

**DRAKE UNIVERSITY**  
Minutes of the Faculty Senate meeting

November 15, 2000

The regular meeting of the 2000-2001 Faculty Senate was called to order by President Lou Ann Simpson. The following Senators were present for all or part of the meeting: Allen, Bartschat, Brady, DeLaet, Gillespie, Honts, Kleiner, Lovell, McCrickerd, Parsa, Pomeroy, Phillips, Rankin, Reed, Reynolds, Sanders, Simpson, Symonds, Wright

Absent: Cairns

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting:**

Upon proper motion and second, the minutes of the October 2000 meeting were approved.

**Report from President Maxwell:**

- At the recent Board meeting, their actions included the renaming of the Board of Trustees from the Board of Govenors.
- The existing residence hall quality of life was a high priority also at the last Board meeting. Jerry Price and Tom Tronick presented a proposal to enhance the current quality of residence life and an effort to enhance the learning communities. During the discussions at the Board level, there was interest in altering the rehabilitation proposal to include additional construction proposals. This item will come before the Board again.
- There is a definite structural issue with the Drake Stadium and the Board has given the approval for a full renovation plan
- RPAC has continued to meet. Academic programs, which were presented for elimination or reduce and reduction have been the first items on the agenda. Late this week, President Maxwell will be releasing his response to some of the recommendations. He and RPAC are concerned about the impact for students and their future plans and are making efforts to be sensitive to there planning needs. He indicated that he continues to be quite impressed with the process and the persons involved.

**Report from Provost Troyer:**

- The September Faculty Senate motion concerning alumni taking a course for audit has been reviewed for its impact on the library and its databases.
- The Deans Council has endorsed and President's Cabinet has approved a \$250 per credit hour charge for over 19 credit hours in a semester. This will become apart of the February 2001 Board meeting.
- The Administrative Site Visit Team has completed their work and a recommendation will be made to Cabinet yet this fall. The Provost hopes for a vendor decision to be made yet this calendar year.

• the technology fee distribution for the spring semester was made at Deans Council today. This fee and its distribution has a direct benefit for the students and faculty of each college.

Report from President Simpson:

- EPI will be receiving the issue of cross-enrollment and addressing the appropriateness of when enrollment may or may not be taken at one of the consortium schools for courses concurrently available at Drake.
- The Appeals committee will have first meeting on Friday to orientate themselves.
- Senator Brady and Student Body President Voorhees have met concerning the Senate Committee on Joint Concerns and its possible disbandment. The Student Senate is in favor of this action.

Senator Brady moved and McCrickerd seconded motion **01-03**:

*Move to dissolve the Joint Committee on Student Concerns*

The motion passed with out further discussion.

President Simpson presented a handout to the members of Section X of the Academic Charter, Discontinuance of a College, School, Program, or Department of Instruction. No list of programs was presented.

The remainder of the meeting was a discussion of how the Senate would conduct the business of voting on discontinuance of academic programs. Issues included a) how and where the Senators will have access to which documents, b) whether or not further public forums were appropriate or needed c) balancing the remaining time available before the end of the semester with an adequate review of the available materials and d) which dates and times various members would be available for additional Senate meetings.

The exact number of programs, which will be presented for discontinuance is not known. President Maxwell indicated that some departments are contesting the discontinuance recommendation and others are not. Several Senators indicated their concern to have as much information as soon as possible to make better use of their preparation time and that information might include which programs are being contested. Several persons noted that each program should be given due consideration due to the gravity of any academic program being discontinued.

Senator McCrickerd sought clarification concerning the effect if the Faculty Senate voted against a program discontinuance. The response was that the program would be maintained at Drake.

The Senate discussion continued including President Maxwell as to the possible content of any discussion which might be made at a Senate meeting, either by a Senator or interested party, concerning a program or the full Program Review process. Several speakers wished to be sensitive to any one person wishing to address an issue but the opportunity must not create a discussion of one person's teaching quality.

Unfinished Business:           None presented

New Business:           None presented

On proper motion and second the meeting closed at 4:45 p.m.

