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MINUTES OF THE SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
November 21, 1990

1.

The Senate Executive Committee met at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 21, 1990, in the Edna Twamley Room. Robert Kweit presided.

2.

Members present were: Robert Kweit, Sharon Lambeth, Tom Owens, Sara Hanhan, John Wyckoff, Monty Nielsen and Alice Clark.

3.

The agenda for the December meeting was reviewed.

4.

The report from the committee working on the modifications to the proposal for the Ph.D. in Energy Engineering was discussed. Mr. Kweit will announce at the next Senate meeting that it will not be possible to use the returned overhead fund money to support library resources for this program as this money has already been allocated. Discussion continued. Ms. Lambeth had questions regarding the demand for the program, the new curriculum having only an addition of three semester credits and the program being financed by soft money. Ms. Hanhan moved to approve the report. Mr. Wyckoff seconded the motion. The motion carried with six voting for and Ms. Lambeth abstaining. (Report distributed with Nov. 16, 1990 memo.)

5.

Mr. Kweit announced that David Ramsett, Chair of the Committee on Committees, will be bringing to the next Senate meeting the names of the faculty nominees for election to the Recruitment, Reward and Retention and the Restructuring and Reallocation Committees. This item was added to the December agenda.

6.

Mr. Kweit presented the cost estimate for the tally and publication of each Senator's voting record. Because of the cost, he suggested that he will ask the Senate's permission to send copies of the voting tallies of each meeting to the reference desk at the library for viewing.

7.

Discussion was held regarding a January Senate meeting. It was decided that the meeting would be held at 4:00 p.m. on January 17, 1991, to continue business remaining from the December meeting.

8.

Two requests for early graduation were considered: Lara Olsen (B.A.) and Julie Bach (B.S.) from the College of Arts and Sciences. A motion to approve the early graduation dates for these candidates was made by Mr. Nielsen. Ms. Clark seconded the motion which was voted upon and carried unanimously.

9.

Mr. Wyckoff reported on the November 7 meeting of the Council of College Faculties. The work of that meeting concentrated on developing a new Constitution and Bylaws. The plan is that the Council will become the North Dakota University System of Faculty Senate and hold a voting seat on the State Board. They are establishing committees on faculty benefits and pay equity. Mr. Wyckoff suggested that our senate may wish to send business to the University System Senate. Discussion was held on this suggestion. Further discussion questioned why faculty may only serve four consecutive years on the UND Senate.

10.

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Donna Bruce
Acting Secretary