Volume V

Agenda and Minutes
of the Meeting of September 23, 1991

Additional information: Digitized by University Libraries Technical Services and archived in SOAR: Shocker Open Access Repository at: http://soar.wichita.edu/handle/10057/14177
AGENDA

FACULTY SENATE
The Wichita State University

Room 126CH 3:30 p.m.

Meeting Notice: Monday, September 23, 1991

Order of Business
I. Calling of the Meeting to Order
II. Informal Proposals and Statements

   Report on Board of Regents Meeting

III. Approval of Minutes

IV. Old Business

   a. Eligibility Criteria for University Research Grants
      (Second Reading) (Blue Attachment, September 9 Agenda)

   b. Proposal to Create a Credit/No Credit Grading Option
      (Second Reading) (Yellow Attachment, September 9 Agenda)

   c. Proposal to Create a Faculty Ombudsperson Position (for action pending completion of negotiations on implementation with the University administration) (Pink Attachment, September 9 Agenda)

V. New Business

   a. Discussion of Future Senate Agendas

   b. As May Arise.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A. J. Mandt, President 3125 Box 74
James Clark, Vice President 3220 Box 78
Joyce Cavarozzi, Secretary 3541 Box 53
Kathryn Griffith, President Elect 3165 Box 17
Albert Gosman, Elected by Senate 3402 Box 35
Robert Wherritt, Elected by Senate 3160 Box 33
Anneke Allen, Appointed by Senate President 3120 Box 51
David Alexander, Past President 3190 Box 32
Minutes of the Meeting of September 23, 1991

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alexander, Allen, R. Armstrong, Bair, Bajaj, Baxter, Behrman, Benson, Bereman, Billings, Brady, Burk, Campbell, Carper, Cavarozzi, Christensen, Clark, Daugherty, Duell, Erickson, Farnsworth, Gosman, Griffith, Gythiel, Hawley, Hay, Horn, Hoyer, Jeffers, Kitch, Koppenhaver, Lee, Mandt, Martin, Masud, Merriman, Murdock, Parker, Paske, Perel, Rogers, Romig, Sweney, Teague, Wherritt, Widener, Yeager

MEMBERS ABSENT: Carroll, Hubbard, Johnson, Olivero, Parkhurst, Sethi, Zytkow

GUESTS: Brunner, Volz

Summary of Action Taken:

1. President Mandt's report given.
2. Replacement for Education Senator ordered to Rules Committee per motion.
4. SGA proposal for A/Pass/Fail defeated.
5. Academic Affairs Committee Credit/No Credit proposal defeated.

I. THE CALL TO ORDER. Meeting was called to order by President Mandt at 3:30 pm.

The President announced discussion on the proposal to create a faculty ombudsperson would be postponed. There had been no time to meet with the Administration.

President Mandt asked for opinions on need for weekly meetings. Senator Gosman suggested agenda be set first, then the question could be answered.

II. INFORMAL PROPOSALS AND STATEMENTS.

a. President Mandt reported on the Board of Regents meeting. The Staff plan, as we saw it, is dead. The themes in the report are not dead and the Faculty Senate Presidents endorsed the topics in the themes as issues to be addressed. The topics were divided into six parts and WSU has the Undergraduate Experience. The first drafting will be by Peter Zoller and reviewed by the Mission Steering Committee. COCOA is to report to the Board in November on all six parts. The Council of Faculty Senate Presidents discussed ways to increase the role of faculty in the system.

Senator Daugherty asked if anyone had informed the Regents about the time and energy spent on this? Senator Billings said that one important outcome was the reversal of process.

b. Senator Bereman said that in the last Senate meeting a number of female senators were offended by comments made by a senator. She requested the Senate to please refrain from such remarks. Senator Hawley, Billings, Kitch and Mandt seconded the request.

c. Senator Kitch asked if Mr. Koplik's position was being reconsidered. President Mandt replied he didn't know. Senator Farnsworth asked what the Staff had to say. President Mandt said that after giving the Staff report, they said nothing.

d. Senator Bair voiced a concern regarding a memo from Senator Clark about assumed approval by all parties to hold an election for the senator's seat in the College of Education. The College of Education senators had not met with the Rules Committee as the Senate had directed. Senator Clark replied that he communicated
the memo with the assumption it would be circulated. It wasn't, and he apologized. Senator Romig said he didn't consider visiting with the Rules Committee after the Senate meeting fulfillment of the motion that was passed.

Senator Paske said the informal part of the meeting was getting out of hand, and we should proceed to the agenda. Senator Wherritt said this was important, and we should deal with it today. Senator Carper asked to do what the Senate said to do in the first place.

e. Senator Kahn said the administration seems to be following its 20-year plan, even though the first bond issue was abandoned. Is the mill levy money best used for buildings or academic purposes? President Mandt said the mill levy issue is being addressed with the Provost. Senator Kitch asked if that discussion could be moved to further Senate agenda. Senator Erickson said the discussion should include the Fairmount Neighborhood Association. Senator Hay said there was presumptive planning with student fees.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. President Mandt made a correction to the minutes of August 26 (pg 3, paragraph beginning with "President Mandt said", 4th line, . . . Mr. Sudermann (delete "who is") working as a liaison between Wichita State University and various federal granting agencies. Senator Bajaj moved acceptance of minutes as corrected. Senator Gosman seconded. Minutes stand approved as corrected. Senator Bajaj requested that the pages of the minutes be numbered.

IV. OLD BUSINESS.

A. Second reading of Eligibility Criteria for Research Grants. Senator Hoyer suggested spelling out the acronyms. Senator Rogers called for the question. There were no objections. Passed.

B. Credit/No Credit proposal from Academic Affairs. Jennifer Volz, Vice President of SGA, said the students continue to support A/Pass/Fail not Credit/No Credit. Senator Daugherty said the commitment depends on students, too. While the Academic Affairs Committee proposal was less offensive, she urged defeat of both proposals. Senator Billings asked if all other Regents schools had this? Senator Alexander said they have A/Pass/Fail in some form. Senator Masud said if it is used for students to explore, why not audit? Senator Clark asked if students were probably in the minority. Grade point average is probably not as important as GRE. While he is personally not committed to the concept, Senator Alexander thought our students were adult and could choose and be responsible for the choice. Senator Rogers said he was persuaded once by arguments of students, but years of teaching have made him opposed. Senator Baxter said as long as our university has such a long period of withdrawal from classes, she doesn't see the need for it. Senator Paske said he would vote against it because he believed it would be abused. Senator Kitch asked Alvin Teague, President of SGA, how students felt about audit as an option. He said because of time and other constraints, students wouldn't take a class that wouldn't go toward their degree. Senator Masud asked how this proposal would apply in the new General Education proposal. Senator Lee asked if pass would be C only or D and C. Senator Alexander suggested passing the policy for now.
Senator Rogers moved the SGA proposal as a substitute motion for the purpose of consideration of both proposals. Senator Paske seconded. Senator Rogers suggested putting 'non' before G & Q courses. Senator Farnsworth said strike 'non' and 'G' & 'Q' and replace with 'non general education courses.' Senator Romig asked if other campuses accept D as a passing grade. Senator Alexander said D is usually considered a passing grade. Senator Wherritt remarked that he didn’t want D, C and B to count as the same thing. How are courses covered where a specific grade is required for a degree? Senator Alexander said the department requires the course and says what the grade must be. Senator Masud said there would be no way of knowing what grade the student received when credit or no credit is given. Senator Baxter said it doesn’t exist on other levels of education, and if it is so valuable, why not? SGA President Teague said that its purpose was for general education, not specialization at higher levels. Senator Paske moved the previous question. Senator Rogers seconded. Motion passed. The Senate then voted on the SGA A/Pass/Fail proposal. The proposal was defeated. Senate Paske moved the previous question. Senator Rogers seconded. The Senate voted on the Credit/No Credit proposal. The proposal was defeated.

Senator Griffith said the Executive Committee didn’t mean to offend anyone, and apologized and asked to have the Education Senators meet with the Rules Committee. Senator Rogers said the motion for the meeting with the Rules Committee should be carried out. President Mandt so ordered.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm.

Joyce Cavarozzi, Faculty Senate Secretary