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Minutes of the Meeting

(Approved September 4, 2003)

Executive Committee of the Arts and Sciences

May 1, 2003

Members attending: B. Carson, D. Child, E. Cohen, B. Levis, L. Lines, J. Malek

Guest: H. Edge

I. Call to Order

Barry Levis called to order the last Executive Committee meeting of his term as president of the faculty.

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of April 17, 2003, were approved as distributed.

III. Old Business

A. Report on Student Judicial Committee

The Judicial Task Force presented the following report, containing a recommendation to be offered for vote at the next faculty meeting:

“Given that the vast majority (~90%) of judicial cases are being considered in administrative hearings, we recommend that four faculty members be appointed to participate, on a rotating basis, in administrative hearings that will be conducted at set times to facilitate faculty participation. Although it is recognized that cases requiring immediate attention will arise and the system will

have to be flexible so as not to unduly interfere with the work of administrative judicial officers, the presumption shall be that faculty members will be present when administrative decisions are made. The Student Life Committee will be responsible for submitting the names of four faculty members to the Executive Committee for approval.

“This proposed arrangement should be reviewed in two years. Faculty members should be appointed for a period of two years.”

When this recommendation is implemented, faculty representation on the Community Hearing Board would not continue.

B. Nominations for FEC

A slate to fill vacancies on FEC will be offered for faculty approval at the next meeting

IV. New Business

A. Executive Committee

- 1. Committee Vacancies:** . There will be an election at the next faculty meeting to fill the AAC vacancy. Barry has also spoken with chairs of divisions needing to hold elections for divisional representatives.
- 2. Academic Calendar 2004-5:** The Executive Committee reviewed the two proposals from the Dean of Faculty's office and agreed on their preference for a combination of two calendars, avoiding a return for spring term that is so early that it would make intersession trips abroad difficult or impossible and cutting the length of time between the final day of final exams and graduation from eight days to four days.
- 3. Residence Hall Incident:** Don Griffin will present a resolution at the next faculty meeting in response to the recent allegations of harassment in a residence hall.
- 4. Reports at next faculty meeting:** Brief reports have been requested from George Herbst (on the impact of underwater endowments) and from Jim Malek (on the state of the College)

B. Academic Affairs Committee (Ed Cohen)

1. Because of a delay in receiving needed materials and information requested by the committee, AAC is not ready to take back to the faculty the proposal on infusing the R & T into the majors.

2. AAC unanimously passed the following resolution, which was approved by the Executive Committee:

“Effective immediately, at the end of each academic year all faculty will receive paper transcripts and/or forms which map their advisees' progress toward the completion of their general education requirements and provide an accounting of the number of semester hours they have earned.”

3. AAC reported on the status of the Physical Education proposal. The Executive Committee directed the questions and concerns of AAC to the Dean and the Provost, requesting a report from the Provost to the Executive Committee next year.

D. Student Life Committee

1. Pedro Bernal will be chair next year.
2. Hoyt Edge attended the last meeting to discuss NSSE data with the committee.

E. Professional Standards Committee

In the absence of new legislation on standards for scholarship and evaluation of senior faculty (delayed because of Fox Day), the evaluation practice outlined in the faculty handbook continues to be in effect.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:07 to hearty expressions of gratitude to Barry Levis for his two years of leadership.

Barbara Harrell Carson

Vice President/Secretary