary freedom.

The extreme dependency of such a program on the professional integrity and the attitudes of individual faculty members involved was also pointed out. Following the discussion, the resolution was passed by a vote of 18 Yes, 2 No.

Krueger then stated that at a very recent meeting of the Curricular Policy Committee, the Committee considered and recommended the approval of the Option in Social Sciences for the BA Degree. He asked that the Senate now consider that program. Krueger moved that the Senate adopt the following resolution:

"The Senate recommends the implementation of the Option in Social Sciences for the BA Degree."

A brief discussion ensued concerning the awkward title "Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts with an Option in Social Sciences." As a result of this discussion, the motion was amended to permit the Senate Council to select the appropriate wording in the resolution. The amendment passed and the above wording is that selected by the Council.

Stebbins in referring to a statement of objectives on page 2 of the formal proposal for the Social Science Option, moved that the words "mastery of" (p. 2, Item C of that proposal) be replaced by the words, "a more specialized training in." The amendment was passed.

Halkola moved that the original wording in the paragraph entitled "General Requirements" (p. 2 of the proposal) be retained rather than the new wording which was inserted by the Curricular Policy Committee. Following a brief discussion, this amendment was also passed.

The original motion to adopt the resolution then passed by a vote of 22 Yes, 0 No.

Secretary's Note:

In the interest of expediting the distribution of this set of minutes, the detailed program of the proposals discussed at this meeting are not attached but will be found as Appendices to the Minutes of Meeting No. 58.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 pm.

R.S. Horvath
Secretary