

Regional Campus Faculty Senate Meeting
Columbia Campus
Minutes: September 23, 1977

Call to Order and Correction of the Minutes

The first meeting of the 1977-78 Regional Campus Faculty Senate was called to order by Chairperson John Samaras (Lancaster). The Chair called for corrections to the minutes of the April 1, 1977 meeting. There was one correction: Professor Jimmie Nunnery (Lancaster) pointed out an error in the report of the Rights and Responsibilities Committee, page 4, lines 20-21. These lines should read "Therefore, the committee felt that this would help to solve that problem by allowing for more equitable representation from the various campuses." With this correction the minutes were approved.

Comments by University Officials

Dr. John J. Duffy

1. Dr. Duffy announced that having the directors of the regional campuses attend Senate meetings is a new practice this year, although the directors have been ex officio members of the Senate for some time.

2. Pledge cards for the University's Educational Foundation will soon reach faculty members, and Dr. Duffy encouraged contributions to the Foundation, especially since the children of regional campus faculty are eligible for scholarships awarded by the Foundation.

Reports from Standing Committees

Rights and Responsibilities. Chairperson Jimmie Nunnery (Lancaster) announced that the Committee had no motions to put forth.

Financial Concerns. Chairperson Harold Sears (Union) announced that since the last meeting, the Committee has completed its salary study and that its findings appeared in the minutes of the April 1, 1977 meeting, with additional corrections included. There was some discussion of the findings, since it appears that faculty salaries on the smaller campuses, as well as those for art, business, and education faculty, females, and non-whites are disproportionately lower than those of other groups. After the discussion the following motion was made:

1. The Financial Concerns Committee moves that the Senate recommend that those responsible for annual salary adjustments actively search out the inequities that exist within the system and eliminate them with additional upward adjustments of salaries for those individuals concerned. The motion was carried.

Intra-University Services and Communications. Chairperson Mae Moore (Lancaster) reported that the Committee is interested in learning what services on the Columbia campus (such as testing and counseling) are available to the regional campuses. One way to familiarize regional campus faculty with such services might be to have the Columbia campus host a Regional Campus Day, which could also serve as an orientation period for sophomores transferring to the Columbia campus.

Chairperson Moore also requested information about the status

of films purchased by the Regional Campus Office which are now housed at the Instructional Services Center. Dr. Duffy responded by saying that those films, as well as all but a few of the Center's films, are available for use on the regional campuses.

Professor John Wright (Union) discussed the interest shown in establishing closer contact between regional campus faculty and their counterparts on the Columbia campus. Various formats for such an interaction were proposed, and Dr. Duffy announced that he and Provost Davis will look into the matter further. If such a program can be established, the Regional Campus Office will absorb the travel and other incidental expenses involved.

In response to the suggestion concerning Regional Campus Day, Dr. Duffy reminded the Senate of the annual deans' visitation tour, which involves deans from the Columbia campus visiting each of the regional campuses to help with pre-advisement. The tour, however, does not provide a means for informing faculty members about the main-campus services available to them.

Jerry Dockery (Military Campuses) suggested that University 101 is an excellent source of information about the services the University provides.

Executive Committee. Chairperson John Samaras discussed the current attempt to set more clearly defined requirements for the associate degree. Presently, the only requirements are that a student complete at least sixty hours and have a GPR of at least 2.0. Regional campus faculty members are encouraged to suggest additional requirements but should keep in mind that any recommendations must have Senate approval before they can be put into effect.

Reports from Special Committees

Library Committee. Representative John Wright (Union) reported that the Committee met on May 2, July 14, and September 22. The following topics were discussed:

1. There has been a serious problem in getting both students and faculty to return overdue books. The Committee and Mr. Toombs jointly sent letters to delinquent students and faculty members, which resulted in the recovery of many volumes. In those cases where books have still not been returned, another letter stating that further action, including legal action, will be taken if necessary will be sent.

2. The Committee's recommendation that a person not have more than ten items in process at one time through intra-library loan was discussed with Mr. Toombs at the July 14 meeting and met with very little opposition.

3. Professor Wright announced that the 1977-78 budget for library equipment and books has been increased from \$891,000 to \$908,000.

4. At the September 22 meeting, the new intra-library loan arrangement was discussed. Under this arrangement the regional campus faculty will have the same privileges as the Columbia campus faculty and the added advantage that the regional campus librarians will return the materials to Columbia for them. A form has been developed for the use of faculty members who wish to request books, and further regulations are in the process of being formulated.

Curricula and New Courses Committee. Kathy Gardner (Lancaster) reported for representative Marnie Foster who was unable to attend. The Committee has met several times but has discussed

nothing pertinent to the Senate's concerns.

Faculty Welfare Committee. Representative Pete Maness announced that he had no report to present at this session.

Academic Affairs-Faculty Liaison Committee. Representative Jimmie Nunnery announced that the Committee met on September 10 and presented the following report:

1. Hugh Norton was elected Chairman of the Committee, and Jimmie Nunnery the Vice Chairman.

2. Dr. Robert Felix (Chairman, University Faculty Senate) is currently gathering information about the vesting period in the State Retirement System which varies from eight years for members of the General Assembly to fifteen years for University personnel. Once all the pertinent data have been assembled, a recommendation concerning this matter will be made.

3. The College of Charleston has asked that the University offer a masters degree program in the field of public administration on its campus, since the College was not approved to offer the program independently. This request has been approved by the Academic Affairs Committee and by the Board of Trustees and is currently being reviewed by the Higher Education Commission.

4. The creation of a librarian specialist degree is also in the process of being approved. This degree would provide an opportunity for study beyond the masters degree in Library Science, but it is not equivalent to a Ph.D, although the credits earned could later be applied to the Ph.D. Since the degree could be offered without hiring additional faculty or incurring any other significant expenses, the Committee approved the request for the program, as has the Board of Trustees. It is currently being reviewed by the Higher Education Commission.

Unfinished Business

Regional campus librarians are to contact Mary Ann Camp (Library Coordinator for the Regional Campuses) at Ext. 4206 to arrange for borrowing books and/or xeroxed materials from the Thomas Cooper Library. Regional campus faculty can still check out materials when they are in Columbia provided that they have valid ID cards. Validation stamps are sent to the regional campuses each semester and are also available on the Columbia campus.

New Business

1. The Executive Committee has appointed Harold Sears (Union), Pete Maness (Sumter), and Mae Moore (Lancaster) to an ad hoc committee to study the Regional Campus Faculty Manual. The committee will review the minutes of past Senate meetings to gather suggested changes, determine which of the changes have been approved by the Board of Trustees, and request action on any changes that have not been approved. The committee will also suggest any changes that their study indicates are needed. It will then present its proposals first to the Senate for its approval and then to the Board of Trustees.

2. Pete Maness has been appointed as a member-at-large to the Executive Committee to fill the vacancy created by Don Weser's departure.

3. Jerry Dockery (Military Campuses) suggested that the Senate, in its consideration of requirements for the associate degree, take into consideration accepting College Level Education

Program (CLEP) examinations as a means of satisfying some of the course requirements for the degree.

Announcements

1. The Executive Committee will next meet in Columbia on October 21.

2. The next Senate meeting will be held at the Union campus on November 11.

3. Senators who must travel a considerable distance to attend Senate meetings are encouraged to make motel reservations for a night rather than make the entire trip in a single day. Dr. Duffy's office will reimburse Senators for subsistence and motel expenses.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary