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Minutes of the Regional Campus Senate Faculty Meeting: March 29, 1968

University of South Carolina Regional Campus Senate, March 29, 1968. This was the second meeting of the Faculty Senate of the Regional Campuses, this was held at 10:30 A. M. on Friday, March 29, 1968, in the Keystone Room of the Capstone House at the University of South Carolina in Columbia.

Those members present were:

From Aiken - Mr. Ralph Surasky and Mr. Ray M. Wilson, Jr.; From Beaufort - Mr. Thomas H. Belk, Mr. Samuel C. Greenly; From Conway - Mr. James Branham, Mr. Timothy Carpenter and Mr. Harry I. Robinson; From Florence - Mr. Jack Bates, Miss Eliza P. Beckwith and Mr. John C. Woodward; From Lancaster - Mr. Charles D. Thorne, Mr. James W. Glenn, Jr.; From Allendale - Miss Jennifer E. Atkinson, Mrs. Cynthia C. McMillan; From Spartanburg - Dr. John B. Edmunds, Mr. David E. Taylor and Mrs. Lois Wiggins; From Union - Mr. James W. Hall and Mrs. Margaret G. Kurtz; From the Main Campus - Mrs. Davia Veach, Miss Donna J. Moss and Mrs. Hazel S. Harrelson. Those members absent were Mr. William C. Sanders of Aiken, Mr. John H. Davis of Beaufort and Mr. Phillip N. Laughlin.

Also present were Dr. William H. Patterson, Acting Provost, and Dr. John Duffy, Assistant to the Provost of the Regional Campus System.

Before the meeting was called to order, Dr. Patterson made a few opening comments regarding the consultant, Dr. King, that has been brought in from the University of North Carolina, relating that North Carolina does at the present time have fourteen centers established, similar to those we now have in South Carolina, and Dr. Patterson stated that the consultant is working with him in going over some of the problems we are experiencing on our Regional Campuses and the consultant will advise the University how these Centers could possibly be re-organized and thus create a more effective learning atmosphere for the development of our students in a closer relationship to that of the University.

Dr. Patterson also stated that a few of the students who have been admitted by the Admissions Committee on the various Campuses should not have been admitted; therefore, in the future a final decision will rest with the University. Primarily, the applicant will be reviewed and the decision will be rendered at the time under the jurisdiction of Dr. Patterson and through Dr. Godfrey's office as to whether that person will be allowed to enroll. Dr. John B. Edmunds from the Spartanburg Campus related to Dr. Patterson that he felt the Committee had been functioning well and admitted, however, that perhaps there had been one or two mistakes. This was quickly admitted through a letter of explanation that had already been sent to Dr. Patterson's office. Dr. Edmunds stated further he felt that they had been operating well within the framework and guidelines set down by the University. Dr. Edmunds did indicate that he felt perhaps the University, having given the Regional Centers the power to establish a Committee on Admissions and allowed to interview candidates, with the authority to either accept or reject - perhaps now this authority had been removed and

again returned to the University. Dr. Patterson related the reason the University was again making the final decision, this relates back to the experience of the Committees on the various campuses, stating that the University has far greater experience in this field and this is the main reason given as to why he felt the University should make the final decision. The committees on the Campuses may recommend, however, and these will be taken under advisement.

Dr. Patterson pointed out that the Petitions Committee on the main campus is actually made up in the following manner - the faculty votes on one-half the membership and the administration appoints the remaining one-half of the total number on the committee. He did relate this is not done at the Regional Centers, all the members are elected by the faculty on each of the campuses to serve on this committee.

During the discussion lead by Dr. Patterson - the suggestion was made that perhaps in the future the Faculty Senate of the Regional Campuses should meet on a Saturday. This was agreed upon and the next meeting will be held, on Saturday, April 6, 1968, at 11:00 A. M. at Flynn Hall. Dr. Duffy will be present at that meeting and did state that he felt confident that a room would be available for the meeting this coming Saturday.

The question came up as to those students who would have a certain number of hours and were applying for summer school. Dr. Patterson related that he made a ruling sometime back that if a student has 65 or more hours, he should not apply.

At this point Dr. Patterson referred to Florence and stated that since Florence is now in the process of adding Junior level courses for next fall that they might want to reconsider this ruling regarding the 65 hours. This is for the Florence Center only.

Dr. Patterson also pointed out that up to this time the Regional Centers had not paid very close attention to this ruling, and indicated they might want to give a little closer look at those hours for some of their students who appear to be close to ending their program at the Regional Center.

Mr. Robinson presented a proposal relating to Section #5 of the Faculty Manual - this being the Faculty Manual that is used by the faculty members on the main campus and also is supposed to relate to the faculty members at the Regional Centers. A copy of the proposal, as read by Mr. Robinson, is attached to these minutes.

Regarding Rank and Tenure - Dr. Patterson felt that after hearing Mr. Robinson present his proposal, perhaps it would be better to have it go to a committee for further study. The suggestion was made that perhaps the Senate - all of the members present in the morning - could also reconvene after lunch in the afternoon. Dr. Duffy checked and found that the meeting room would be available. It was decided that the Senate would meet again in the afternoon immediately after lunch.

The suggestion was made that perhaps the Regional Centers might want to consider writing a faculty manual specifically for the Regional Centers

aside from the manual that is now in existence and primarily designed for these faculty members now on the main campus. At this point Dr. Patterson made mention that the "Moody Report" that had been requested by the Governor had been completed and related according to the recommendations of this report - that is the Moody Report - that South Carolina should give some serious thought to the establishment of a Junior College system throughout the State or a Community College type program. At this point Dr. Patterson expressed his opinion that if the members of the Senate felt they wanted to make certain recommendations to be presented to the Senate on the main campus - and if they felt that they were truly a part of - that in his opinion, this would receive unfavorable action on the part of the Senate on the main campus, since for the most part they would not recognize us as being members of the faculty senate on the main campus, he felt that our chances of gaining anything in the area of Rank and Tenure and changes in our curriculum, it might be better to organize ourselves definitely apart from and even to the degree of having our own manual and also stated that if this should be done, and in time, if the University should release the Centers that would form the nucleus of the Junior College system this much ground work would have already been completed.

The recommendation was made by a Senate member from Aiken in the area of Rank and Tenure that each of the Directors at the centers or branches should have the equivalent rank of full professor, and be given the authority to operate, not under the control of the department heads on the main campus, but actually he would serve as the ultimate authority at the center or branch. The recommendation was made that the areas that had been discussed relating to Rank and Tenure specifically should be referred over to a committee for further study. It was suggested by Dr. Patterson that we might want to give some serious thought to the selection of one of our members to serve as Vice-Chairman in the event that either Dr. Patterson or Dr. Duffy would be unable to attend future meetings. Three names were put up for nomination, John C. Woodward, Harry Robinson, and Ray M. Wilson, Jr. The names, after having been proposed, the motion made and seconded, a secret ballot was taken and Harry Robinson was elected to serve as Vice-Chairman. Mr. Robinson will serve in this capacity until his departure, either early summer or after summer school, when he will be leaving temporarily to attend school this coming year to acquire his Masters Degree. The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 for lunch.

The members of the Senate were invited as guests of the University to have lunch at the top of the Capstone building in the revolving restaurant. It was decided that the Senate would reconvene after lunch.

The Senate reconvened at 1:38 P. M. The meeting was called to order by the new Vice-Chairman, Mr. Robinson. Mr. Robinson called for nominations for the selection of a Secretary. One name was put into nomination, that of Jack Bates, the motion was seconded and a second motion was made that nominations cease, this was seconded and Jack Bates was elected as Secretary for the Senate. The recommendation was made by one of the members that a Co-Vice Chairman should be selected in the event that the Vice-Chairman should be unable to attend and also after the Vice-Chairman is no longer with us at the end of this year, then the person selected would have had an opportunity to have worked along with him, thus giving us some tie over into the academic year under the Co-Vice Chairman. Two names were put into nomination, that of Mr. Wilson and Mr. Woodward. Mr. Wilson was elected by secret ballot to

serve as the Co-Vice Chairman. Mr. Woodward made a proposal that 20% pay of the annual salary should be given to faculty members teaching in summer school and giving his reasons that since six hours actually constituted one-fourth of the total number of hours that would be taught in the academic year, the six hours in essence represent 25 per cent. However, his proposal was for 20 per cent. The question was asked, "Does the University pay 20 per cent to faculty members on the main campus?" The answer was given no, they receive 15 per cent. After the proposal was made and discussed, a motion was made on the floor that the Senate recommend those teaching in the summer school should receive 20 per cent of their base pay. The motion was seconded, the vote was taken, and the Senate voted down the motion. No further action taken.

The floor was open for new business. Miss Beckwith gave the Rank and Tenure Committee some directions stating that they would meet in Flynn Hall at 10:30 A. M. on April 6 for discussion of the proposal that had been made in the session this morning, and they would have these ready for the full Senate meeting to follow after the Rank and Tenure Committee Meeting on Saturday morning. The suggestion was made that before we could pursue further business we should try to decide for purposes of further discussion during the afternoon as to whether we are to work along the line as though we are truly a part of the Main Campus and whatever recommendations we should come up with we would understand that we would go to them for approval, or should we decide whatever we attempt to do this afternoon should be in light of the fact that we will be operating as a separate body within the Regional System itself. A discussion was forthcoming on this, and it was finally decided after many points had been brought out that it would be difficult for the Senate this afternoon to decide in which area to go, since they would truly need the approval of the various faculty members at the Regional Centers, and according to their wishes; then, this would be our guiding light in the direction in which we would be going. Dr. Patterson stated earlier in the morning we had two alternatives, should we try to remain under the University system as we are now operating, he stated, if we should try to do this he would do everything within his power to see that we would be recognized as much as possible. Dr. Patterson did feel, however, that we would indeed gain, perhaps far more, if we did operate independent from the Senate on the Main Campus. The suggestion was made when the Senate reconvenes on Saturday, April 6, that the Senators would have had a meeting with their faculty members back at their own campuses, presenting to them the two alternatives, to stay under the University System as we are now in operation or to come under our own Regional System. The Senate Members are to bring the feeling of their faculty people back to the meeting on April 6. At that time we would be able to decide according to their wishes, which direction we would be going. It was felt this would be mandatory in order for us to be successful in whatever areas we attempt; whether it be Rank Tenure, Library or Curriculum, that we definitely must know, if we are a part of or separate from the University. It was recommended to the Secretary that when he mailed out the letters later in the week notifying them of the meeting with the time and place, that he also include the feelings of our faculty people at each center. This will acquaint the other Senators with the feeling before we actually come together for our meeting on April 6.

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Earlier a motion had been made by Jack Bates to take a vote among the Senators this afternoon to see if they wanted to make an attempt to decide in which direction they were going. The motion eventually was seconded, and a vote was taken, and the vote was unanimous, none of the members wanted to get involved in this question at this time. The motion was not carried.

Since it was felt that no further business could be accomplished, the Vice-Chairman called for a motion to adjourn at 2:45. The motion was seconded, the Senate adjourned at 2:45 in the afternoon and will be reconvened at 11:00 on April 6, at Flynn Hall on the Main Campus.

NOTE: Mrs. Marion D. Preacher from Allendale was also present.

The following recommendation was made by Mr. Robinson as related to Section Five of the Faculty Manual.

The following motions were carried:

A. A standard rank structure such as is present on the main campus should be established on the Aiken Regional Campus. However, this rank structure should be separate from the one on the main campus; that is, not dependent on the departments on the main campus.

B. The resident director should have the rank of full professor.

C. Whereas facilities for research are generally not available here, and teaching responsibility precludes opportunities for extensive publication and since teaching is the main function of faculty members here, the primary criterion for promotion in rank should be teaching excellence.

D. The director should have the authority to recommend promotions. These recommendations should originate with the director and be made to the provost of the regional campuses. The department heads and the deans on the main campus should not be involved in this. It is felt that this position is a reasonable one inasmuch as the Aiken Regional Campus budget is independent from the main campus budget.

E. Salaries should be compatible with those on the main campus. They should be adjusted to become so and made effective immediately. A minimum salary should be established for each rank.

F. Consideration for tenure should be based on a three-year probationary period.