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Meeting No. 67 was called to order on Wednesday, January 17, 1973 at 7:00 p.m. in the Faculty Lounge by President A.S. Weaver.

The roll was called by the Secretary. Thirty members or alternates were present. Absent was Williams (ChE).

The Minutes of Meeting No. 66 were approved.

Senate President's Report is included here as Appendix A (Available by Request from the Senate Office).

Report on Meetings of the Academic Council and Board of Control

A. Hodek's report on the meetings of the Academic Council is included here as Appendix B (Available by Request from the Senate Office).

B. Farrell's report on the meeting of the Board of Control is included here as Appendix C (Available by Request from the Senate Office).

Election of a Senate Representative on the Ombudsman Review Committee

Because of a misunderstanding on the part of the Election Committee, the election was not held. The election will be rescheduled for the next Senate meeting. Nominations will be taken from the floor for the position.

Annual Report of the Sabbatical Leave Committee

In his report Professor Heldt gave a brief history of the Sabbatical Leave Policy (Proposal 4-59), listed the current membership (Bredekamp, Keeling, Tidwell, Yerg, and Chairman Heldt), and summarized the award record. The latter comprises a total of five sabbatical leaves granted in a total of five academic years since the initiation of the program. None was granted in 1968-69, two in 1969-70, and one in each year since, including one in the current academic year. He then added that the members of the committee would be happy to assist anyone in preparing a proposal.

In response to several questions from the floor, Professor Heldt indicated that in the course of the program, approximately 15 proposals were submitted. One-third of these were subsequently withdrawn, most of which were in the first year when guidelines were rather nebulous. Of the remainder about four or five were either not approved or not funded. He also stated that funding did not seem to be as much of a problem as lack of interest.

In response to another question, President Smith stated that a sabbatical would apply toward retirement as it must have Board of Control approval. On the other hand, a leave of absence may apply but does not necessarily do so.

Professor Heldt also stated that the recipient of a sabbatical leave may or may not be temporarily replaced and that such a need must certainly be anticipated.

Committee Reports

A. Curricular Policy

Spain moved that the Senate resolve to approve the Computer Science Program as outlined in the proposal distributed at meeting No. 66 (see page 793). Following a brief discussion the resolution passed by a vote of 27 Yes, 1 No.

Spain then stated that with a slight modification the committee had approved the Proposed Changes in General Education Requirements. The modification is as follows (page 800): Under item B-3, Social Sciences, replace the original parenthetical statement by "(Must include SS230 and may include BA201, 202, 203, and 263)."
He then moved that the Senate resolve to approve the Proposed Changes in General Education Requirements as modified. The resolution passed by a vote of 25 Yes, 1 No.

Spain then distributed copies of a proposal to offer a two-year option in the Humanities leading to an Associate Degree in General Studies. He asked that it be accepted for final consideration as an emergency proposal under the Bylaws. Following a brief discussion as to reasons for such a request, the request was defeated by a vote of 9 Yes, 18 No.

As in the case of past proposals for new curricula, interested faculty members should consult their Senators for details concerning the program, as it will be presented for action at the next meeting.

Spain then distributed copies of Senate Proposal 1-73, Proposal to Establish Procedures for Course and Curriculum Change. This proposal is included here as Appendix D with indications of changes from Proposal 1-71, the current procedure. This proposal will be acted upon at the next meeting.

B. Instructional Policy - No Report.

C. Curricular Impact - No Report.

D. Elections Procedure

DelliQuadri distributed copies of his report to be taken to the faculty for discussion and feedback before any formal proposal is submitted. The report is included here as Appendix E (Available by Request from the Senate Office).

E. Instructional Evaluation - Liba distributed copies of his report which is included here as Appendix F (Available by Request from the Senate Office).

F. Joint Faculty Association -

Ortner introduced Professor Chandler who summarized the results of the recent questionnaire which the committee distributed. The summary is included here as Appendix G (Available by Request from the Senate Office).

A discussion followed concerning the relative positions and pursuits of the Senate and the Faculty Association. The committee suggested no concrete action at this time but will continue to study the question of joining the AMCF.


Old Business - None

New Business

Liba conveyed a suggestion by Professor Sachs by moving that "the Senate establish an ad hoc committee to draw up guidelines and recommend a University-wide policy regarding copyright, compensation, license, remuneration, and other appropriate aspects of television and other audio-visual materials which the faculty may prepare for instructional purposes." The motion was approved by a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Ralph S. Horvath
Secretary