

MINUTES
UNIVERSITY SENATE COUNCIL
April 13, 1979

1) Minutes

Minutes of March 30, 1979, approved as circulated.

2) Search Committee Nominations

The following list of nominees for the Dean's Search Committee of the College of Engineering was made to the President (after some discussion, Mr. Eichhorn absented himself from the selection process).

College of Engineering nominees:

Louis M. Brock, Donald C. Leigh, Frank J. Rizzo, Bobby O. Hardin, Robert J. DeAngelis, A. H. Peter Skelland, Richard I. Kermode, Don J. Wood, Robert A. Altenkirch, and L. Wilson Pearson

Student nominees:

Jim Elder, Steven Congleton, Bruce Melson

Outside nominees:

James H. Wells, Raymond H. Cox, Marcus McEllistrem, William D. Ehmann, Kurt Niedenzu, Margaret E. W. Jones

3) Senate Agenda for April 30, 1979

On the motion of Professor Wagner and the second of Professor Ivey, the Council approved the following agenda as submitted by Chairman Bryant:

Approval of Minutes

Report of the Ombudsman

Disciplinary Policy of the Dental School

Report of the Research Committee

Consideration of the Research Report's Recommendations

Consideration of the Rules Change related to Course Descriptions

Continuing discussion and action on the Withdrawal Policy

4) Research Committee Proposals:

Professor Eichhorn moved, with the second by Professor Wagner, the approval of items 1-7 of the Senate Research Committee's Report as stated in Section IV, pp. 6 & 7.

Following brief discussion, the Council agreed to discuss and take action on each of the items individually.

Item 1: passed with one dissenting vote as follows:

Improve the quality and quantity of the publicity now given research at the University in such a way that it reaches the national research community and the Commonwealth. In addition to expanding the coverage given to research in the University catalogs and bulletins, two other methods are suggested: a multidisciplinary research bulletin and a monograph series.

Item 2: passed with one dissenting vote as follows:

Establish a cabinet level administrative unit headed by a Vice President for Research.

Item 3: passed with one dissenting vote as follows:

Establish a non-tenured research title series with ranks parallel to the regular professorial series.

Item 4: passed with one dissenting vote as follows:

Establish an occasional research semester (exclusive of the regular sabbatical leave) to release some faculty from teaching duties for limited periods. Funding for this should normally come from extramural sources.

Item 5: passed with four dissenting votes as follows:

Encourage greater flexibility in distribution of effort to permit more research activity by the regular faculty.

Item 6: passed with one dissenting vote as follows:

Ensure that the strong research credentials of the faculty, as judged by their colleagues, continue to be one of the criteria for promotion.

Item 7: passed with one dissenting vote as follows:

Publish a faculty handbook on research opportunities, policies, and funding.

5) Relative transcripts

Dean Sands of the College of Arts and Sciences request Senate Council endorsement of a pilot project to provide Relative transcripts for those students in the College who request them.

On the motion of Professor Reedy and with the second of Professor Krislov, the Senate Council voted to encourage Dean Sands to proceed with the development of the relative transcript concept.

6) PR 6 relating to Part X, C, 2 (p. 36) of the Governing Regulations

Professor Lienhard moved concurrence of the Senate Council with the proposal as outlined in PR6. Seconded by Professor Wagner. Motion passed.