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UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA
FACULTY SENATE
June 5, 1975


Members Absent: Cox, DeFrees, Dew, Elison, Hyndman (class), Lange, Mussulman, Shafizadeh, Sharkey, Steensland (staff meeting), Van de Wetering (out of town).

Ex-officio members present: President Bowers and Philip Bain.

I. The minutes of May 29, 1975, were approved as distributed.

II. Committee Reports:

A. Native American Studies. George Woodbury, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on Native American Studies, presented the report to the Senate, stating the committee would like to see a recommendation for support by the Faculty Senate. Reinhardt personally thanked the committee for their work on the report and moved that the Senate accept and adopt the report and urge implementation of recommendations one through nine. The motion was seconded. Kimble urged support of the report. Erickson and Silverman requested clarification of items to which Whiteman responded. The motion passed. Whiteman thanked the committee and the Senators.

B. Review Committee. W. Pengelly, Chairman of the Review Committee, reported on the committee's activities for the 1974-75 term. (A copy of this report is available in the Faculty Senate Office.)

C. Appeals Committee. F. Pettinato, Chairman of the Appeals Committee, presented a report on the committee's activities for the 1974-75 term. (A copy of this report is available in the Faculty Senate Office.)

D. Academic Standards and Curriculum Review Committee. W. Koostra, a member of ASCRC, presented two seconded motions from the committee: (1) Credit change for Astronomy 131 and 132 and creation of two new lab courses, 134 and 135; and (2) one-year approval of a five-credit interdisciplinary course in Human Sexuality offered by Psychology, Anthropology, Sociology, and Zoology. Both motions were passed by the Senate.

III. Old Business:

A. Campus Recreation and Sports Committee proposed by-law change. John Nockleby, ASUM President, presented a request from Central Board which he said would reestablish parity on the committee, suggesting that instead of adding one student member, the faculty drop a member. Schaill moved such an amendment, having membership of the committee consist of four students, two faculty members, one staff member, one member of the
administration, with the Campus Recreation Director serving as an ex officio member, a total of nine members. The motion was seconded and passed the Senate.

IV. New Business:

A. Reinhardt requested the Senate consider the following motion:

"So long as sabbatical leaves are granted on a competitive basis for the purpose of increasing a faculty member's usefulness to the University and its students, a faculty member, in accepting a sabbatical leave, incurs a moral obligation to return to his job for at least one year following the sabbatical leave or to reimburse the University the amount of his sabbatical stipend."

The request to consider the motion was seconded and passed. Hess seconded the motion and it passed (19, 11).

B. Fritz moved to remove from the table the issue of ROTC credit. His motion was seconded and passed. Fritz requested that Chairman Lowe read the memo from Van de Wetering, Chairman, History Department, which contained the following two-part substitute motion:

1. The Senate urges that ROTC permit its Freshmen and Sophomore students to substitute as many regular University courses as is possible for 1975-76 to reduce the students' credit loss toward graduation. In those cases where it can be arranged, the ROTC faculty should work in cooperation with the regular instructor and with the students to provide whatever special dimension is needed by ROTC.

2. The Senate direct its chairman to write the appropriate Army Higher Headquarters assuring them of the University of Montana faculty's sincere desire to see the ROTC program become a model of its type, and to appeal for patience and their support while we work out the terms of such a program."

Fritz seconded the motion. Sepanski, ROTC, reported the Management Department reflected no conflict in the lower division courses with the ROTC Department program, nor did they see a faculty qualification problem. The Van de Wetering motion carried (20, 4, 6) with a roll call vote:


No: Nakamura, Pirrong, Reinhardt, Schaill.


V. Chairman Lowe announced that the rental charge for faculty caps and gowns by the Book Store would be $2.50.
VI. General Welfare of the University:

Schaill remarked on the general illiteracy among the students on campus and suggested a testing program for next year's freshmen class; Medora expressed concern that Senators may not be representing views of the rest of the faculty; Von Kuster commented on a recent article in the Kaimin which asked if the policy of the University was to encourage people to drink, and Von Kuster suggested a more serious approach be taken by the University; Lott suggested the Senate address the final week of classes rule; Perrin inquired as to when the contracts would be issued.

John Nockleby, ASUM President, addressed the Senate, and proposed an informal coalition between faculty and students whereby they are logically expected to support one another. Specifically Nockleby proposed: (1) faculty-student efforts to reduce an increase of tuition, (2) recognizing the need for an increase in faculty salaries, he offered support of student government for this increase of acceptable faculty salaries for the next two years, (3) an offer of collective efforts to reorder priorities, and (4) request support of faculty for various proposals students will be making this next year.

VII. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 P.M. 

Philip T. Bain