

DRAKE UNIVERSITY
Minutes of the Faculty Senate meeting
November 18, 1998

The regular meeting of the 1998-99 Faculty Senate was called to order by Judy Allen at 3:30 p.m. The following Senators were present for all or part of the meeting: Allen, Gilbride, Hunter, Morrow, Myszewski, Petersen, Phillips, Pomeroy, Reincke, Sisk, Stratton, Strentz, Walker, Winebrenner, Wright
Absent: Brady, Buising, Heaston, Herman, Spencer, Zivin

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Upon proper motion and second, the minutes of the regular October meeting were corrected then approved. The correction was in the New Business section, motion 99-02. The corrected sentence should read: *Senator Morrow spoke against the motion believing that a person in a different college can represent someone in another college.*

Report from President Ray:

- The Board of Governors has agreed to have elected faculty and students officials attend their meetings with President Ray. This is with faculty representation on four board committees: Business and Finance, Enrollment Growth, Institutional Advancement and Academic Affairs. President Ray appreciates the good reception he has received from the faculty and wants to continue to work with the faculty.
- President Ray expressed thanks to Steve Hoag, Interim Provost and Richard Morrow, Interim Dean for accepting their positions and moving quickly into their new roles.
- The recent Des Moines Register article concerning the departure of top-level administrators and the campus reaction was not a positive article. President Ray remarked that Drake needs to be realistic about our difficulties and there are many reasons to be optimistic. He offered the ongoing hard work of the Admissions office and the receptions throughout the Midwest as an example.
- Michael Cheney will take on the responsibility of the Year 2000 concern and report directly to President Ray on this matter.
- Please plan on attending the December 4th reception at 2: 30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Levitt Hall for Provost Gitenstein.
- Several University priorities have surfaced during this semester that will continue to have President Ray's attention. He noted the following topics in no particular order; Cowles Library, technology in the classroom and elsewhere on campus, the budget building process and the Drake Curriculum.

Senator Strentz noted that not everyone regarded the Des Moines Register article as negative.

Report from Interim Provost Hoag:

- The School of Journalism and Mass Communications will have their accreditation visit on February 15-17, 1999.
- The position of Web Editor has been opened in the Marketing and Communications office which is expected to help the university wide web presence.
- The Drake Curriculum is a serious issue being discussed between the Deans Council and the General Education Sub-Committees.
- The recent administration visits to the residence halls was a friendly experience. There were serious concerns that were well presented by the students and residence hall staff.

- There are some programs changes upcoming such as a new Law, Politics & Society concentration and a neuroscience major which will be jointly offered by Arts & Sciences and Pharmacy. The Russian courses and the graduate Music programs will be discontinued.

Senator Strentz asked if there was more than one graduate program in the music department. Ron Troyer responded that there was one degree with several majors.

Executive Committee Report:

- Since the last senate meeting, the Executive committee has appointed a First Year Seminar (FYS) committee and an Advising Committee to work with the General Education Committee (GEC). There has not be an additional Assessment Committee appointed until it is determined whether or not the existing committee will take that role. There are still positions open on the GEC in the fine arts and social sciences positions. President Allen requested the senators discuss these vacancies with colleagues and refer interested persons to her.
- President Allen thanked President Ray for his facilitating the new relationship with the Board of Governors and his advocacy of faculty representation on the Board. In addition to the Faculty Senate and Student Body President representatives, there will be appointments made to some Board committees. These appointments will begin as the Chairs of relevant committee, however, if you have ideas about how faculty representatives should be appointed, please note those ideas to any member of the executive committee.
- President Allen has met with Todd Sechser to hear student concerns on advising issues and the Drake Curriculum vote.
- The Executive Committee voted to invite all faculty to an open faculty forum to continue the discussion began at the October faculty senate meeting concerning university level faculty governance. The forum will be held after the regular December senate meeting.

Senator Wright moved and Walker seconded Motion 99-04:

The Senate endorses the Faculty Forum

The motion passed without discussion.

- President Allen noted that the next Executive Committee meeting with President Ray would be on Monday, November 23rd. Please send any concerns and successes you wish shared with him to any member of the committee.

Committee Reports:

University Campus Committee for the Selection of President - Robert Hunter reviewed the process to date for the selection of a new Drake president. He referenced the appropriate Academic Charter sections and distributed a one page "Criteria for Selection of Drake's Next President". He indicated that from approximately 125 names there were 65 completed files reviewed by the committee. Seven persons were interviewed in 90 minute segments at an off campus site. There were questions concerning the timeframe and quantity of on campus interviews and various attributes of the persons being considered. Mr. Hunter noted that all seven were current high ranking university personnel.

Budget & Business Affairs - Hugh Winebrenner indicated he serves on the Vacancy Review Committee as chair of Budget and Business Affairs (B&BA). All recent requests have been approved. The B&BA has reviewed and commented on the 98/99 budget and help set the seven institution goals for the 99/00 budget year. The goals started at the Cabinet level and the committee saw and made comments to the Vice President. He indicated that Vice President Payseur is a pleasure to work with, noting she is willing to answer questions and presents the data openly. A subcommittee, chaired by William Stoppel, is looking at the existing copyright policy.

Unfinished Business:

None presented

New Business:

None presented

On proper motion and second the meeting closed at 4:25 p.m.

Submitted by, Nancy Geiger, Secretary

Motion:

To refer, for review and consideration, the December 1998 report from the Information Resource Policies and Issues Committee (IRPI) to a) the Faculty Senate Budget & Business Affairs Committee b) University Strategic Planning Council (USPC), and c) the President and his Cabinet

Rationale:

The committee conducted an extensive evaluation of Drake University's current and long term technology capacity and needs; developed, disseminated and reviewed Planning Surveys which were returned from various Colleges/Schools and administrative units; and developed this short list of critical items. The items are not presented in any ranked order. IRPI believes that other existing units on campus need to address these priority items and act on their budget implications.