

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Faculty Senate Steering Committee
FROM: Irene Butler
DATE: June 11, 1993
SUBJECT: Minutes of Faculty Senate Steering Meeting - May 4, 1993

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The meeting was called to order by Dr. Naval Modani, Chair, at 2:03 p.m. The role was passed. The minutes of April 22, 1993 Steering Committee Meeting were approved. Members present were Drs. Armstrong, Cook, Cunningham, Dorner, Hosni, Koons, Leckie, Petrasko, Rungeling, Sepulveda, Sheridan, Taylor, and Wood. Dr. Juge, Dean Huseman, Dr. Hatfield and Dr. John Schell were also in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dr. Modani said that all standing and reporting committees have been requested to submit their annual reports. The Committee on Committees has sent a memo to the Deans requesting recommendations for non-faulty senate members for the four standing committees. A memo has also been sent to the senators asking for their choice for serving on standing committees. A update on the Provost search was given, stating that of the four recommended candidates, there is now three since Dr. Barrett withdrew. Dr. Modani reminded the senators that Commencement is this Saturday.

Concerning Resolutions for 1992-1993, the administration has approved Resolution 1992-1993-2 on tenure track faculty not being allowed to be moved by the administration from tenure track to non-tenure track without review and approval by the tenured departmental faculty. Resolution 1992-1993-9 has been approved authorizing grade letters of A, B, C, NC, and F for ENC 1101 and ENC 1102. Dr. Schell said this may have to wait until Fall 1994 to implement. Resolution 1992-1993-10 in support of ethnic, gender and equity diversity has also been approved by the administration.

LIAISONS REPORTS:

There were no liaisons reports from standing committees.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dr. Modani thanked all the Steering members for attending this meeting on such short notice.

The Undergraduate Course Review Committee at their meeting on April 22, 1993 referred the two special topic course requests for BE 2000 from the College of Business Administration (CBA) to the Undergraduate Policy and Curriculum Committee (UPCC). Subsequently, Dr. Juge, Dr. Lilie, and Dr. Hatfield requested to expedite consideration of this issue. Three options were identified: (1) The Steering Committee can review these courses, (2) The 1992-93 UPCC can be asked to consider this issue as an ad hoc group, and (3) The 1993-94 UPCC be asked to consider this issue after it is constituted in about 4 weeks. Dr. Schell, chair of the 1992-93 UPCC, agreed to consider the issue if asked by the Steering Committee.

Dean Huseman provided some of the background information on BE 2000 and the request for two special topic courses. He pointed out that as an outgrowth of the CBA strategic plan, BE 2000 has been a subject of discussion in the CBA for more than a year. The concept for new curriculum was developed after extensive input from faculty, alumni, current students, and corporate executives. Further, this innovative curriculum attempts to do what is best for the students. The CBA faculty approved the structure and

implementation plan for BE 2000 in early April by a vote of 52 to 1. BE 2000 curriculum involves two new courses and essentially pedagogical rather than content changes in many of the existing courses taught in the CBA. Four competencies (teamwork, communication, creative thinking, and adapting to change) are to be introduced in the two new courses and reinforced in the other courses. Dean Huseman stated that approval of the special topic courses would allow CBA to move forward in Fall 1993 and that the permanent courses will be submitted for approval next academic year.

Several Steering Committee members raised questions regarding the timing of the special topic course requests, whether proper consultations were held with other departments affected by the BE 2000 proposal, whether the proposal can be postponed for a year, and whether the special topic courses duplicated courses taught by other departments. Dean Huseman stated that the proposal was thoroughly discussed in the CBA but conceded that more consultations should have been held with units outside CBA. He also stated that the two courses do not duplicate existing courses by other departments. However, the College of Arts and Sciences will have about 12,000 less student credit hours because CBA would not require four courses that were taught by the College of Arts and Sciences in the old curriculum. Dean Huseman contended that beyond the General Education Program, a college should decide which outside courses their students will or will not take. He was unwilling to postpone implementation for the fear of losing the corporate partners/sponsors. Dean Huseman reiterated that the two permanent courses would be submitted for approval in the Fall 1993 semester. A vigorous debate followed on all of these questions.

Several Steering Committee members stated that established procedures for course approval must be followed. Dr. Schell said that he was concerned about faculty governance and argued that all significant curriculum changes such as BE 2000 should not be viewed as mere course approvals but should be debated by the entire Faculty Senate. Dr. Cunningham and Dr. Modani stated that the place for this discussion is the UPCC and not the entire senate. Dr. Schell stated that approving the two special topic courses is equivalent to approving the new curriculum. Several members were concerned about the push to get the special topic courses approved without full discussion of the merits of BE 2000. Some members thought this was the prerogative of the CBA faculty.

Dr. Hosni reminded that the issue at hand is whether to refer the special topic course requests to 1992-93 UPCC and not for the Steering Committee to debate the merits of BE 2000. Dr. Cook emphasized that established procedures must be followed and moved to refer the two special topic course requests to 1992-93 UPCC as an ad hoc group and they be allowed the time to deliberate. Dr. Cunningham seconded the motion. Dr. Modani urged that the 1992-93 UPCC consider this issue as soon as possible in light of the urgency expressed by the CBA. He also stated that there would be no other new business for the 1992-93 UPCC. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.