

## MINUTES

### SPECIALLY CALLED GROUP OF FACULTY SENATE LEADERSHIP

July 15, 1980

A specially called group of Faculty Senate leadership met July 15, 1980, at 1:15 PM in the Executive Room of Garrett Conference Center. Present for the meeting were: Don Bailey, Pat Bowen, Bill Leonard, Bill Beard (for Bob Blann), Pauline Jones, Bob Melville, Ron Veenker, Bob Pulsinelli (for Bill Davis), and Connie Foster. Visitors were: President Zacharias and Bill Buckman.

Don Bailey chaired the meeting for the purpose of presenting a statement on academic freedom to be published in the Faculty Handbook and to discuss the recently announced state deficit. Chairman Bailey asked for comments on and criticism of the "Academic Freedom" policy that Randy Capps had given to him for review. This discussion was postponed until later in the meeting so that President Zacharias could speak.

President Zacharias read excerpts from a cover letter and memorandum of July 11, 1980, from George Atkins to all state agencies. Governor Brown has asked Atkins to implement four steps in order to correct the state deficit:

- 1) To release no funds for new and expanded programs
- 2) To release unrestricted agency funds to aid the state cash flow problems
- 3) To freeze capital construction
- 4) To "reorder program priorities in order that each unit bear a proportionate burden of our reduced revenues..." This should not result in significant additional personnel layoffs.

Zacharias commented that items 2 and 4 were of most concern to us and that, although the tone of the memo was not dictatorial, there were no options offered and that there was no inclination towards raising taxes to generate revenue. He further reported that Paul Cook and Harry Largen would meet with Department of Finance representatives on Wednesday to learn the specifics behind the memo and to see if restricted funds could be reallocated.

Zacharias stressed that all areas of the University must be examined and that each College offer viable cutbacks for its own area only and not "look at the weeds in his neighbor's yard." The three items being looked at by the university administration are:

- 1) Vacant positions
- 2) Unnecessary funded items
- 3) Operations--photocopy, telephone, travel

The discussion on academic freedom resumed with a Veenker/P. Jones motion that "and library materials" be added after item 1 in the first paragraph to read "in selecting teaching aids and library materials." The motion carried.

A Bowen/Veenker motion that "should" replace "shall" wherever it appears in the statement, passed.

Jones/Veenker moved that "departmental colleagues" replace "departmental units" in the last sentence. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:01 PM.