

MINUTES  
UNIVERSITY SENATE COUNCIL  
7 August 2002

The Senate Council met at 3:00 p.m. in room D-132, College of Dentistry, and took the following actions:

1. Issue raised by Senior Vice President and Chancellor Holsinger concerning documentation non-compliance by members of the faculty.  
Chair Dembo offered brief background on this item, noting that Holsinger was seeking the most persuasive way to encourage Medical Center faculty who are refusing to provide their transcripts to change their minds. Faculty transcripts are required by SACs to retain institutional accreditation. Following Council discussion, the Council directed the Chair to write to Holsinger to advise the following: The Council agreed it is important for the Chancellor to enforce the existing Regulations, including the Faculty Code. In the name of collegiality, the Council further encourages their colleagues to comply.

2. A&S Dean Search Nominations:  
Acting Provost Nietzel has requested faculty nominations for service on the A&S Dean Search Committee. Larry Grabau, Teaching and Learning Center was suggested. The Chair will request additional names via e-mail.

3. HES Reorganization.  
Chair Dembo distributed a packet of materials which he went over noting the sources for various items. Missing from those, Bailey pointed out, was the interim report from the Implementation Task Force regarding Interior Design. Extensive discussion followed, during which motion was made [Kennedy; Waldhart] and unanimously approved the proposal that a letter be sent to President Todd and Acting Provost Nietzel. The letter, addressing Todd first, should include the following points:

The Senate Council met today (8.7.02) and voted unanimously to ask you not to proceed with the proposed reorganization of the College of Human Environmental Sciences.

The Council regards the proposal as a violation of procedure and asks that it be referred to the University Senate as prescribed in the Governing Regulations [GR IV-3] and reiterated in the University Senate Rules [Section I, p 1].

Until the Senate has had an opportunity to make a recommendation, the Council recommends that the Dean of the College of Agriculture be appointed Acting Dean of the College of Human Environmental Sciences.

Other points for inclusion in the letter were:

1. Assure the Senate's timely action on the proposal
2. Use of the term "interim" violates procedures, there being no reference to the term in the current Regulations.
3. When process is not followed, it cannot be known whether (or not) a proposal has merit. Documentation and rationale are essential for such a determination.

Dembo was directed to send the drafted letter to the Senate Council (via e-mail) as soon as possible so that the Council may react by noon on the 8th. The final copy is to be delivered Thursday afternoon.

Within the discussion, there was a motion made and seconded[Waldhart; Debski] to send the letter to Todd with a copy to Nietzel. That motion was withdrawn.

Dembo noted that he had a tentative appointment with the President on Monday, the 12<sup>th</sup>, to discuss this issue. Bratt urged, and the Council concurred, that Dembo take the faculty Board representatives to that meeting.

4. Discussion:  
The Chair called for discussion regarding the reported phone conversation between Dembo and Nietzel and the concerns expressed by the Acting Provost about negative characterization. The discussion in the Council focused on speaking on and off the record. No action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey Dembo  
Chair, Senate Council

Present: Pomeroy, Debski, Tagavi, Stoeppel, Edgerton, Waldhart, Kennedy, Bailey, Dembo and guests C. Bratt, R. Williams, D. Jones and R. Flashman.

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