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FACULTY SENATE MEETING
November 15, 1979

Present: Bachman, Ballard, Bevis, Bigley, Brett, Campbell, Catalfo, Chandler, Chessin, Elison, Erickson, Freer, Haddad, Henningsen, Kirkpatrick, Koeppen, Lange, Lawry, Lewis, McBroom, McCormick, O'Donnell, Oliz, Pettinato, Rolfe, Schuster, Shellen, Silverman, Spores, Townsend, Van De Wetering, Von Kuster, Walsh, Woodbury

Absent: Bilderback, Bornstein, Brown (excused), Driessen, Ellis, Gordon, Jackson, McGiffert (excused), Meier, Nakamura, Shafizadeh, Bain (ex-officio), Habbe (ex-officio, excused)

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Woodbury. The minutes of the October 18 meeting were approved as distributed.

2. Executive Committee Reports
   
a. Questionnaire results. Woodbury read a prepared statement from ECOS (on file & distributed to Senators) on how they interpret the situation at the University of Montana in light of the questionnaire.

   Haddad stated that the faculty of the University in general and the Senators in particular have not had time to study the results of the survey and that some of the ECOS members feel that the statement does not go far enough. He moved that a special Senate meeting be held on November 29 at 3:10 p.m. in LA 11 to discuss the results of the survey and the statement by ECOS and to consider motions from the floor (in accordance with the bylaws). The motion was seconded. Motion was then made to waive the bylaws in order to consider Haddad's motion. This motion was seconded and passed. After a brief discussion, vote was taken on the main motion which passed unanimously.

   McBroom moved to again suspend the Senate rules to consider a motion to endorse ECOS's statement regarding the questionnaire. Motion was seconded and passed.

   McBroom then moved that the Senate endorse the statement from ECOS regarding the questionnaire that was read by Woodbury. The motion was seconded and passed.

b. Report on summer school. Woodbury reported that one of the problems with summer school is with the advisory committee. The status of the committee is uncertain and the committee has no charge or systematic procedures for membership. A tentative solution would be for a subcommittee of ASCRC to take up an advisory role, however ASCRC was not in favor of the idea.

   Another problem with summer school is with the innovative courses or 195, 395 and 595 courses. These courses are not reviewed by ASCRC during the year so they feel they should not be for summer school. Woodbury said that ECOS needs to straighten out who should be doing what and the issue of reviewing the "95" courses needs to be reopened.

3. New Business
   
a. Election of four members to the Standards Committee, (three from the schools and one from the social and behavioral sciences). Nominations were made and the following people were elected. From the schools: JoAnne Brenholt (education), John Ellis (music), and Robert McGiffert (journalism). From the social and behavioral sciences: Paul Miller (Sociology).
b. Voting on proposed articles and bylaws.

A number of changes in the articles and bylaws (both endorsed and not endorsed by ECOS) were discussed and voted on. A revised copy of the articles and bylaws will be distributed shortly.

c. Chandler moved that ECOS consider staggered terms of students on all committees. Motion was seconded and passed.

d. Henningsen read a resolution to the Board of Regents that was passed by ASCRC. ASCRC asked for the Faculty Senate's endorsement of the resolution. Motion was made to insert the word 'planning' in the resolution. Motion was seconded and passed.

The resolution reads as follows: "The Faculty Senate of the University of Montana strongly urges you to reconsider your recent decision to ask for funds for planning a building to house the RADIO-TV program at Montana State University. Your decision makes a mockery of program review not only in journalism but in virtually every other area as well. By voting as you did before receiving a review, you suggest that questions of strength, weakness and duplication will not be considered in making decisions affecting education in the State of Montana. By doing so, you betray the trust invested in your positions by us, the Governor, the Legislature, and the people of Montana."

Motion was made, seconded and passed to endorse the resolution.

4. Motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

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