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Meeting No. 77 was called to order on Wednesday, September 25, 1974 at 7:05 p.m. in the Faculty Lounge by President V.L. Doane.

The roll was called by the Secretary, R.S. Horvath. Twenty-eight members or alternates were present. Absent were Kapp (PE), Mikkola (MY), Nelson (HU), and Shandley (PH).

The Minutes of Meeting No. 76 were approved as distributed.

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

President Smith's Communication, dated September 17, 1974, was read by President Doane as part of her report (See Appendix B - Available by Request from the Senate Office).

Election of Officers

In Hodek's absence, Doane read the report of the Nominations Committee. As there were no nominations from the floor, nominations were closed.

Greuer, acting as Chairman of the Elections Committee, and Stebler counted the ballots, with the following results announced by the out-going President:

- President: R.S. Horvath 16, R.L. Hennessy, 9
- Vice President: L.M. Julien, 17; P.O. Boutilier, 8
- Secretary: H.F. Nufer, 14; C.R. Baillod, 12

Before the above results were announced, President Doane expressed her appreciation for the help which she received from the Senate and others during her term of office.

The newly-elected President, R.S. Horvath, then took over the gavel and a motion was made and approved, followed by an enthusiastic round of applause, "for the excellent work of our out-going President."

Committee Reports

A. Curricular Policy

Spain reported that his committee would be holding its first meeting on Thursday, September 26. Both he and Alexander expressed disappointment over President Smith's rejection of Proposal 6-74 on "Course Change Policy." Both of these senators referred to the "lack of communication" between the administration and the committee on this matter. President Smith reiterated his statements found in Appendix B concerning why the committee's proposal was vetoed, but offered to meet with the committee members in the near future to see what may be done with regard to a new "Course Change Policy."


C. Instructional Policy - No Report.

D. Academic Calendar - Structure - No Report.

   Due to Rakestraw's leave, C.W. Danielson is replacing him as chairman.

F. Curricular Impact - No report.

G. Elections - No Report.

   Due to Velics' resignation, a new chairman will be appointed.


I. Promotion Policy Review.
Crowther reviewed the activities of his committee with respect to “Proposed Criteria for Promotion.” He then presented the committee report for endorsement by the Senate. In response to a request from the floor, Crowther pointed out some of the major differences in this proposal and the preceding one. Following a discussion, it was moved and seconded that the report be accepted. By of vote of show of hands, the report was accepted by the Senate, 22-0.

J. Roles of the Senate and Faculty Association - No Report

Old Business

Julien asked if a meeting would be held between the Curricular Policy Committee and President Smith regarding the rejection of Proposal 6-74. Spain said that he knew nothing about the administration's turn-down of that proposal prior to the reading of President Smith's communication (See Appendix B - Available by Request from the Senate Office). President Smith responded that he would be willing to discuss this proposal with the committee in the near future. Horvath expressed the sense of the Senate in support of the rejected Proposal 6-74’s recommendations. Alexander indicated that the committee had acted in part on “signals” felt coming from the administration, and criticized the lack of communication on the rejection prior to this meeting.

Spain asked for clarification on the Academic Calendar-Structure Committee.

Stebler asked for clarification on Proposal 4-72, on “Baccalaureate Credit for Associate Degree Courses,” and was informed that such was implemented under Proposal 8-74, approved by President Smith.

New Business and Voluntary Remarks

Julien asked if the Senate will deal with the new Faculty Handbook. Dr. Stebbins stated that any suggestions or criticisms should be submitted to his office for consideration in publishing the next edition.

Booy raised the question of examining women for pregnancy. A brief discussion followed on whether such a practice by the administration would be a violation of existing federal law.

Nufer asked if the Senate was concerned over the publishing of "student evaluations of the faculty" by the Student Council, especially the validity of such. Quinones, as chairman of the Institutional Evaluation Committee, responded that his committee did not feel "student evaluations" were of concern there. Miller recommended that the committee meet with the Student Council on the matter. Weaver discussed some of the problems involved in conducting the student project. DelliQuadri suggested that the Institutional Evaluation Committee report back to the Senate on what transpires when that committee meets with the Student Council.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

H. F. Nufer
Secretary