

# MINUTES

## FACULTY SENATE MEETING

7 March 1995

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Chairperson D. Eidam called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m. in Chryst Hall, Room 210. All departmental senators attended except Health and Physical Education. J. Haugh, E. Kobeski and T. Miskelly attended for the student senate while J. Hoffman attended for the Snapper.

### **Minutes**

Senate agreed to approve the 21 February 1995 and 7 March meeting minutes at the 4 April 1995 senate meeting.

### **Reports**

#### **Chairperson's Report**

Chairperson D. Eidam distributed the chairperson's report (see Attachment A). A D. Hutchens/W. Dorman motion to wait until the Fall of 1995 to fill an unexpired vacancy on the Academic Policies Committee passed. Senate will meet this summer on Tuesday, June 13, 1995, at 3 PM at a location to be announced.

#### **Student Senate**

Student senate president, J. Haugh, greeted senators. He mentioned some constitutional changes. He said student senate is searching for a faculty advisor. Please contact T. Miskelly, E. Kobeski, or J. Haugh if anyone would like to be an advisor. Student senate discussed an audit of student religious organizations. There is concern that all student religious organizations spend their allocations appropriately. Student senate is now in the midst of student allocations. The student senate allocation committee meets each Sunday to hear requests for allocations. Student senate has opened nominations for next year's officers. Two candidates for student president are E. Kobeski and T. Miskelly.

#### **Administrative Officers**

## **President**

President J. Caputo discussed Pennsylvania Governor T. Ridge's budget message. MU was expecting a more generous budget than it received. The feeling before today's budget announcement was the budget increase would be a percentage higher than the rate of inflation--perhaps in the 3.5 to 4 percent increase range. That is not what Governor Ridge said.

The governor rolled over the tuition challenge grant into our base budget. He also took two line items and rolled them into this year's budget. Nevertheless, the appropriations the governor is recommending are flat. The number of dollars is the same as last year. The governor has created a new tuition challenge grant. The tuition challenge grant for the entire state is \$15 million. The SSHE gets its share only if it keeps its tuition increases below 4.5 percent.

The governor also increased PHEA by \$32 million. PHEA is the loan and grant program in the commonwealth of Pennsylvania that is available to all institutions of higher education not just the SSHE. The bottom line is that our share of the tuition challenge grant will result in about a \$239 or 2.5 percent increase per student next year. MU's costs go up at least 4.5 percent a year. MU may have a shortfall in funds and will be in a financial crunch if the governor has his way. The Virginia system has taken enormous cuts this year.

## **Vice-President for Academic Affairs**

Provost F. McNairy shared information with senate. Last year a decision was made to appoint a director of the graduate component. However, discussion of graduate education had not been as extensive as it might have been. MU is having discussions at school councils, within the departments, and with the graduate coordinators. MU is discussing where it wants to go with, how to structure, and administer graduate education. There are many proposals. MU wants the faculty to have an opportunity to discuss the issues.

The Spring Convocation will be Wednesday, April 12, at 4 PM. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Robert Zemsky from the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Zemsky discussed higher education and its future on television recently. MU has asked him to speak about the external and internal pressures on higher education. The format will be: the convocation will begin at 4 PM, Dr. Zemsky will speak and take questions in Lehr Speakers Hall, and then everyone will eat.

## **Vice-President for Student Affairs**

Vice-President for Student Affairs G. Reighard said that his staff had planned lots of activities for students this Spring. The last Saturday in April MU will have an all day carnival for students, two athletic events in the afternoon, a Spring football game in the evening, activities in the gymnasium

until 1 PM, and finally a massive breakfast for all students who stay up all night. Reighard's staff is working closely to cooperate with students on the event.

On the same weekend the local VFW has asked permission to bring on campus National Guard equipment from the Vietnam era. They will display it in a parking lot behind the student center.

## **Committee Reports**

### **University Course and Program Review Committee**

Committee chairperson C. McLeod introduced one course under the three meeting rule:

**BIOL247:** Biodiversity, a new three credit hour general education CQ course effective Spring 1995, if approved.

### **University Theme Committee**

University Theme Committee chairperson J. Piperberg mentioned future theme events for this semester. On Friday, March 10, 11:30 AM-12:45 PM, Donald Friedman, a specialist from NASA, will talk about space spin-offs in Myers Auditorium of McComsey Hall. On March 14 at 8 PM in Myers Auditorium, the final installment in the three part series on radioactivity will occur. The talk will cover low level nuclear waste. Cyril Wecht, a forensic specialist, can not speak on March 28 because of a court case. The current date for his talk is April 6, 1995. Piperberg did not know the room yet.

Piperberg said the committee had received four proposed themes for the 1997-1998 academic year. The first is entitled "MU: A Community of Learners." The second is "Culture and Communication in the Electronic Village." The third is "A 20th Century Retrospective." The fourth is "The Heritage of the American Indian." The committee will consider the proposals and make a recommendation to senate.

### **Faculty-Student Athletic Committee**

Chairperson F. Erickson said that for over four years the committee has worked on the concept of a Millersville University Athletic Hall of Fame. Now for senate information, it is ready to submit a document (see Attachment B). The idea is to recognize outstanding contributions and extraordinary service of student athletes and others. The Hall of Fame will be self-supporting as much as possible.

## **Joint Senate Conference Committee**

Chairperson S. Luek said the committee will meet on Tuesday, March 28 at 4 PM in room 241 of Byerly Hall. the purpose of the meeting is to address some student leadership issues and service by students on university committees. The meeting is in conjunction with a special student leadership committee.

## **International Studies Curriculum Committee**

Chairperson O. Iglesias said the committee will meet March 15 at 12 noon.

## **Proposed Courses**

Under the three meeting rule, senate approved one course:

**HPED163:** Advanced Weight Training, a new half credit general education course to be offered first in the Fall of 1994.

Under the one meeting rule, senate approved one course:

**BIOL462:** Molecular Biology, an existing three credit hour course now requesting four hours credit effective Fall, 1995.

Associate Provost for Academic Administration J. Stager asked a question about BIOL462: Molecular Biology. He asked if increasing the credits from three to four would affect the faculty load. Senator J. Piperberg said the course is going from five to six contact hours. The Biology Department will offer one section a year usually in the Fall. Associate Provost Stager said that the course change automatically increases the faculty load by one credit.

Stager also mentioned the Business Department course, BUAD455: Strategic Management, that senate approved at the February 21 meeting. Previously the course had 30-40 students attending as a non-writing course. Now that it is labeled a W course only 25 students could attend. Now MU needs two sections to accommodate the students who want to take it. The change has a cost impact on MU that has to be offset by other changes.

Chairperson D. Eidam said MU needed a method for its administration to be made aware of the resource implications of course changes. Stager said the problem is there is no administrative input into the course approval process. Course approvals do not go through school councils and they do not review the courses. Eidam said senate only makes curricular decisions; it does not make

resource allocation decisions.

Senator C. McLeod said the governance manual permits the Provost to select a designee to sit in on Undergraduate Course and Program Review Committee meetings. The committee extends an invitation to the Provost to attend meetings. The Course and Program Review Committee examined the BIOL462 course closely for several meetings over an extended period of time. There was plenty of time for any objections to be voiced.

Senator J. Piperberg said that molecular biology was one of the hottest areas of biology and of science in general. He would be reluctant to give the course fewer hours than what it deserves. Provost F. McNairy said that Associate Provost Stager was not opposing the course. In response to a question from a senator, she said that Deans do not have any input in the course approval process.

## **Business**

### **Motion Concerning Completion of the Major**

Senate debated a Completion of the Major policy motion (see Attachment A). Alternate senator S. Casselberry spoke in favor of allowing departments to set their own individual grade requirements for courses that students take in their major. The purpose of the Sociology/Anthropology Department's 2.5 grade requirement within the major is not to control the number of students in the major. sociology wants to make entrance into the major as easy as possible. The Department expects a major to be serious about the major. Sociology wants to send a message to their students that they must be serious students. After a long discussion that lasted until 5:45 PM, senate moved to adjourn and return the motion to the next meeting's agenda.

Senate adjourned at 5:45 p.m. The next meeting will be Tuesday, 4 April 1995, from 4:05-5:45 p.m. in Chryst 210.

Respectfully submitted,

Marvin Margolis, Secretary  
Faculty Senate

## Action Summary

7 March 1995

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### 1. Course Approvals

**HPED163:** Advanced Weight Training, a new half credit general education course to be offered first in Fall 1994

**BIOL462:** Molecular Biology, an existing three credit hour course now increased to four hours credit effective Fall, 1995.

### 2. Elections

Senate moved to wait until the Fall of 1995 to fill an unexpired vacancy on the Academic Policies Committee from the School of Social Sciences

## **Attachment A**

### **Faculty Senate Minutes**

**7 March 1995**

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DATE: 7 March 1995  
TO: Faculty Senate  
FROM: Don Eidam  
RE: **REPORT** for today's meeting

#### **COMPLETION OF THE MAJOR Current policy**

The completion of any major program at Millersville University requires that students must complete the major-field-of-study courses (courses in the discipline but not the required related courses) with a minimum Q.P.A. of 2.0 and that 50% of the major field of study credits must be completed at Millersville University. No department may require an overall grade point average higher than the 2.0 University requirement for graduation.

[added by Faculty Senate on 6/14/94:

The major QPA is calculated on the basis of grades earned in all courses listed in the major field. In order to include professional education courses in a BSE student's QPA, two separate QPAs will be calculated for education courses and for non-education courses.]

All departments specify the courses required for completion of the major. These are identified as part of the degree program approval process or the revision of major requirements process. The completion-of-the-major policy pertains to major Q.P.A. requirements that are higher than the University-wide A.P.A.-in-the-major requirements or extra-course major requirements. Examples of these are achievement examinations, evaluation of student performance as measured against competency statements, or the achievement of a higher than 2.0 Q.P.A. in a specified set of major courses.

Proposals for special requirements for completion of the major program must be forwarded to the School Curriculum Committee, then to the Undergraduate Course and Program Review Committee and finally to the Faculty Senate for approval. Approved requirements will be added to the University catalog.

#### **Main motion on floor**

Substitute the following:

The completion of and major program at Millersville University requires that students must complete all courses in the major (courses in the discipline but not the required-related courses) with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0. In addition fifty

percent of the credits in the major must be completed at Millersville University. A department can neither require a cumulative grade point average higher than the 2.0 University requirement, nor a grade point average higher than the minimum University requirement for completion of the major. Departments have the right to establish a competency level (minimum of "C" grade) for courses in the major and required-related courses.

All departments must specify the courses required for completion of the major and any additional requirements not specifically related to coursework such as achievement examinations, certification examination, and evaluation of student performance as measured against competency statements.

Proposals for special departmental requirements for completion of the major must be approved by the appropriate School Curriculum Committee, the Undergraduate Course and Program Review Committee, and the Faculty Senate. Approved requirements for completion of their major must be promulgated in the University catalog.

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At our 2/21 meeting an election was conducted to fill an unexpired vacancy on the Academic Policies Committee which terminates 8/31/95. I have had to invalidate this election since, according to the Office of the Associate VPAA, the individual elected is fulltime temporary (eligibility is restricted to regular faculty--determined 3/15/94). We will need to decide today whether to reopen the vacancy or wait until the 9/5 elections.

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Deans' Council Notes of 1/25/95 indicate that "this subject [grade inflation] will be RTA'd following APSCUF and Faculty Senate discussions". To my knowledge, the matter of "grade inflation" is not scheduled for discussion in Faculty Senate.

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As of 2/23, there were 706 undergraduates and 33 graduate students scheduled to graduate in May. The Provost will be attending our 4/10 meeting of Commencement Committee.

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I have scheduled our summer meeting for Tuesday, June 13 at 3 PM (location to be announced).

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The following departments need to elect 95-98 Senators between 4/1 and 5/31: Business Administration, Computer Science, Earth Sciences, Economics, Health & Physical Education, Nursing, Physics, Psychology, and Special Education. I have notified each department chair and Senator by mail.

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The Bloomsburg University Curriculum Committee has forwarded to the Millersville "University Curriculum Committee" a resolution they passed "at a recent meeting" endorsing continued funding at current levels of public radio and television in the United States.

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If you propose a motion which changes *Governance Manual* text and you have those changes in Word Perfect or Microsoft Word, you are requested to provide this file to me. the handout I provided last time on Admisssion/Retention and the first bulleted item above required manual typing. I remind you that I maintain a current (unofficial) *Governance Manual*.

## **Attachment B**

### **Faculty Senate Minutes**

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#### **Millersville University**

#### **Athletic Hall of Fame**

**I. Name:**

Millersville University Athletic Hall of Fame

**II. Mission:**

The purpose of the Millersville University Athletic Hall of Fame (MUAHF) is to honor and perpetuate the memory of those individuals who, through participation, support, or interest have made outstanding contributions to Millersville University athletics, and who have helped to bring recognition, honor, distinction, or excellence to Millersville University and its intercollegiate athletics program.

**III. Committee Purposes:**

1. Solicit and review nominations for election into the MUAHF.
2. Select (elect) members to the MUAHF.
3. Organize and conduct induction ceremonies.

**IV. Committee Membership:**

1. Chair of the Faculty Student Athletic Committee
2. Faculty Athletic representative
3. Four alumni (two female and two male) appointed by the Director of Alumni Programs--appointed for overlapping four-year terms.
4. Director of Men's Athletics
5. Director of Women's Athletics
6. Chair of the Women's Coaches Council
7. Chair of the Men's Coaches Council
8. Assistant Director of News Services (Sports Information Director)--ex officio
9. Director of Alumni Programs--ex officio

**V. Committee Officers:**

1. Chair of MUAHF Committee will be appointed from the membership by the President or his/her designee for a two-year term.
2. Secretary shall be elected by and from the committee for a two year term.

## **VI. Meetings:**

1. A minimum of one per year and as business dictates.
2. Robert's Rules of Order shall be the authority for meeting procedures.

## **VII. Eligibility:**

1. A person will be considered eligible for nomination to the Millersville University Athletic Hall of Fame if at the time of nomination he/she falls into one of the following categories:

### *a. Athlete*

The individual has participated in a varsity sport at Millersville for two years and the time period since receiving his/her first degree from Millersville University has been at least 5 years.

### *b. Alumni*

The individual has made outstanding contribution or offered extraordinary service to athletes at Millersville while an undergraduate at Millersville or after graduation and the time period since receiving his/her first degree is at least 5 years.

### *c. Other*

The individual did not attend Millersville University but has made significant contributions to Millersville University Athletics and has not been employed by Millersville University for at least 5 years. This category may include but is not limited to coaches, trainers, administrators, and faculty.

## **VIII. Nominations:**

1. Nominations will be received by the Assistant Director of News Services (Sports Information Director). This office will be responsible for receiving the nominations and compiling necessary information for presentation to the selection committee.
2. Nominations will be accepted from any source including members of the committee.
3. No member of the committee can be nominated for the MUAHF during their term.
4. No limit shall be applied to the number of times a nominee may be considered.

## **IX. Selection and Election:**

1. Each year the Millersville University Athletic Hall of Fame Committee shall elect a maximum of 6 eligible inductees.
2. No more than 2 inductees may be selected in any one year from any one varsity sport.
3. a 2/3 majority vote of the membership shall be required for election of an inductee.

**X. Honors and Awards:**

1. Honorees will be officially honored and inducted with appropriate ceremonies as determined by the selection committee and the President or his/her designee.
2. In recognition, each inductee will receive an award and a lifetime pass to all athletic events.
3. Each inductee's name shall be enshrined on an individual Hall of Fame award will be on permanent display.

**XI. General Details:**

1. Timing for soliciting nominees, selection of nominees, and time and location of ceremonies shall be established by the committee.
2. Any exceptions or changes to this document will require a 2/3 majority vote of the membership of the committee and the approval of the President or his/her designee.

March 2, 1995