

MINUTES
UNIVERSITY SENATE COUNCIL
29 January 2003

The Senate Council met at 3:30 p.m. in room 1-77, W.T. Young Library, and took the following actions.

1. Chair's Announcements:
 - a. Professor Waldhart will not be in attendance.
 - b. Provost Nietzel would like to meet with the Senate Council to discuss current issues.
 - c. We have a quorum; there are two items of business.

2. Guidelines for Considering Proposals to Create an Educational Unit or Alter its Status, Academic Organization and Structure Committee Report, Professor Kate Chard, Chair
Chair Dembo introduced Professor Chard and invited her comments. Chard spoke to the proposed change on page two of the circulated guidelines. She noted the Committee wanted to make clear what kind of faculty vote they are inviting - that the intent was to remain loose but to move away from the dean or administrative officer "speaking for the faculty." Questions and discussion followed after which motion was made and seconded [Cibull; Bailey] to put the proposal on the Senate floor with a positive recommendation. Motion passed without dissent.

3. Medical Center Reorganization and Provost Model Task Force, Academic Organization and Structure Report, Professor Kate Chard, Chair
Brief background was provided by Chair Dembo; he then invited comment from Professor Chard. Chard's Committee report spoke to several areas of concern. They are outlined in item 2 of the 27 January minutes of the Committee, listed under New Business. They include reference to a) the ambiguity of the proposal; b) the p&t process for Clinical Faculty; c) a push to recommend a liaison to keep academic affairs intact; and, d) a concern that the qualifications of the new Dean of Medicine include clinical experience as well as business acumen. Discussion followed.

The Chair then introduced Professor Sharon Stewart, who spoke to the report of the special meeting of nine members of the Academic Council for the Medical Center. Stewart spoke to the concerns outlined in that report, expressing particular concern for the need to have someone in a role in the Med Center similar to that formerly held by Phyllis Nash. General discussion followed, with some focus on the Executive Summary.

Motion was made to add to the Executive Summary a 9th point, as follows: There is considerable ambiguity in the report in terms of lines of authority; for example, in item A, 2nd part, joint authority is a vague term and the vagueness should be removed. [the original motion was the example and that was moved by Tagavi and seconded by Bailey; the revised wording was moved by Cibull and accepted by the mover of the earlier wording]. Motion passed.

It was suggested and affirmed that before the University Senate meeting, the Chair send all the summaries, including the ACMC special meeting report and the Chard report to the Implementation Committee with a friendly copy to the President.

Motion was then made to send everything to the University Senate without recommendation - to include the Task Force Report, the 6 college reports plus the ACMC special meeting report and the Executive Summary as amended. [Cibull; Debski]
Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 5:24.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey Dembo
Chair, Senate Council

Present: Edgerton, Kennedy, Cibull, Falk, King, Bailey, Dembo, Yanarella, Debski, Tagavi, Saunier, and guests K. Chard and S. Stewart