

MINUTES
UNIVERSITY SENATE COUNCIL
September 25, 1979

The University Senate Council met at 3:00 p.m. in the Board Room, Administration Building, and took the following actions:

1) Minutes: August 15, 1979

Approved as circulated the Senate Council minutes of August 15, 1979.

2) Recommendation from Academic Organization and Structure relative to election of faculty members to Search Committees

Chairman Krislov offered brief background on this item after which motion was made to send the proposals to the Senate floor without Council endorsement. Motion was seconded. Discussion followed during which several concerns were expressed: (a) in small departments, the proposed election procedure may cause divisiveness; and, (b) instead of locking into yet another rule of procedure, the proposal should be worded to make it a voluntary rather than an imperative action.

Motion was withdrawn.

A second motion was made and seconded: To refer back to the Committee on Academic Organization and Structure with the following notations of concern: small departmental elections may cause divisiveness and the proposed procedure should be optional rather than mandatory. The response from the Committee should be "open-ended." Motion passed.

3) Recommendation from General Studies Committee

Chairman Krislov offered brief background information on this item. Discussion was discontinued when the President arrived.

4) President Singletary

President Singletary distributed proposed changes in the Administrative Regulations having to do with recommendations that were

forwarded to the Administration by the Senate--specifically the Research Title Series. The President went over each item briefly and asked for Senate Council input within the month.

In addition the President made the following comments relative to other Research Committee recommendations approved by the Senate last spring:

(a) He has chosen to reject the idea of establishing a Vice President for Research. We have looked into other colleges and universities--some of which have such a position and others of which do not. There is no magic in the title itself. The critical point is that the designated head of the research program sit on the cabinet; at the University of Kentucky the Coordinator of Research is a member of the cabinet.

(b) Concerning the recommendation for a research semester, we have no policy on this. I favor the idea of a research semester, but do not wish to establish a written policy or guidelines for same.

The President went on to answer general questions from Council members after which he thanked the Council and departed.

After he departed, it was suggested and affirmed that the Senate Council solicit some input on the proposed changes from the Research Committee Chairman.

5) Meeting Date:

The next Senate Council meeting will be October 2, 1979.

6) Proposed Rules Change: Student Government (Section I, 2.2.2 (c)).

After brief discussion, motion was made to approve the proposal for Senate action. Motion was seconded and passed.

7) Withdrawal Policy: Student Government

After brief discussion, motion was made to put on the floor of the Senate. Motion was seconded and passed.

8) Discussion relative to proposed Senate Rules change, Section VI, 1.1 and 1.2

Chairman Krislov opened the floor for discussion and suggestions about how to proceed on this item that was returned to the Senate Council by the Senate.