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UNIVERSITY SENATE
WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAY 17, 1965

Time: 2:30 p.m., Monday, May 17, 1965
Place: Shocker Room, Campus Activity Center
Presiding: Mr. Sowards

Present were Miss Burgess, Mrs. Gerling, Messrs. Berg, Breazeale, Christenson, Comstock, Cress, Duerksen, Farnsworth, Ford, Genova, Harmon, Hines, Holmes, Jabara, Lindquist, Missal, Nelson, Nickel, Sours, Sowards, Taggart, Terwilliger, Voth, and Wall. Not present were Messrs. Dunn, Gardner, Holmer, Johnson, Powell, and Snyder.

The minutes of the meeting of May 3, 1965, were approved as circulated.

It was announced that the nominating election for at-large members was completed and that ballots would be sent out the following day for the final election.

Mrs. Gerling presented the final recommendations for tenure revisions. (A copy of the recommended revisions is included in the official Senate minutes.)

1. Mrs. Gerling moved the acceptance of revision II. A, which was concerned with tenure for full professors. The motion was seconded by Mr. Missal and passed unanimously.
2. Mrs. Gerling moved the acceptance of revision II. B, which was concerned with tenure for associate professors. The motion was seconded by Mr. Genova and passed unanimously. Mr. Lindquist clarified this revision by stating that the new rank starts at the beginning of the academic year.
3. Mrs. Gerling moved the acceptance of revision II. C, which was concerned with tenure for assistant professors. Her motion included a revision of the first sentence to read: "A faculty member who is appointed as Assistant Professor may attain continuous tenure in exceptional cases after three years service...." In addition, the following sentence was added to the paragraph on previous service at other institutions: "It shall be the function of the Tenure and Welfare Committee to review and evaluate with the department head the previous service of the appointee and to file such an evaluation in writing with the President's Office." The motion was seconded by Mr. Nickel and passed unanimously.
4. Mrs. Gerling proposed the following revision in place of the current statement (II. E) with regard to tenure for instructors: "The rank of instructor does not carry any implication of continuous tenure, except in unusual circumstances." The motion was seconded by Mr. Terwilliger and passed unanimously.
5. Mrs. Gerling moved the acceptance of revision III. B, which reflected the change in the name of the committee to the Tenure and Welfare Committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nickel and passed unanimously. Mr. Herman commented that the combination of tenure and welfare was not as appropriate as it might seem. He felt there were different sets of functions served and a division of labor was necessary.

6. Revisions IV-C, IV-D, V, V-A, and V-B had all been accepted at the meeting of May 3, 1965, so no additional action was necessary.

7. Mrs. Gerling moved the acceptance of revision V. C. The motion was seconded by Mr. Missal and passed unanimously.

8. Mrs. Gerling moved the revision of Section I, paragraph 2 of our current tenure policy to read: "Such notice must be given in writing....", which was seconded by Mr. Taggart and passed unanimously.

A copy of these tenure revisions, as amended in the Senate meeting, is included in the official Senate minutes and was distributed to all members of the University Faculty.

Mr. John Breazeale, chairman of the Senate's ad hoc Committee on Academic Freedom, then presented a preliminary report, which is reproduced below.

"The Committee has held one meeting for purposes of exploration of the work to be done and organization for accomplishing this work. The Committee reviewed the Senate discussions that led to its appointment and attempted to list the resource materials which will be useful to it. Steps have been taken to secure these source materials.

"The initial work of the Committee will involve attempts to outline areas from which academic interest conflicts arise and to list in each area the sources of curtailment of academic freedom.

"Mr. Harder's statement to the Senate was discussed at some length and the Committee intends to explore the possibility of implementing Mr. Harder's suggestions for delineating more clearly the areas in which an individual instructor has freedom.

"The Committee will continue to meet at intervals through the summer and will have a progress report available in the early fall."

President Lindquist made several closing comments, including a statement of appreciation to the Senate for being faithful workers during the past year. He stated that the minutes of the Senate indicate it has dealt with significant problems and issues and has represented the Faculty and University well. The Senate has shown an attitude of "ours" not "theirs," of "we" not "they," and can be a good instrumentality.

Mr. Sowards declared the meeting adjourned.

J. Kelley Sowards, Chairman

Donald D. Christenson, Secretary

Date Approved