

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

1. The regular meeting of the University Senate of March 10, 1997 was called to order at 4:05 p.m. in Room 7, Bishop Center, with Harry Johnson, Moderator, presiding.
2. Mr. Allinson was nominated as Secretary, pro tempore, of the Senate. There were no other nominations. Mr. Allinson was elected.
3. The Minutes of the regular meeting of February 10, 1997 were approved as distributed.
4. In the absence of President Austin, Chancellor Emmert presented reports on the University's budget and the Program Assessment implementation plan.

- a. A detailed and lengthy budgetary report reviewed the development and implementation of the four-year plan to eliminate the operating deficit. Including both reductions in personnel costs as well as estimated revenue income, the plan will have achieved an approximate 50% reduction in the deficit by the end of the present fiscal year.

Chancellor Emmert relayed to the Senate a summary of related information that the administration has supplied to the Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee. This included a reduction of 601 positions (477 total-fill positions) over the past six years. Chancellor Emmert also reported on organizational restructuring, resource reallocation, and the ill-founded concern over administrative personnel costs or numbers, and provided an explanation of Athletics' expenditures.

Summarizing, Chancellor Emmert pointed out that further budget reductions would be most harmful. Requests for more funding have been made to the General Assembly for a targeted set of proposals. These are focussed around the Strategic Plan and are coincident with the needs and interests of the State and University.

- b. A timetable for the implementation of Program Assessment has been established. This schedule was developed taking into account existing accreditation review timetables and the recent NRC data. The schedule will be circulated to Deans, Directors, and Department Heads in the near future.
5. Mr. Stave presented the Report of the Senate Executive Committee.
(See Attachment #26)
 6. Mr. Suits pointed out that the Senate Nominating Committee will meet on Wednesday, March 12, to develop nominations for faculty and professional staff to serve on five of the Board of Trustees' committees. Membership appointments will be as follows:

Athletic Policy - one member
 Capital Budget and Facilities - one member
 Institutional Advancement - one member
 Student Life - one member
 Academic and Financial Affairs - two members

Senate members were urged to forward nominations to Mr. Suits.

7. Ms. Brown presented, and briefly commented on, the Annual Report of the Student Welfare Committee.
(See Attachment #27)
8. Mr. DeWolf presented, and briefly commented on, the Annual Report of the Curricula and Courses Committee.
(See Attachment #28)

9. Mr. DeWolf presented a Report of the Curricula and Courses Committee.
(See Attachment #29)

I. He moved Item I, new courses entitled:

- a. INTD 1xx. FYE University Learning Skills
- b. INTD 1yy. FYE Learning Community Seminar
- c. INTD 1zz. FYE Faculty/Student Seminar

The motion carried.

II. He moved Item II, a course change in required preparation.

- a. MUSI 285. Music History and Literature

The motion carried.

III. He moved that the following courses be open to sophomores:

- a. ECON 204. Economic History of the Middle East
- b. MARN 210. Coastal Systems Science I
- c. MCB 201. Gene Expression
- d. NURS 202. The Basis of Scientific Inquiry.

The motion carried.

IV. He announced, for the information of the Senate, the following approvals:

- a. INTD 196. University Learning Skills Seminar. Spring 1997.
- b. Skill courses:

ECON 274 - W - Labor Economics
MARN 255 - W - Coastal Studies Seminar
MARN 212 - C - Measurement and Analysis in Coastal Ecosystems
MEM 215 - W - Advanced Manufacturing Systems

10. Old Business

None.

11. New Business

- a. Mr. Stave, on behalf of the Senate Executive Committee, proposed a change in the Laws, By-Laws, and Rules of the Board of Trustees, Article X.B.3.a. (new language underlined): (See Attachment #30)

"a. Division of Student Affairs and Services, Enrollment Management, and Registrar's Office (excluding regional campuses), who shall elect two senators."

The motion carried.

- b. Ms. Woodward informed and invited faculty and staff to participate in two upcoming events: a Lobby Day in Hartford on April 2 and a UConn Academic Day in Storrs on April 15.

12. It was moved to adjourn.

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Derek W. Allinson
Secretary, pro tempore

The following members and alternates were absent from the March 10, 1997 meeting:

Adams, Cynthia	Goodwin, Paul	Sabatelli, Ronald
Allen, Polly	Gyllensten, Scott	Silander, John
Austin, Philip	Hall, Joan	Singha, Suman
Bard, Robert	Heffley, Dennis	Slopnick, Tom
Barth, Peter	Hiskes, Anne	Smith, Winthrop
Bashura, Valerie	Holsinger, Kent	Speranza, Kenneth
Berg, Claire	Horrigan, David	Spiggle, Susan
Caira, Janine	Huckenbeck, Ann	Taylor, Ronald
Clapp, Philip	Jordan, David	Terry, Thomas
Collins, Brian	Kecht, Maria-Regina	Travis, Artie
Ferris, Ann	Killeen, Timothy	Veiga, John
Gable, Robert	Knox, James	Watnick, Richard
Givens, Jean	Mallett Ronald	Weinland, Thomas
	Pinner, Elizabeth	

University Senate Curricula and Courses Committee

Report to Senate, March 10, 1997

I. New courses:

- A. **INTD 1XX. FYE University Learning Skills.** Either Semester. One Credit. One Class Period. Open to Freshman and Sophomore Students Only.

A component of the First Year Experience [FYE] program, this course is intended to acquaint students with the university and expand their learning experiences in order for them to adjust to the new expectations they will face. The course involves assignments that will provide opportunities for students to enhance their academic and interpersonal skills.

- B. **INTD 1YY. FYE Learning Community Seminar.** Either Semester. One Credit. One Class Period. Open to Freshman and Sophomore Students Only. This course must be taken in combination with a cluster of three courses; with the permission of the instructor, one of the cluster courses may have been completed previously.

A component of the First Year Experience [FYE] program, this seminar course is intended to provide an opportunity to integrate the consideration of material from three courses through discussion, assignments, and projects. Students will have opportunities to enhance their academic and interpersonal skills.

- C. **INTD 1ZZ. FYE Faculty/Student Seminar.** Either Semester. One Credit. One Class Period. Open to Freshman and Sophomore Students Only.

A component of the First Year Experience [FYE] program, this seminar course is intended to provide an opportunity for students to investigate topics of professional interest to the faculty instructor through guided research or reading, discussion, and some writing. The course will help students learn independently and engage actively in the academic life of the university.

II. Course change:

MUSI 285 Music History and Literature - Change required preparation from MUSI 146 to MUSI 287. This course is in GER Group IV and open to sophomores.

III. Open to Sophomores:

ECON 204 Economic History of the Middle East
MARN 210 Coastal Systems Science I
MCB 201 Gene Expression
NURS 202 The Basis of Scientific Inquiry

IV. For the information of the Senate, the following have been approved:

- A. Offering of **INTD 196 University Learning Skills Seminar** in the spring 1997 semester; this course was first offered in the fall 1996 semester.
- B. Skill courses:

ECON 274 W Labor Economics
MARN 255 W Coastal Studies Seminar
MARN 212 C Measurement and Analysis in Coastal Ecosystems
MEM 215 W Advanced Manufacturing Systems

Respectfully submitted,

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Keith Barker
Janice Clark
Jean Givens
Jane Goldman
Thomas Hoagland
Audrey Jarrelle
Nancy Kline
Scott Lehmann
T. Foster Lindley
Andre McClure
James O'Donnell
Sherri Olson
Deborah Rice
Chris Schmidt
Suman Singha
Cheryl Spaulding
Thomas Vasil
John T. DeWolf, Chair