

MINUTES OF THE SENATE

Department of English

19 November 1982

3:00 - 5:10 p.m.

Present: Moldenhauer (Chair); Bertlesen, Bowden, Cable, Carver, Duban, Duncan, Faigley, Farrell, Friedman, Ghose, Jolliffe, Kruppa, Lesser, Lidoff, Renwick, Ruszkiewicz, Skaggs, Stott, S. Wevill, Whitbread.

Absent: Hairston, Hinojosa, Megaw, Sipiora

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1. Corrections and Approvals of Minutes

The minutes for the 19 February 1982 meeting, page 3, last line, were corrected to read: "13-1-1". These minutes will now be in agreement with the posted Actions of the Senate Meeting for that date.

Unanimous approval was then given to the minutes of the 15 October 1982 Senate Meeting.

2. Undergraduate Course Committee Recommendations

Professor Norman Farmer introduced changes for the proposed course list for fall 1983. The recommendations adopted unanimously with modifications shown are attached and made a part of these minutes.

3. Announcements

The Chair reminded those in attendance that (1) everyone in the Department may attend and speak at Senate meetings but there is no provision for speaking rights of non-members of the Department; and (2) questions on points of order were welcome and would be referred to the Parliamentarian.

The Chair then made the announcement that the official end of his term was August, 1983 and that he would not seek reappointment. Due to the demands of the chairman's job, he felt that he could not continue beyond the fourth year without an interim leave of absence, and this was not currently possible.

4. Recruitment

Dr. Lesser's motion that a search be conducted for an associate professor appointment to replace the vacancy left by Horace Newcomb passed with one nay vote and one abstention. After more discussion, Dr. Lesser moved that in the candidate search the following guidelines be followed: (1) a candidate should have a needed graduate teaching speciality; (2) expertise in any field should be considered, but especially that of graduate work; and (3) interest groups of the GSC should be given opportunity to decline a search for an Associate Professor in their fields. This motion passed with one nay and one abstention.

Dr. Lesser again moved that the interest groups of the GSC be invited to communicate their sense of teaching and research needs in their fields to the Senate, which would then refine the recruitment policy for transmission to the EC and Dean. This motion passed unanimously.

5. AI-TA Compensation

A letter, dated 17 November and distributed to the Senate members, about compensation and tax exemption for Assistant Instructors and Teaching Assistants was brought up for discussion. Additional copies of the letter were passed out to those members who did not have one (that letter being made a part of these minutes and incorporated herein). After discussion of the proposed draft and covering statement, it was decided that the cover letter would come from the graduate advising staff and be circulated on a no-protest basis before being mailed to the Dean.

6. Lecturers

The Senate then dissolved into a committee of the whole for discussion of the evaluation and hiring of lecturers. Copies of a memo on this topic dated 15 November (which is incorporated herein as part of these minutes) were circulated among those members who had not seen it. Items discussed included student evaluations, hiring, status of lecturers in regards to the Office of the Dean and the E.C. After long discussion, the Senate resumed regular parliamentary procedure. Dr. Wevill moved that a sub-committee be formed comprising both lecturers and professorial members to investigate and report to the Senate on legitimacy status, evaluations and rehiring. The members were nominated and approved, and provision was made for a graduate student member. The subcommittee, Drs. Whitbread, Lesser, Wevill and Skaggs, and Mr. Jolliffe, will report their findings at the next Senate meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.