Special Meeting No. 5 of 1992 of the Michigan Technological University Senate was called to order by Senate President Julien at 7:15 pm on Wednesday May 6, 1992 in Ballroom A of the Memorial Union Building.

I. Roll Call

20 Senators or alternates were present.


II. Visitors

The following visitors attended the meeting.

Chris S. Anderson
Brian Baker
Marilyn Cooper
Ronald Gratzer
Karen Hubbard
Carol MacLennan
Willie Melton
Walter Olson
Richard Tieder
Mehenna Yakhou

III. Minutes

The minutes of Special Meeting No. 4 of 1992 were approved.

The minutes of Meeting No. 189 were approved.

IV. Senate President's Report

A. The University Committee on Promotion and Tenure has made a brief report about the motion passed at Meeting No. 189 (April 29, 1992) regarding the tenure decisions in the School of Business. They will examine past practices and how the published policies are being applied. The pertinent section of the Handbook for Academic Faculty (October 16, 1989) is found on pages 63-64.

B. A letter was received from W. Powers addressing the motion cited above. This letter is attached as Appendix A.

C. Comments related to this matter were as follows.

1) The policy described in the Handbook (pp. 63-64) seems to have been applied selectively in the past.

2) The interschool review committee convened for the School of Business is the same committee as convened for the School of Forestry (W. Bulleit, J. Gale, G. Mroz, M. Seel)

D. Reports from Subcommittees of the Task Force on Trade-offs. Some of the questions President Julien posed are as follows.
1) Should the Senate have a long-range planning committee?
2) What can the Senate do to address questions which arise from the Task Force activities?
3) Where can the Senate fit new tasks into our current activities?

Reports: The texts of the reports presented are attached as Appendices B, C, D, E, F, and G.

1. Subcommittee on Efficiency and Resources (B. Baker, chair)
   Budget Liaison officer could follow up on this report.
2. Subcommittee on University character (C. Anderson, chair)
   Senate involvement was suggested for several items.
   No. 2 - Instructional policy; curricular policy
   No. 3
   No. 4
   No. 6
   No. 9
   No. 10
   No. 11
   No. 12
   No. 13
3. Subcommittee on Community and Public Service (R. Tieder, chair)
   Institutional Evaluation committee could address some items in the subcommittee report.
4. Subcommittee on Graduate Education (H. Evenson, chair)
5. Subcommittee on Undergraduate Education (R. Freisinger, chair)
6. Subcommittee on University Identity (W. Olson, chair)
7. Subcommittee on Faculty Experience (G. Mroz, chair)
   No report presented.

V. Senate Vice-President's Report
   No report

VI. Committee Reports
   A. Elections
      1) Report about the referendum on governance proposals was presented. A copy is attached as Appendix H.

         (a) Moved by P. Tampas and seconded by K. Heuvers:
             accept the ballots received on 1992 May 6.
             Passed: 20 yes; 0 no
         (b) Moved by B. Seely and seconded by J. Pilling:
             Do not send the results of the referendum on Proposals

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         2-92, 3-92, 4-92, 5-92, 6-92, 7-92, 8-92, and 9-92 forward to the President and Board of Control.
         Defeated: 1 yes; 19 no
         (c) Moved by L. Leifar and seconded by T. Sharik:
             The Institutional Evaluation Committee is directed to prepare an interpretive report about the results of the referendum on the governance proposals and send it to the Senators for distribution.
             Passed: 20 yes; 0 no.

         2) Moved by D. Hubbard and seconded by P. Tampas:
             Destroy the ballots from the election held at the last meeting.
Passed: 20 yes; 0 no.

B. Budget Liaison Officer
   No report

C. Curricular Policy
   Recommendations about options are discussed under old business and new business. A report about the proposed Environmental Geology Option and about other items is attached as Appendix I.

D. Fringe Benefits
   Medical benefits program revisions are being discussed. Wyatt, Inc. is studying the history of the MTU medical insurance program for the past 30 years.

E. Institutional Evaluation
   The forms for evaluating administrators are being distributed as discussed at the last meeting.

F. Instructional Policy
   A report about activities is attached as Appendix J.
   1) Item 1 is a correction to previous minutes in which the position description for the director of the Center Teaching Excellence was published. The complete description is attached.
   2) Item 2. the annual report from the Center for Teaching Excellence, is included as item 4. The review was completed after the call for the meeting was distributed, so item 4 was distributed at the meeting.
   3) Changes to one section of Proposal 2-87 are recommended and submitted as Proposal 15-92.
   4) Item 4 is the annual report and analysis mentioned in item 2.

G. Board of Control Liaison Task Force
   No report

H. Committee on Senate Constitution and Constituency
   A report is attached as Appendix K.

I. New Committees
   Forming new committees was deferred.

VII. Committee Reports: Ad hoc and affiliated committees.
   A. President’s Cabinet
      No report

VIII. Old Business
   A. Proposal 13-92: Honors Program in Biological Sciences
      Moved by K. Heuvers and seconded by D. Hubbard.
      Proposal be adopted.
      Passed: 20 yes; 0 no.

IX. New Business
   A. Proposal 14-92: Option in Environmental Geology
      Moved by R. Freisinger and seconded K. Heuvers:
      Proposal 14-92 be adopted.
      Passed: 20 yes; 0 no.
B. M. Cooper presented a statement about the graduate council. This statement is attached as Appendix L. There is no recommendation in the statement. The senators suggest that an interested group of faculty prepare a proposal if they believe that changes in the graduate council are needed. M. Cooper, M. Gale, and R. Gratz will serve as the convening group for this.


Moved by W. Shapton and seconded by R. Freisinger: Omit calculating the university averages when reporting the results of student evaluations of courses. Passed: 20 yes; 0 no.

X. The meeting adjourned at 11:18 pm.

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Appendix K  Constitution and Constituency Committee report

Appendix L  Structure and function of graduate council.

These pages are available to be read in the MTU Library.