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Members Absent: Banaugh, Hess, Kimble (ill), Mussulman, Nimlos, Schaill (on leave), Silverman, Ullrich.

Ex-officio members present: Dr. Philip T. Bain, Academic Vice President James Talbot.

1. The minutes of December 18, 1975, were amended to reflect Bolle as being out of town on that date and were then approved.

2. Announcements by Chairman Lowe:
   A. W. Shellen, INCO, has replaced J. Van de Wetering (on sabbatical) in the Senate.
   S. Mason, Home Economics, has replaced R. Erickson (on sabbatical) in the Senate.
   B. A Senate sponsored meeting for all faculty on collective bargaining will be held January 29, 4:00 P.M., in LA 11.
   C. Summaries of all curriculum proposals will be presented at the February meeting for Senate approval. Five copies of complete proposals are maintained in the Senate Office.

3. Committee Reports:
   A. Academic Standards and Curriculum Review Committee proposal. Gray Thompson, presented the seconded motion from ASCRC. Bolle, Lackschewitz, Reinhardt, Von Kuster, Fisher and Huff spoke against the motion. The proposal failed in the Senate.
   B. Ethics Committee report. (See attached statement)
   C. Graduate Council proposal. Dean Stewart of the Graduate School presented the proposal and answered questions from Senators. The motion was passed by the Senate.

4. New Business:
   A. David Hill, Student Action Center Director, presented the following non-smoking resolution for Senate ratification:

   "WHEREAS a recent survey indicates that 55 percent of students and faculty members object to smoking in classrooms, and
WHEREAS the U. S. Surgeon General has determined that second-hand smoke presents a potential health hazard to all persons in the classroom, and

WHEREAS there are obvious maintenance costs and safety factors involved,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that all faculty members shall enforce the existing rule prohibiting smoking in classrooms."

Grossman moved the Senate go on record in support of this resolution and Van Horne seconded. Fisher spoke against the motion and suggested that the Senate accept the resolution for consideration by ECOS for presentation to the Senate. Grossman moved Senate suspend the rules in order to vote on the resolution. Grossman's motion was seconded but failed when the vote was taken. (21,13)

B. Bain reported that the unit-wide questionnaire for the academic calendar is ready to distribute and asked for suggestions regarding methodology of distribution. Lowe informed the Senate he had written to Pettit, asked for an explanation and purpose of the questionnaire. Lowe read the reply from Pettit. Berger suggested more information would be necessary before poll was taken. Talbot stated the central question to ask is why should we even be considering this; once we know what is wrong with the present system maybe we can look for an alternative. Fisher suggested that it be the sense of the Senate to incorporate the statement by Talbot and Reinhardt supported the comment. Grossman suggested we pass resolution directing the representative on campus not to distribute questionnaire until approved by ECOS, during which time ECOS will endeavor to get answers to the questions raised. As a result of the discussion, the Senate asked Bain to hold questionnaire for two weeks during which time ECOS will ask faculty members to investigate quality of the instrument and obtain information from local advisory committee. Fisher suggested Senate communicate with Pettit's Office, expressing our concern. It was also suggested ASUM be informed about Senate concern with the poll.

5. Meeting adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

Philip T. Bain
Secretary