

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Faculty Senate Steering Committee  
FROM: Jeffrey W. Cornett, Secretary  
DATE: January 5, 1993  
SUBJECT: Minutes of Faculty Senate Steering Meeting - December 10, 1992

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The meeting was called to order by Dr. Glenn N. Cunningham, Chair, at 4:03 p.m. Members present were Drs. Armstrong, Cook, Cornett, Judkins, Leckie, Swart, Taylor, and Wood. Dr. Frank Juge was present as well. The minutes of November 12, 1992 Steering Meeting were approved.

OLD BUSINESS: None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Dr. Leckie provided a detailed report on the GEP meetings utilizing notes provided by Dr. John Schell. Dean Sheridan has identified seven areas of critical concern as the GEP is revisited: critical thinking; writing; oral communication; scientific method; historical awareness; statistics; and art, literature, and music appreciation. Questions of depth and the experiential nature of GEP offerings is under study. Dr. Leckie stated that the GEP Committee meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of every month. It was noted that this is a conflict with the Steering Committee time. Dr. Leckie requested articles related to GEP reform from the Steering Committee.

Resolution 1992-1993-1 was discussed. Many questions of clarity were raised. Dr. Cunningham will seek clarification and will send it ahead.

Resolution 1992-1993-2 was debated. Dr. Juge explained that if a person is fired, the University does not rehire them. If a person resigns, the University may opt to rehire them for a different position. Discussion centered on requisite administrative flexibility and the importance of clarity about the non-routine nature of "demotion."

Resolution 1992-1993-3 was discussed. Dr. Judkins commented on the outstanding quality of her committee's work on technology. Two main priorities have emerged; replacement of old equipment and purchase of new technology for classroom use. Dr. Swart raised issues related to the age of buildings and cautioned not to limit new upgrades. Dr. Cornett stressed the importance of business and university partnerships. Dr. Wood raised the issue of technical maintenance and related costs and personnel. Dr. Judkins will ask the committee if they want to go forward with the resolution as presented or clarify.

Dr. Juge addressed administrative evaluation processes and the current status of chair review procedures in the various colleges. Discussion revolved around the compliance issues raised on the senate floor. Dr. Juge reported that the College of Arts and Sciences is meeting to resolve concerns. Dr. Cornett requested that the Personnel Committee report back how the Arts and Sciences concerns were resolved. Dr. Cunningham will discuss with the Personnel Committee the possible inclusion of other administrators outside the academic areas.

Dr. Cunningham stated that Dr. Hitt wants to meet with faculty more. One of the faculty groups he wishes to meet with is the Steering Committee. Dr. Cunningham will arrange times and notify members. Dr. Cornett requested that teacher education be placed on the agenda as the first topic for these meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.