MINUTES OF MEETING NUMBER 59
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Meeting No. 59 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-five members or their alternates were present. Absent were: DelliQuadri (AL), LaJeunesse (PE), Meteer (FF), Smith and Stebler (AT). Immediately thereafter, President Bredekamp presented a persona gift to the Senate, a gavel inscribed MICHIGAN TECH FACULTY SENATE, 1969. He then expressed his thanks to the members of the Senate for their cooperation and help during his tenure. Because of ill health he turned the meeting over to Vice President Krueger. As he relinquished the chair he was greeted with a rising round of applause from all present.

The Minutes of Meeting No. 58 were approved as published.

Following approval of the report, Vice President Krueger reported on the Annual Joint Senate-Faculty Meeting held on September 29, 1971. Several recommendations came out of this meeting including the following:

1. Eliminate the separate meeting; combine it with the first regular Senate meeting.
2. Clarify the Pass/Fail policy. Who sees that it is properly used?
3. The Senate should be looking into what, if any, role it would play in academic matters if and when faculty collective bargaining arrives on this campus.
4. The Senate should help President Smith devise and implement procedures to improve the acceptance of University Policies which have their origin in the Senate.
5. The Senate Secretary should prepare a periodic summary and cross reference of all current University Policies which originated in the Senate.

Senate President's Report

A. Senators Ortner, Halkola, and Weaver have been invited to participate in the Faculty Student Issues meeting to be held on October 7, 1971 on the campus.

B. During the summer the Senate Council was asked to review a new Sick Leave Policy which was being considered for implementation on the campus possibly this fall. A more complete report will follow from the Sick Leave Committee.

Election of Officers

The Nominating Committee (R. Spahn, Chairman) submitted the following slate of nominees for office for 1971-72:

President: W.E. Barstow and R. Bayer
Vice President: A.S. Weaver and E.F. Vandette
Secretary: R.S. Horvath and V.L. Doane

There being no further nominations from the floor, ballots were collected and tallied, with the following results:

President: W.E. Barstow
Vice President: A.S. Weaver
Secretary: R.S. Horvath

A request for a report on the actual ballot count was about to be satisfied when Senator Halkola raised the question as to whether such a report was in keeping with past practices. A perusal of the minutes revealed that no such announcement had been made in elections in recent years. The chair requested the sense of the Senate, and a vote by show of hands defeated the tally.

Report on Meetings of the Academic Council and Board of Control

A. Senator Halkola reported on the topics discussed at several Academic Council meetings. His report is included as Appendix A (Available by Request from the Senate Office).

B. Professor Krueger reported on the meetings of the Board of Control. The Agenda of the meetings are included here as Appendix B (Available by Request from the Senate Office). Of interest to the Senate were:

1. Action on the Social Science Option was tabled at both the June and August meetings.
2. It was moved, seconded, and approved that payment for accrued vacation and sick leave time at retirement for all non-bargaining-unit personnel shall be made at the date of retirement, at the option of the University, at any time on or before the expiration of one full calendar year from date of retirement. This may provide some tax advantage for the retiree.
3. Office space and secretarial assistance has been provided for members of the Faculty Emeriti to encourage them to maintain ties with the University through research work, guest lecture appearances, etc.
4. The Conflict of Interest Policy was amended so as to agree with the Policy adopted by the Faculty Senate in October of 1967 (See Appendix C for Details (Available by Request from the Senate Office)).
5. The President presented a Ski Hill Policy for the information of the Board. No formal action was requested pending further discussion within the University and the local community. The policy is included here in Appendix D (Available by Request from the Senate Office).
6. The Student Body Constitution was tabled.

Committee Reports

A. Election: See Appendix E (Available by Request from the Senate Office) for the annual report.

B. Curricular Policy Committee: No Report.

C. Instructional Policy

Chairman Halkola reported that the Committee was split on the question of liberalizing the "Late Drop" policy. He hoped that either he or the new chairman (if there is one) would be able to resolve the question in the near future.

D. Accommodations - No Report.

E. AP1 Committee:

No AP1 requests were brought before the Committee during the summer.

F. Joint Faculty Association: No report.

G. ROTC Review: No Report

H. Sick Leave:

Chairman Keeling reported that copies of a proposed new long-term disability plan are being prepared for distribution to the members of the Senate in the near future. He hoped that Senators would discuss the plan with their colleagues before the next Senate meeting. He also stated that the wage-price freeze has cast some doubt on the implementation of this plan.

Old Business

Dr. Bredekamp moved that the Senate give its required second vote of approval to Proposal 9-71, Constitutional Amendment to Provide Student Representation (p. 665). The motion was seconded and carried by a vote of 23 Yes, 0 No. The Election Committee must now submit the proposal to the faculty.

New Business and Voluntary Remarks

A. Senator Keeling reported on the work of the Ombudsman Review Committee. The report is included here as Appendix D. (Available by Request from the Senate Office).
B. Secretary Horvath reported that he had received a call from the Secretary of the Lake Superior State College Faculty Senate. The LSSC Senate was concerned about Article 19 (the so-called "boiler plate") in the State Legislature's Budget Bill and asked what, if anything, we were going to do. In response to several questions from the floor, Dr. Stebbins reported on the substance of Article 19. The Legislature in this Article stated in effect that each and every faculty member whose salary comes entirely from State funds (except those at UM, WM, WSU, and MSU) must satisfy at least one of the following:

1. Teach a minimum of at least 12 credit hours.
2. Teach a minimum of at least 16 combined credit and class hours.
3. Generate a minimum of at least 360 student credit hours per term

Following a brief discussion and several more questions, President Bredekamp asked if the administration would be able to have someone report at the next Senate meeting concerning the exact content and precise wording of the Article. Dr. Stebbins agreed to do so.

C. President Barstow presented his views concerning the deliberations of a body such as the Senate. He was concerned that there were possible dangers that the Senate faces: (1) the danger of overlooking real problems on the campus -- not having such problems find their way to the Senate; (2) the danger of institutionalism -- cranking out work when there are no problems to work out; (3) the greatest danger -- the loss of perspective.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

R.S. Horvath
Secretary