MINUTES OF MEETING NUMBER 58
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SENATE OF MICHIGAN TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY

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Meeting No. 58 was called to order on Wednesday May 26, 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-one members or their alternates were present. Absent were: Bahrman (AL), Brown (BL), DelliQuadri (AL), Hamilton (IWR), Johnson, M. (AFROTC), President Smith, Thayer (MetE), and Velics (LB).

The Minutes of Meeting No. 57 were approved with the following corrections: p. 637, last sentence on the page, replace "Hardwig" with "Hardwick,". p. 638 under Committee Reports, Item A, sixth line, replace "Hardwig" with "Hardwick." Minutes of the special meeting held on May 12, 1971 were approved with the following corrections: p. 653, last sentence, first word, replace "or" with "of."

Senate President's Report

A. The following committees have been appointed: (1) Nominating Committee: R.J. Spahn (Chairman), G.E. Bahrman, R.E. Greuer; (2) Joint Faculty Association Committee: G.M. Ortner, A.S. Weaver, E.F. Vandette; (3) AP-1 Program Committee (if Proposal 11-71 is passed and approved): K. Alexander (Chairman), R. Horvath, D. Halkola, M. Bredekamp.

B. The AP-1 Program Committee appointment is temporary (to last through the summer quarter of this year) to permit the incoming officers to appoint this committee for the ensuing year. For the same reason no Curricular Guidelines Committee was appointed at this time.

C. The Community College Transfer Committee is thanked for its contribution and discharged.

Report on Meetings of the Academic Council and Board of Control

A. Halkola reported on the topics discussed at recent Academic Council meetings. For details see Appendix A (Available by Request from the Senate Office).

Krueger reported that there was no Board of Control since the last Senate meeting, but that there would be one held on June 11.

Committee Reports

A. Election

The results for the recent election for Senators-at-large were announced. G.M. Ortner and W.E. Barstow were elected. In response to a question from the floor, President Bredekamp listed the vote-tally as follows: Ortner-101, Barstow - 83, Caspary -75, Lord-71, Andeen-65, Gibson 61, with a total of 240 valid and 9 invalid ballots.

Newly elected departmental representatives and alternates respectively, for three year terms are as follows: M. Johnson and J.C. Madden (AFROTC), R.C. Stebler and W.R. Conrad (AT), R.J. Hodek and C.R. Bailod (CE), C.R. Crowther and R.K. Miller (FR), J.W. Meteer and S.G. Shetron (FF), S.C. Nordeng and W.I. Rose (GE), R. Liba and L. Bierstaker (HU), D. Thayer and D.E. Mikkola (MY).

B. Curricular Policy Committee

The committee is still considering the Computer Science and Engineering and the Physical Education programs.

C. Instructional Policy

Halkola distributed copies of Proposal 12-71, Clarification of Pass/Fail Option," which reads as follows:

In order to clarify the present Pass/Fail option in force, the Senate Instructional Policy Committee recommends to the Faculty Senate that the present policy be enlarged to indicate a proper accommodation for any present (and future) academic courses in which the only method of grading is on the Pass/Fail basis. Such is the case presently with UN 100.
An insertion into catalog copy as described on pp. 19-20 (catalog for 1971-72) is also recommended to complete this clarification. The proposed wording shall be:

In the instance where a course is offered only on a Pass/Fail basis, the provisions and restrictions upon the Pass/Fail option shall not be considered applicable.

He then moved that the Senate consider this proposal at this time under the emergency submission section of the Senate By-laws. His motion was seconded and passed by a vote of 20 Yes, 0 No. Halkola then moved the adoption of Proposal 12-71 and pointed out that the proposal is really after-the-fact since one course (UN 100) is currently offered only on a pass/fail basis and no provision was ever made for such an instance. The motion was seconded and after a brief discussion was passed by a vote of 18 Yes, 2 No.

Halkola then reported that the committee had met with Senator Horvath, Mr. Lucier, and Mr. Wickstrom to discuss modifications of Proposal 7-71. The committee is also looking into the CLEP concept (College Level Examination Program) which would involve the granting of credit based on examination only.

Halkola then read a letter which the committee received from Dean Meese concerning the Late Drop Policy (See Appendix B - Available by Request from the Senate Office).

Dennis McGrath, the President of the Student Council, then asked for the floor. He commented on the six-week drop period and its limitations and urged that the Senate consider extending it to permit students whose instructors give late mid-terms time to decide whether to drop a course. A brief discussion followed of which the following are excerpts:

The drop period was not extended to accommodate the mid-term period in the first place.

We should allow drops at any time up to the final examination.

A professor should not feel obligated to give an exam at any particular time.

D. Accommodations - No Report.

E. ROTC Study

Caspary reported that since its appointment the committee has met every Thursday with all representatives (including the students) and has been progressing well but had no detailed report at this time.

F. Sick Leave - No Report.

G. Student-Faculty-Senate Relations - No Report.

Old Business

Boutilier moved that the Senate adopt Proposal 9-71, "Constitutional Amendment to Provide Student Representation," (p. 648). The motion was seconded and after a brief discussion concerning wording, Horvath proposed several editorial changes, to wit: replace "Student Council member" in items A4 and E by "student member;" replace "Student Council membership" in item E by "student membership;" and insert the word "student" between the words "one" and "member" in the first line of item A4. The changes were approved. See Appendix C for the final version. Proposal 9-71 was then passed by a vote of 17 Yes, 0 No. As this is a constitutional amendment, another vote of acceptance by two-thirds of the senators present must follow within six months followed by a subsequent two-thirds majority in a faculty ballot and the approval of the Board of Control.

Boutilier then introduced Proposal 10-71, "Student Representation on Senate Committees," (p. 648) by moving its adoption. The motion was seconded. Alexander proposed several editorial changes as follows: replace "affect" in line 2 by "effect," replace the upper-case S and F in "Student member" and "Faculty member" by lower case letters wherever they occur in the body of the proposal. The changes were approved. The motion was then passed by a vote of 17 Yes, 0 No.

Krueger then moved the adoption of Proposal 11-71, "General Policy for Academic Program Planning," as amended (p. 655). The motion was seconded and passed by a vote of 21 Yes and 0 No. President Bredekamp had appointed a temporary committee in anticipation of the adoption of this proposal.

President Bredekamp then refused a request by Boutilier to dismiss the Student-Faculty-Senate Relations Committee, preferring to wait for final adoption of Proposals 9-71 and 10-71.

New Business and Voluntary Remarks

Sachs called the Senate's attention to the Political Activities Proposal recently adopted by the Board of Control (p. 646, Senate Minutes). He expressed concern that of all non-university connected activities this one had been singled out for special restriction by the Board of
Control. He stated that such action may perhaps be unconstitutional. Mr. Romig stated that the intent of the original statement on political activities, and the new one as well, was to clarify the issue and actually permit such activities. Prior to such a statement there was some question as to whether it was legally possible at all for a faculty member to hold political office while in the employ of the University. Alexander expressed some reservations on two points: (1) whether or not the Senate should assume jurisdiction or responsibility in this issue and (2) that a policy such as this necessarily involves both interpretation and discretion in its administration. He suggested that whenever the administration takes action under this policy perhaps some kind of faculty or advisory group should be formed where this can be discussed.

Caspary complimented the officers of the Senate on their diligence and fine work during the past year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm.

R.S. Horvath
Secretary