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To all full time faculty:

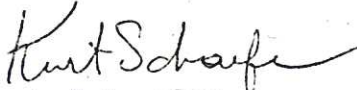
As outgoing President of the Faculty Senate I wish to ask you to vote on this issue.

Last year the Faculty Senate had no substantive materials submitted for its consideration, and previous years have seen little more.

The Faculty Senate constitution allows the body to be an advisory group. The administration has never asked for advise on a pertinent matter from the senate. Thus the faculty Senate is literally without authority or function. This lack of a meaningful role has led to a loss of confidence in the body by the faculty in general and a feeling of irrelevance by its members.

My proposal is to submit to you the question whether a functionless, powerless organization be terminated, possibly to be reorganized later under a more liberal design with a defined purpose.

Thank you,



Kurt Schaefer

MINUTES TO FACULTY SENATE
SPECIAL SESSION, APRIL 26, 1982

A special session of the Faculty Senate was called to order by president, Eugene Reeves, at 3:05 p.m. on April 26, 1982. Members present were Brown, Bradfield, Edenborough, Haliburton, McMakin, Vines, and Reeves.

First item considered was McMakin's proposal on officially designated weeks for the university. The proposal to the administration for consideration was stated in the form of the following motion: "Official semester weeks should be set by the Registrar or Dean for the campus as a whole." Motion by McMakin, second by Vines. Vote: 4 yeas, 1 nay, 1 abstain. Motion passed.

Next item considered was Dean Griffin's request for an opinion concerning the release of faculty lists to businessmen, insurance representatives, etc. The general consensus was that the release of lists was perhaps acceptable and probably unavoidable. However, the following motion was made concerning other contacts with salesmen: "The Faculty Senate goes on record against businessmen, insurance representatives, etc. being allowed to present information to General Faculty Meetings or other meetings that faculty members are required to attend." Motion by Edenborough, second by Vines. Vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed.

The senate then turned its attention to the constitutional and by-law changes proposed by the Constitution and By-laws Committee. Concerning the proposed amendments to the constitution, the following motion was made: "The proposed changes offered by the Committee to Articles I-VIII are accepted and should be referred to the general faculty." Motion by Haliburton, second by Edenborough. Vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion passed. (See attached sheet.)

President Reeves then called for the consideration of various changes in the by-laws that were to be listed together as Amendment III to the By-laws. The outcome was the following amendment:

Amendment III: Amend by-laws 1 through 4 and by-law Amendment I as follows:

By-Law 1: Delete by-law 1 and its amendment (Amendment II) and replace with: "Each division will have at least two representatives to the faculty senate. Divisions with 13-18 faculty members will elect 3 members, and divisions with 19 or more faculty members will elect 4 members to the faculty senate. Senators will be elected the first Tuesday of May. All faculty with professional rank are eligible to vote for senate representatives within their respective divisions.

By-Law 2: Delete original and replace with: "All voting by the general faculty on matters pertaining to the faculty senate will be by secret ballot."

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By-Law 3: Delete

By-Law 4: Renumber as By-Law 3.

All of the above items passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.