

FACULTY SENATE

Minutes of Meeting of October 2, 1992

Present: D. Abdalla, E. Aklilu, A. Blasius, M. Casaccio, L. Collantes, J. Collett, M. Derby, M. Dolan, C. Etheridge, M. Feder-Marcus, J. Fernandez, C. Franco, K. Hall, N. Hegde, R. Hoyte, J. Llana, S. Mahmoud, C. McIntyre, A. Mickens, R. Mukherji, M. Mulhare, L. Newbree, M. Rascoe, N. Rosenthal, G. Seidman, A. Smith

I

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of September 11, 1992 were seconded and approved.

II

ELECTION OF NEW CHAIR

Because of Maureen Dolan's resignation, nominations for a new Chair of the Faculty Senate were accepted from the floor. Runi Mukherji was nominated. The nomination was seconded. Nominations were then closed. Runi was unanimously elected Chair of the Faculty Senate.

III

ADOPTION OF SENATE PROCEDURES

At the last meeting members of the Senate had asked that a group of Senators meet to develop a set of procedures for the Faculty Senate. Proposed procedures for the Faculty Senate were distributed along with the agenda for this meeting. The procedures are being proposed to provide a standard and structure for the process of Senate business as well as to provide order and organization in conducting that business. The floor was opened for discussion.

A question was raised as to the kind of empowerment that would be given to the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate. Those drawing up the procedures responded that this committee's responsibility was limited to "coordinating, setting, and distributing the agenda."

Under normal circumstances the Senate would like to have resolutions in the format used for the proposed procedures (rationale followed by a resolution). Faculty Senators have received samples of resolutions used by the University Senate. It was recommended that people use these resolutions for guidance.

Some amendments were made to the proposed procedures. The procedures, as amended, were passed unanimously (copy will be attached to Faculty Meeting minutes).

It was reiterated that issues should be brought to the appropriate faculty committee, which would in turn bring a resolution, if needed, to the Faculty Senate. If issues arise and there is no time to frame

a resolution, it can be raised under new business at the Senate meeting but, if a substantive matter, put into resolution form and acted upon at a future meeting.

IV

NEW BUSINESS

A. The following faculty have resigned from committees:

Michael Leung - Academic Policy
 Basilio Serrano - Admissions
 Debra Randorf - Auxiliary Services
 Michael Leung - Faculty Senate
 David Gillett - Initial Appointments
 Basilio Serrano - Initial Appointments
 Martha Livingston - RPT
 Elaine Scott - RPT

The Chair of the Faculty Senate, with the advice of the Nominations and Elections Committee, has asked the runners-up to these committees to fill the vacancies.

B. Maureen Dolan received a memo from President Pettigrew asking that she appoint a maximum of two representatives from the Faculty Senate within a week to serve on the Budget Committee. She also received a memo from the President asking her to recommend two representatives from the Faculty Senate to the President's Affirmative Action Committee, one of which will be selected to serve as a member of the committee.

Maureen responded that since she was resigning as Chair of the Senate, she did not feel it was appropriate for her to make appointments. She also stated in her response: "To facilitate the selection of Faculty Senators for any present or future ad-hoc, college-wide or advisory committee, the Senate would need detailed information about the composition and purpose of such committees. I am therefore requesting that such information, concerning the Budget and Affirmative Action Committees, be forwarded to Janet Harran's office by September 30th." As of the Senate meeting this information had not yet been delivered to Janet's office.

After some discussion, the following motion (FS-1) was made: The Chair of Faculty Senate shall communicate with the President conveying the Senate's request for specific information about the composition and charge of the "all College long range planning/budget implications structure." The motion was seconded and passed (14 in favor; 0 opposed; 2 abstentions).

Another motion (FS-2) was made that the Faculty Senate send two observers to the Budget Committee pending a decision on whether to send elected representatives. The motion was passed (8 in favor;

3 opposed; 6 abstentions). Larry Newbree and Al Mickens agreed to be observers to the Budget Committee.

The following motion (FS-3) was made: The Chair of the Faculty Senate shall communicate with the President of the College requesting information on the outcomes of last year's Affirmative Action Committee's recommendations and the relationship between last year's committee and the current committee. The Faculty Senate shall send an observer to the President's Affirmative Action Committee while awaiting a response to its request for information. The motion was passed with one opposed and no abstentions. Jonathan Collett agreed to be the observer to the President's Affirmative Action Committee.

A motion (FS-4) was made that the Faculty Senate observers shall report back to the Faculty Senate at the November 6th meeting. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.