

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: All Faculty

FROM: John C. Whitney, Secretary - Faculty Senate

RE: Minutes ... Faculty Senate Meeting, October 20, 1988

The meeting was called to order by Chair Rosie Webb Joels at 4:05 p.m. Minutes of the previous meeting had not been received by all parties and their approval was postponed.

The principal business of the meeting was brought forth. This was a Resolution 1988/89-3 from the Senate Personnel Committee. An amendment was distributed by Ida Cook. This was to be inserted between the first and second paragraphs. Discussion centered on whether or not this was needed, according to present procedures. Clarification of the amendment was offered by the addition of a sentence near the end of the paragraph. The question of interdisciplinary assignment or appointment was discussed. Dr. Paul suggested that this should be specified in each contract.

The amendment passed.

A second amendment from Dr. Stern was discussed in terms of the tenuring of interdisciplinary faculty. Dr. Schell expressed concern with the Southern Association and other accreditation. Dr. Juge confirmed that the Board of Regents has approved similar mechanisms. Dr. Astro stated that "individuals should be given an equal opportunity to receive tenure, regardless of jurisdiction." He further stated that such a case as the current one is extremely rare and suggested that a Dean could be the catalyst for information gathering on a candidate.

Dr. Stern's amendment also passed.

The final vote on the Resolution also passed. The final version of the Resolution is below, with all amendments included.

A reminder was given of a meeting on Tuesday, October 25 from 4-5 p.m. in Education 142 to discuss a Spring Convocation focusing on Academics.

Dr. Astro spoke briefly on the circumstances surrounding the movement of Hospitality Management. His written response will be forthcoming at the next Faculty Senate meeting. The Academic Planning Committee has appointed a 3-person sub-committee to examine possible structural changes in the present College of Health. Their report is due within a month and a Faculty Senate representative will be assisting with this committee. Other faculty, particularly from affected departments, will be consulted before recommendations are sent to the Board of Regents.

There was a brief discussion of search procedures for the Presidency.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John C. Whitney, Secretary

RESOLUTION 88/89-3

Whereas there are faculty engaged in interdisciplinary/joint research and teaching and it is anticipated that increased interdisciplinary/joint activity will occur, it is necessary that tenure and promotion procedures reflect the unique character of such activity. It is therefore recommended that

... when a faculty member, whose primary assignment is interdisciplinary or whose line is not formally located within an academic unit, is being considered for the award of tenure, a representative in which these interdisciplinary courses are taught. This committee shall be comprised of at least 5 and not more than 7 members elected by the tenured members of their respective departments. The provost shall designate the appropriate number to be drawn from each department.

... when the interdisciplinary area crosses college and department, the department and college committees shall be drawn from the focus of the faculty member's assigned responsibilities. The department committee shall be drawn as described above. The college committee shall be comprised of at least 5 and no more than 7 members who shall be selected by the respective college committees. The Provost shall designate the appropriate number to be drawn from each department and college.

... for all future interdisciplinary/joint appointments, the faculty member's departmental affiliations should be specified in the initial contract. The designated affiliations shall not be modified at a later time without the consent of the affected faculty member. All faculty who currently hold interdisciplinary/joint appointments shall have the department affiliations for promotion and tenure purposes specified in the next contract they sign with the University.