MINUTES OF MEETING NUMBER 117
OF THE
SENATE OF MICHIGAN TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY

1 April 1981

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Meeting No. 117 was called to order at 7:05 p.m. on Wednesday, April 1, 1981 in the Faculty Lounge of the Memorial Union by Senate President O. David Boutilier.

The roll was called by the Secretary. Twenty six members or alternates were present. Absent were Alexander/Monson (BA); Beske-Diehl/Frantti (Geo); Brahney/Lide (HU); Frick/Reynolds (NU); Snyder/Suryanarayana (ME-EM); Heckel (AL). Excused were: Reynolds (AL); Wilson (FFC). A quorum for the conducting of business were in attendance.

Acknowledgement of Visitors: There were no visitors.

The Minutes of Meeting No. 116 - Minutes of Meeting 116 were approved as presented.

President's Report:

In addition to his formal report (Appendix A - Available by Request from the Senate Office), President Boutilier announced that Gary Gimmestad had been elected as Senator from the Keweenaw Research Center with Robert L. Smith as his alternate and welcomed Senator Gimmestad to the Senate. He also announced that the ombudsman selection committee still needs names/applications/recommendations for the position of ombudsman.

Vice President's Reports on Academic Council and Board of Control Meetings - See Appendices B & C (Available by Request from the Senate Office).

Committee Reports

A. Curricular Policy

Senator Agin announced that the committee has been formulating a questionnaire on the goals and objectives of Freshman English. It will be circulated before the next Senate meeting.

B. Instructional Policy - No Report.

C. Institutional Evaluation

Senator Hauge announced a forthcoming questionnaire to the faculty concerning departmental leadership.

D. Elections Committee

Senator Givens conducted the election to select the Senate’s delegate to the Association of Michigan Collegiate Faculties (AMCF). Senator Duane Abata was elected.

E. Faculty Fringe Benefits

Senator Janners announced that the committee had asked that the administration look at early retirement programs at other universities. This was done and an unsatisfactory meeting was held with the Acting Vice President of Academic Affairs and the Director of Employee Relations. The committee is now waiting for the administration to define the goals and purposes of an early retirement policy as a fringe benefit for faculty.

F. Promotional Policy and Professional Standards and Development

Senator Abata presented the report (see Appendix D - Available by Request from the Senate Office). President Boutilier stated that more definitive action is expected by the next meeting.

G. Joint Committee on Relations Between the Senate and Faculty Association

Senator Pintar announced the forthcoming AMCF meeting on April 9 and 10 and that one of the two elected delegates will attend.

H. Admission Reforms for Undergraduate Foreign Students

Senator Nelson stated that the committee was reviewing information from other universities concerning their admissions standards for foreign students. A recommendation will be made at the next Senate meeting.
Old Business

Proposal 18-78 - Senate Committee on the University Budget.

A general discussion was held regarding the original proposal and President Stein's objections to the selection method for the Chairman/Liaison. It was decided to amend the original proposal. Because the amendment was more than an editorial change and the original motion was three years old, it was decided to table all action until the next meeting to allow faculty input. The original proposal would be reworked and the change would be presented at the next Senate meeting. (See Appendix E for old and revised Proposal 18-78 - Available by Request from the Senate Office).

Proposal 2-81: Promotion Information and Appeal Procedure. Tabled until May meeting.

New Business

There was no new business brought before the Senate.

Meeting No. 117 was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.