



University Senate Archives

University Senate

Academic year 1972-1973

Volume IX

Minutes of the Meeting of April 24, 1972

Additional information: Digitized by University Libraries Technical Services and archived in SOAR: Shocker Open Access Repository at:
<http://soar.wichita.edu/handle/10057/15268>

Approved
11 Sept 72
AS

UNIVERSITY SENATE
Wichita State University
Minutes of the Meeting of April 24, 1972, (Vol.8, No.16)

Members present: Artiaga, Austin, Breazeale, Britton, Burnett, Collison, Cress, Dunn, Dybdahl, Friesen, Gosman, Hammond, Jakowatz, Malone, Mathews, Mathis, Morse, Norris, Perel, Poland, Posey, Rogers, Saricks, Wong, Youngman, Zody. Members not present: Ackerman, Ahlberg, Allegrucci, Becker, Blake, Boughton, Chaffee, Christenson, Comstock, Darling, Elcrat, Farnsworth, Genova, Gleason, Graham, Harder, Heathman, Holmes, Magelli, Mills, Nielsen, Rhatigan, Savaiano, Snyder, Sowards, Spies, Spohn, Stucky, Terrell, Unrau, Vivion. Guests present: O.Duell, Meacham, Schaible.

- I. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Zody at 3:40 p.m.
- II. Mr. Cress moved unanimous consent to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 17, 1972. One correction was noted in III, B, the third paragraph. It should read: Mr. Harder moved (seconded by Mr. Dybdahl) to amend the motion to strike the number four and insert 8 to read "the President and seven other members."
- III. Orders of the Day
 - B. General Orders

Mr. Haydon, Task Group on General Education. Mr. Haydon presented an informative report concerning the work of the group. (Attached to the permanent minutes, 4/24/72).
- V. Committee Reports
 1. Ms. Duell, Financial Aid and Scholarship Committee. (Report attached to the permanent minutes, 4/24/72).
 2. Ms. Duell, Teacher Education Council. (Report attached to the permanent minutes, 4/24/72).
 3. Mr. Saricks, Library Committee. (Report attached to the permanent minutes, 4/24/72).
 4. Mr. Saricks, Research and Publications Committee. (Report attached to the permanent minutes, 4/24/72).
 5. Mr. Schaible, Public Occasions Committee. (Report attached to the permanent minutes, 4/24/72).
- VII. The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

This needs to be attached to the
permanent minutes 4/24/72
as indicated in these minutes.

April 24, 1972

INFORMATION REPORT FROM THE TASK GROUP ON GENERAL EDUCATION

The Task Group on General Education has been at work for almost two years in the review of the University core curriculum and the preparation of recommendations for a new general education requirement. Recognizing that the Task Group itself is not fully representative of all interests within the University concerned with general education, the Task Group has throughout its period of work held many open hearings, met with college faculties, and solicited written suggestions relative to the core curriculum or general education requirements. On the basis of its own work and the many suggestions which it received the Task Group prepared a draft report which was issued in the spring of 1971 as a discussion document. Subsequent to the release of that document many additional hearings have been held and written criticism of the document again solicited. The Task Group has now revised its proposed statement on general education to accommodate to the greatest degree possible the various concerns and criticisms expressed in various hearings on the draft report. The Task Group feels that it is now ready to prepare, during the summer months, a final document which will be presented to the appropriate faculty and administrative groups for action in the early fall of 1972. Although recommendations in regard to some of the components of the communication skills requirement remain to be completed over the summer months the major dimensions of the Committee's report are now clearly fixed and it seems appropriate at this time to present these to the Steering Committee on Academic Planning, the Senate, and the Council of Deans. No substantive changes in these major elements in the general education requirement are contemplated in the report to be presented in the fall.

The major features of the proposal will provide a 39 to 41 hour requirement for general education, including 1) Communication Skills, 2) General Studies courses, and 3) Distribution requirements.

1. A requirement in communication skills (reading, writing, speaking, listening and library skills) to total six to eight hours. In regard to **that** portion of the communication requirement relating to writing skills, the responsibility for appropriate testing, the provision of supplementary course work where necessary, and instruction in a two semester, continuous course sequence would be assigned to a Composition Program in the Department of English. This program would be administered by a Director acting with the assistance of a Board of Advisors which would include members from outside both the Department of English and Fairmount College. It would be the responsibility of the Director to design, institute, and continuously monitor instructional programs adapted to the writing needs of our students as those needs are understood by the Director, his Advisory Board, and through the board, the faculty of the University.

In matters of staff recruitment, tenure and promotion recommendations, and budget (including both instructional and supportive), the Director would have authority proportionate to the Program's share of the Department's instructional activity, and would report directly to the Dean.

2. A requirement of 9 hours of certain courses, designated General Studies Courses, especially designed to serve the need of the student who anticipates that the course will be his one university contact with the field of the course. Some of these courses may now exist, but many would need to be created. The encouragement and review of General Studies courses would be the responsibility of a Director of General Studies, who would report to the Vice President for Academic Affairs. Assisted by a committee of faculty members, the Director would review courses developed and submitted by faculty members and departments, and would annually establish a list of courses carrying the General Studies designation. All such courses would be submitted to the University Curriculum Committee. Credit hour production in General Studies courses would be credited to the department in which the course instructor holds an appointment.
3. In addition to the communication skills, a distribution requirement for general education totaling 33 hours including General Studies courses. For the purposes of this requirement all university courses would be divided among four divisions:

Humanities and Fine Arts (excluding Performance and Studio courses)
Social and Behavioral Sciences
Natural Sciences and Mathematics
Professional Studies (including Performance and Studio courses)

Outside their communication skills requirements, students would be required to take

- A. A total of 18 hours to be distributed as follows:
eight to ten hours in each of the two divisions outside the division containing his major.
- B. A total of 15 hours to be distributed as follows:
six to nine hours in a third division outside his major division, and six to nine additional hours without regard to division.

All of these courses must be chosen subject to the additional restrictions that

1. At least nine hours must be in courses designated as General Studies courses. Each General Studies course will be assigned to one of the four divisions.
2. No more than nine hours may be taken in a single department and all must be outside the major department.
3. In each division outside of the student's major division, courses must be taken in more than one department.

Task Group on General Education:

Dr. Randall Haydon, Chairman
Dr. James Merriman
Dr. Albert Gosman
Dean Ambrose Saricks
Dean Walter Friesen
Dr. Harry Rounds
Miss Nancy Cox
Mr. Kelly Pinkham
Mr. Stan Holder
Dr. John Breazeale, ex officio
Dr. George Platt, ex officio

Approved
11 Sept 72
H.C.

UNIVERSITY SENATE
Wichita State University
Minutes of the Meeting of May 8, 1972, (Vol.8, No.17)

Members present: Ackerman, Allegrucci, Breazeale, Brewer, Britton, Burgess, Burnett, Camin, Chaffee, Childs, Collins, Cress, Dybdahl, Forsyth, Gosman, Graham, Hammond, Harder, Johnson, Kahn, McNelis, Magelli, Malone, Mathis, Millett, M. Myers, Norris, Paske, Rhatigan, Snyder, Sobin, Sullivan, Tenelshof, Vanderleest, Wong, Heathman, Meacham, Pinkham, Posey. Members not present: Ahlberg, Brady, Darling, Elcrat, Farnsworth, Friesen, Gleason, Jakowatz, Laptad, McKibbin, W. Myers, Nielsen, Rogers, Saricks, Sowards, Spohn, Terrell, Youngman.

I. The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m.

III. Special Orders: The election of the officers of the Senate for 1972-73.

Ms. Burgess was nominated for President by Mr. Gosman.
Mr. Wong seconded.
Mr. Snyder was nominated for President by Mr. Harder.
Mr. Kahn seconded.
Mr. Meacham moved that nominations be closed. Mr. Dybdahl seconded.
The motion passed. Ms. Burgess was elected President.

Mr. Snyder was nominated for Vice-President by Mr. Kahn.
Mr. Meacham seconded.
Ms. Hammond was nominated for Vice-President by Mr. Dybdahl.
Mr. Wong seconded.
Ms. Brewer moved that nominations be closed. Mr. Burnett seconded.
The motion passed. Mr. Snyder was elected Vice-President.

Mr. Paske was nominated for Secretary by Mr. Ackerman.
Mr. Kahn seconded.
Mr. Childs was nominated for Secretary by Mr. Cress.
Mr. Malone seconded.
Mr. Meacham moved that nominations be closed. Mr. Dybdahl seconded.
The motion passed. Mr. Childs was elected Secretary.

General Orders: Election of members of the Senate Agenda Committee.

The Chair ruled that an elected member of the Agenda Committee may be from the same Senate division as the Past President, who serves Ex Officio.

Divisions represented on the Senate Agenda Committee by virtue of election of officers are as follows:

Ms. Burgess, At-Large
Mr. Snyder, Engineering
Mr. Childs, Fine Arts

The Chair ruled that the two elected positions on the Agenda Committee would be filled one at a time.

For the Agenda Committee positions:

Mr. Farnsworth was nominated by Mr. Paske.
Mr. Snyder seconded.
Ms. Hammond was nominated by Mr. Wong.
Ms. Vanderleest seconded.
Mr. Kahn moved that nominations be closed. Mr. Dybdahl seconded.
The motion passed. Ms. Hammond was elected from Humanities.

Ms. Millett was nominated by Mr. Wong.
Ms. Vanderleest seconded.
Mr. Pinkham was nominated by Mr. Allegrucci.
Mr. Posey seconded.
Mr. Burnett was nominated by Mr. Gosman.
Mr. Dybdahl seconded.
Mr. Meacham moved that nominations be closed.
Mr. Mathis seconded. The motion passed.
Mr. Pinkham, Student, was elected.

Ms. Hammond moved to offer a vote of appreciation to Mr. Zody and the Senate officers for a year of hard work. Mr. Magelli seconded and supported the motion which carried.

VII. Mr. Snyder moved adjournment at 4:30 p.m.