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FROM: Barry Allen
Vice Chair & Secretary of the Faculty

TO: All College Faculty, President Seymour, Vice-Presidents
DeNicola, Johnson and Morgan, Deans Straumanis, Erdmann,
Watkins and Miller, Associate Dean Lancaster, Archives.

DATE: November 17, 1986

RE: Faculty Meeting Agenda -- 11/19/86

..... Agenda for Faculty Meeting
November 19, 1986

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes
- III. Report from Administrators (as necessary)
- IV. Resolutions

A. Be it resolved that the following statements become policy and appear in the catalogue and other relevant publications:

While we encourage students to explore several areas of interest, students must declare their majors by midterm of the first term of their junior year or they will not be permitted to register for a subsequent term. Majors may be changed at any time. Area study majors must be submitted to the Dean of the Faculty by the end of the sophomore year. This resolution becomes effective January 1, 1987.

B. Be it resolved that:

Advanced Placement (AP) credit may not be used to satisfy distribution requirements.

***** Meeting of the Steering Committee *****
Minutes -- November 12, 1986

Attendance: Deans Straumanis and Watkins, Professors Small, Cohen, McAleer, Allen, Nassif, Newman and student representative Steve Appel.

Chairman Small is trying to set up a meeting on Standards review.

The Committee discussed the proposal from Curriculum Committee requiring students to declare majors by midterm of the junior year. The resolution now reads:

I. Be it resolved that the following statements become policy and appear in the catalogue and other relevant publications:

While we encourage students to explore several areas of interests, students must declare their majors by midterm of the first term of their junior year or they will not be permitted to register for a subsequent term. Majors may be changed at any time. Area study majors must be submitted to the Dean of the Faculty by the end of the sophomore year. This resolution becomes effective January 1, 1987.

This resolution will be brought to the faculty for approval at the next faculty meeting.

The Committee next discussed the proposed change in the composition of the Curriculum Committee. The Committee decided to send the proposal back for clarification on a number of points including overlap of issues and faculty majority on the Curriculum Committee.

The Curriculum Committee has also recommended that Advanced Placement credit not be used to satisfy distribution requirements. The Committee approved and will bring this to the faculty.

Professor Newman joined the faculty in a discussion of possible approaches to improving the situation in the Business Studies Department. The possibilities include: 1) new faculty; 2) "academic receivership"; 3) removal or relocation of some of the existing faculty; 4) new chair from outside the department.

The discussion led to the following resolution that was supported by the entire committee as well as the Chair of the Business Studies Department.

To facilitate the business of the department, be it resolved that the Business Studies Department be placed in receivership, and that the Dean of the Faculty consult with the Steering Committee as to the scope and terms of said receivership.

It was also suggested that a committee composed of the Provost, the Dean of the Faculty, the Dean of the College, the Dean of SCE, and the Chair of the faculty begin deliberations toward a solution to problems of the Business Studies Department other than its immediate governance.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry S. Allen
Secretary of the Faculty
11/14/86

Meeting of the Faculty of the College
Minutes -- November 19, 1986

Attendance: Barry Allen, Jim Small, Daniel DeNicola, Bari Watkins, Pat Lancaster, Joan Straumanis, Twila Papay, Bob Miller, Fidel Lopez-Criado, Chris Cordner, Ken Taylor, Richard Lima, Ed Borsoi, Larry Eng-Wilmot, Boyd Coffie, Art Jones, Lynda Glennon, Larry Van-Sickle, Marvin Newman, Sandy Skidmore, Charlie Rock, Harry Kypraios, Barbara Carson, Carol Lauer, Marilyn Stewart, Gary Williams, Socky O'Sullivan, Steve Neilson, Yudit Greenberg, Jim Warden, Doug Child, Bob Carson, Gloria Child, Kathy Cherry, Robert Smither, Wayne Hales, Antonios Karam, Ed Leroy, Joe Siry, Eileen Gregory, Nancy Decker, Judy Provost, Scott Witherell.

The meeting was called to order at 3:40 PM, and the minutes approved as read.

Provost DeNicola reported that the two construction projects were on schedule. Mills may open in April 1987 and the Social Sciences Building in September of 1988.

Dean Straumanis reported that the Business Studies Department has been placed in "receivership." A three member committee (Sandy Skidmore [chair], Bob Smither and Marty Bell) will run the day to day operation of the department "as long as needed, possibly through the end of the academic year." Marvin Newman concurs with this and has already resigned as chair of the department. A council of Deans (including the Provost) and the Chair of the Faculty will explore long run solutions to the problems of the Business Department.

Socky O'Sullivan argued that faculty representation on the long run planning group would be appropriate.

Professor Kerr sought assurances that all proper procedures would be followed in any personnel decisions. Dean Straumanis reiterated that all College and AAUP regulations would be followed.

Dean Straumanis urged that we use our time together in faculty meetings to extend and improve communication between faculty and administration.

The Provost was asked for a report on the Cornell lakefront. He said that in an attempt to "make a zealous response" to the Cornell's request for proper maintenance of the grounds, "quite a lot of vegetation along the lakefront was removed." In the aftermath, he added, "almost everyone agrees that the action was inappropriate." In response, the President has suggested the formation of an environmental concerns committee. The Provost will take this suggestion to CAB.

A resolution from the Curriculum Committee was presented by Socky O'Sullivan and quickly seconded by Richard Lima.

The resolution read as follows:

Be it resolved that the following statements become policy and appear in the catalogue and other relevant publications:

While we encourage students to explore several areas of interest, students must declare their majors by midterm of the first term of their junior year or they will not be permitted to register for a subsequent term. Majors may be changed at any time. Area study majors must be submitted to the Dean of the Faculty by the end of the sophomore year. This resolution becomes effective January 1, 1987.

Carol Lauer moved to amend the motion to require that students declare a major by mid-term of the sophomore year. Pat Lancaster proposed a friendly amendment (which was accepted) that moved the date to the advisement period of the 2nd semester of the sophomore year. Marvin Newman revised the friendly amendment to add "full" term. This amendment was passed.

The amended motion now reads:

While we encourage students to explore several areas of interest, students must declare their majors by the formal advisement period of the second full term of the sophomore year or they will not be permitted to register for a subsequent term. Majors may be changed at any time. To declare an area studies major a student must submit a proposal to the Dean of the Faculty by the formal advisement period of the second full term of the sophomore year. This resolution becomes effective January 1, 1987.

A second resolution was presented by Socky O'Sullivan as follows:

Be it resolved that: Advanced Placement (AP) credit may not be used to satisfy distribution requirements.

Socky then proposed a friendly amendment to his own motion so it would read:

Advanced Placement (AP) credit may not be used to satisfy general education requirements.

Socky moved that the resolution be adopted. The motion was seconded by several eager faculty, and passed.

Sandy Skidmore moved that:

The undergraduate faculty recommend to CAB that the Dean of the Faculty be placed on the search committee for the new Vice President for Finance.

Socky suggested a friendly amendment to change "undergraduate" to "college". The motion then read:

The college faculty recommend to CAB that the Dean of the Faculty be placed on the search committee for the new Vice President for Finance.

Socky O'Sullivan asked Steering to explore the issue of professional liability insurance for the faculty.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.