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Meeting No. 71 was called to order on Wednesday, September 19, 1973 at 7:00 p.m. in the Faculty Lounge by President A.S. Weaver.

The roll was called by the Secretary. Twenty-three members or alternates were present. Absent were Barstow (AL), Daavetilla (PH), Kapp (PE), Olson (MG), Olson (IWR), Rakestraw (SS), Spain (BL), and Wyble (AL).

The Minutes of Meeting No. 70 were approved with the following corrections:

Page 857 - IMR Alternate misspelled; should be "Hockings, W.S."
Page 857 - Footnote should read "See page 847 of Minutes."

The Secretary listed corrections to pages 9 and 10 of the Fifth Annual Report and announced that these pages will be replaced and distributed (see attachment - Available by Request from the Senate Office). The report was accepted with corrections as read.

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

Election of Officers

Before the election, Secretary Horvath read part of a memo from Senator Wyble asking that his vote be cast in absentia by the Secretary. Following a lengthy discussion, it was moved by DelliQuadri that the Senate keep its previous procedure and not allow absentee ballots. The motion was approved by a vote of 11 Yes, 7 No.

Ex-Senator Williams, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the following slate of candidates for officers of the Senate:

President: Doane and Hodek
Vice-President: Julien and Quinones
Secretary: Horvath

This slate had been announced by the committee earlier in the quarter through a memorandum.

There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed, and the following results were tallied on a secret ballot:

President: Doane (12) and Hodek (11)
Vice-President: Julien (18) and Quinones (5)
Secretary: Horvath (22)

Thus the officers for 1973-74 Senate will be:

President: Doane
Vice-President: Julien
Secretary: Horvath

A motion was made by DelliQuadri to read the totals and record them in the Minutes. The motion carried by a vote of 11 Yes, 9 No.

Report on Meetings of the Academic Council and Board of Control

A. Hodek's report is included here as Appendix B (Available by Request from the Senate Office).
B. There was no report on the Board of Control meetings.

Committee Reports

A. Curricular Policy - No Report.
B. Instructional Policy - No Report.
C. Audio-Visual Instructional Material - No Report.
At this point a suggestion was made that in the future the Senate should require information from the committee as to what they are doing. However, no formal action was taken.

D. Curricular Impact - Gibson stated that the committee was temporarily inactive.

E. Elections - No further report.

F. Elections Procedure - DelliQuadri briefly described the current activities of the committee but had no formal report.

G. Promotion Policy Review

Crowther described the function of the committee as consisting of two parts: determining whether the policy is being implemented and what changes if any may be required; and acting as the Senate's liaison with Vice President Stebbins in generating a set of proposed criteria for promotion to be used as a guideline for the generation of departmental criteria.

The committee report Crowther presented to the Senate is a reflection of the second function. His report is found on page 860 (Available by Request from the Senate Office).

Following a motion to accept the report, several specific modifications were recommended by several Senators and two visitors (Dr. Kalliokoski and Dr. Miller). Crowther agreed to forward these recommendations to Vice President Stebbins.

Several Senators expressed concern that by the action of "accepting" the report the Senate would be approving the proposed criteria. There was also concern that policy had, in fact, been recommended by the committee in the name of the Senate when the committee submitted the criteria to Vice President Stebbins. It was pointed out, however, that Proposal 6-72 (page 24, Fourth Annual Report) specifically delegated the responsibility to the Vice President "in consultation with the Faculty Senate."

The original motion to "accept" the report was modified to "receive" the report. It then passed by a vote of 23 Yes, 0 No.

Weaver and Miller asked that the committee correct the grammatical structure of the second paragraph (see page 860) to reflect Crowther's statement concerning the intent of the committee as to the grouping of the phrases separated by the word "or" (third line, second from the last word).

H. Instructional Evaluation

Liba introduced Proposal 1-74 Teacher Evaluation by moving its adoption.

Dr. Hill asked to be heard concerning the proposal. He pointed out the possibility of the first paragraph being used as a legal lever to challenge the dismissal of a faculty member. Several others present also expressed dissatisfaction with the first paragraph.

DelliQuadri moved to amend the proposal by deleting the entire first paragraph and the words "To prevent such abuses" from the second paragraph. The amendment was approved by a vote of 22 Yes, 1 No. As the amendment was declared by President Doane to be non-editorial, Proposal 1-74 as amended will be on the next agenda for further action.

Old Business

The question was raised as to whether Weaver had complied with a request of the Senate and invited Mr. Murphy, Bookstore Manager, to explain Bookstore policies to the Senate. Weaver could not recall just what was done about this.

Secretary's Note: The request cited was never really made. The Senate at that time decided that perhaps concerned faculty might invite Mr. Murphy to departmental meetings. (See page 847 of the Minutes).

New Business

Mr. Romig, acting as Vice President Stebbins' representative, spoke on the subject of external degree programs. Mr. Noble was invited by the Chair to briefly describe such programs and answer several questions concerning them. It was moved that the subject be submitted to the Curricular Policy Committee for further study. The motion passed by a vote of 22 Yes, 1 No.

A resolution thanking Weaver for his efforts during the past year as President was passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Ralph S. Horvath
Secretary