

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND COMMITTEE CHAIR MINUTES

Tuesday, October 4, 1988

Cravens Board Room

3:30 P.M.

Rich Weigel mentioned the apparent increase in typographical errors in Senate minutes, letters, reports, etc. over the last year.

Fred Murphy reported a meeting with President Meredith last week. The President has approved the Senate resolution on insurance. The situation looks bad again next year. ( Claims are running 14% ahead of premiums this year.) The University is looking at some sort of cafeteria plan for the future.

The President indicated that he would use the Committee on Committees in making appointments. As to his attendance at Senate meetings, the President feels it would not be wise for him to attend every meeting because of fear that his presence would cause a damper on debate. There will be regular meetings with the Executive Committee the Tuesday morning after Senate meetings ( 7:15 - 8:30 ) in the President's office.

There was discussion about the scheduling of Executive Committee meetings and an announcement that the President will address the next Senate meeting. Should the President attend every meeting ? Peggy Wright said that he should at least send a representative. Those present generally agreed that he should attend if possible.

The Chair announced that the Fiscal Affairs Committee still lacks a chair.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

B.A.E.:

Special elections will be held to replace at-large members in Ogden (2) and Education (1). These elections are needed because the files won't allow us to check runners-up. Gene Harryman, David Coffey, and Virginia Eaton are the Senators to be replaced.

F.S.W.:

The annual faculty salary survey has been completed and will be distributed at the October Senate meeting. Gene Gallegos will be the Senate representative on the University Insurance Committee. Faculty should be prepared for another increase in insurance costs next year.

There was discussion concerning the bidding procedures for insurance

contracts. The committee wants to discuss with Jim Oppitz the TIAA option and sick leave policy.

P.R.C.

There is continuing interest and concern about elected departmental administrators. ( the heads vs. the chairs )

I.G.P.

The comments from the questionnaires on University Services and Research Support have been transcribed.

A.A.

The committee is collecting documents from Elmer Gray regarding guidelines for graduate faculty membership. It will defer discussion on the proposals for reform of general education until the report is submitted to Academic Council.

Chair Murphy gave the committee copies of the task force report on scheduling of classes.

COMMUNICATIONS

The deadline on the Newsletter puzzle has been extended to November 1.

AD HOC CONSTITUTIONS

The chair is in the process of getting constitutions from other Senates. The committee will have its first meeting soon.

COMM. ON COMMS.

The committee has set up a regular meeting time ( 8:00 A.M. Tu Th ). Ed Dorman asked about the Senate representative to the Library Committee - he is no longer included in notices about committee meetings. Peggy Wright suggested adding new faculty members to the survey of service on and interest in university committees.

The Chair raised the topic of part-time faculty and trends on using them, their qualifications, the method of choice, etc. The issue was referred jointly to Professional Responsibilities and Concerns and Academic Affairs. The question of larger sections was also raised. There is concern that the quality of these should not be allowed to diminish.

The Chair also raised the need for a study of faculty departures over a designated period to provide data on how many have gone, where they have gone, and what the effect has been. This was referred to Faculty Status and Welfare.

Ed Dorman suggested that Faculty Status and Welfare study the correlation between winning university awards and getting (or not getting) merit raises.

Reta Hicks said that the new advising regulations have caused tremendous

problems - there are 380 advisees per faculty advisor in elementary education, for example. This matter was referred to Academic Affairs.