

April 16, 1975

FACULTY MINUTES
OTTAWA UNIVERSITY

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REPORTS

The April faculty meeting was held in the University Union beginning with a served dinner at six o'clock p.m. A prayer was given by Dean Germer. All members were present except for the following: Genella Benjamin, Bill Boucek, Robert Buchanan, Cliff Burke, Stanley DeFries, Fred Gibson, Jim Hennager, Ruth Hummel, Bill Kloster, John Lehner, Jack McCracken, Jack Patty, Lora Reiter, Michael Sancho, Adrian Stoner, Joyce Stuermer, Mike Twedt, Bence Williams, and Helen Winter.

President Armacost asked for action on the minutes of the previous meeting, March 19, 1975. Justo Diaz asked that the correction on his March announcements should read, "Needlepoint". Elmer Roth moved, second heard, minutes be approved as corrected. Passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Carl Bobbish announced that two buses would be going to the Nelson Art Gallery for the Chinese Exhibit and that the students will receive UPS credit.

Horton Presley announced that on April 26 there will be a conference on Science Fiction held here at Ottawa University.

Carl Bobbish announced that the Newport Jazz Festival will include some outdoor events.

Dr. Averyt announced that Dr. Adams will present a paper at Yale to the Congress on Enlightenment. Dr. Adams also conducted a seminar in Wisconsin at the Society for French Historical Studies.

Annabelle Pence announced that Senior grades will be due in the Registrar's Office Monday, May 19.

Justo Diaz announced that there has been a tremendous decrease in entropy in the office of the chairman of the Chemistry Department.

Dean Germer made the following report on Students on Academic Probation: At the end of Session III 47 students were currently on Academic Probation. 42 students in this year's freshman class were admitted on a conditional basis, 17 of those 42 are making satisfactory progress, 22 of the 42 have some problems relating to their grade-point average. The Dean encouraged advisors to make a special effort to assist advisees who are in some academic difficulty here as the year nears the end.

President Armacost announced that Jack McCracken and Lora Reiter have each passed their Ph.D. orals and completed their work for their doctorates.

President Armacost indicated that we have unofficial but encouraging words on our AIDP proposal.

Dean Germer announced that the May faculty meeting will be May 14.

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Keith Shumway made the following report for the Kansas City Center of Ottawa University.

The status of the Kansas City Center of Ottawa University as of the April faculty meeting:

Inquiries	551
Admissions	176
Proseminar enrollment	91
Learning contract enrollment	12
Course enrollment	106
F.T.E. student count	30.625

To date there have been 19 different courses offered via the Kansas City Center. The Kansas City Center is now holding a second class for child care workers after a successful class experience in the Fall. The first course offered to employees of a single firm is now underway as a Statistics class for 22 Marion Laboratories personnel. Bob Buchanan is presently negotiating with another company on a proposal to offer a five course sequence for their employees.

Of the 91 proseminar students, over 90% are expected to continue enrollment with a minimum of five courses each. Thirty students are currently enrolled in the April proseminar -- 16 in Kansas City and another 14 here in Ottawa. The Ottawa class is being taught by Tom Maher and some Ottawa faculty may be asked to help advise these adult students.

Five of the College Without Campus students are presently planning to complete their graduation requirements in order to graduate this Spring at our commencement. Probably only two will be able to be present at the ceremony itself.

Dr. Morrissey next reported for the Committee on Committees, making nominations for positions to be recommended to the President for appointment for the academic year 1975-76 (see report) and for positions directly elected by vote of the faculty.

Dr. Morrissey distributed ballots containing nominations as follows: Faculty Affairs Committee, 2 two-year terms, those nominated: Carl Bobbish, Neil Harris, Veronica Morgan, Elmer Roth. There being no further nominations from the floor that ballot stood as printed. The next ballot was for the Faculty Representatives to the Board of Trustees. (Vote for one) James Billick, Emory McKenzie, Joyce Stuermer. Being no further nominations from the floor that ballot stood as printed. The final ballot was for the Academic Council members, voting for six, those nominated were Tom Adams, Wayne Angell, David Bemmels, Evelyn Kinney, William Kloster, Mercile Lee, Ben Moor, Lora Reiter, Michael Sancho, Peter Sandstrom, Shirley Swayne, Bence Williams. There being no further nominations from the floor the ballot stood as printed.

Following secret ballot vote, the President announced as follows: Faculty Affairs Committee, Two-year terms - Neil Harris, Veronica Morgan. Faculty Representatives to the Board of Trustees, two-year term - James Billick, Academic Council Member, two-year terms - Tom Adams, Mercile Lee, Peter Sandstrom. One-year terms - Wayne Angell, David Bemmels and Lora Reiter.

OLD BUSINESS

The only old business to come before the faculty was a question by Neil Harris concerning the ELI admission and the Dean responded that this matter had just been reviewed by Academic Council and further progress would be reported to the faculty.

NEW BUSINESS

Keith Shumway made the following motions: THE EXTERNAL CENTER TASK FORCE IS AUTHORIZED TO MOVE AHEAD WITH A PROGRAM OF CORRESPONDENCE STUDY WHENEVER IT IS SATISFIED THAT SUCH A PROGRAM IS CONSISTENT WITH OUR CONCERNS FOR (A) THE PROGRAM QUALITY OF THE UNIVERSITY, (B) THE INTEGRITY OF THE INSTITUTION, AND (C) THE FINANCIAL STRENGTHS OF THE UNIVERSITY. The motion was seconded.

Keith Shumway then made the following presentation.

ELBA PRESENTATION TO APRIL FACULTY MEETING

Elba Systems Inc. of Denver is interested in a cooperative arrangement with Ottawa University. Elba has developed and marketed an audio-visual instructional system with the assistance of Bell and Howell in three fields: Life Insurance Sales, Equity Sales, and Professional Salesmanship. Elba is negotiating with a number of private colleges in order to provide their material as the key element of credit courses in a classroom setting. Ottawa is being asked to offer these courses in a classroom setting. Ottawa is being asked to offer these courses through the Kansas City Center by correspondence. The correspondence mode would involve less credit and we would probably be the only institution in the nation with this arrangement. The financial return to Ottawa promises to be considerable, with Elba providing some financial support in the start up phase prior to normal operation.

President Armacost and Dean Shumway have spent some time with Elba personnel exploring the opportunity. Elba materials are on campus for perusal. The Kansas City Task Force has explored the program and two faculty forums have been held to discuss the matter.

The decision to enter into the cooperative arrangement will have four levels, all of which are being explored simultaneously: (1) faculty authorization to enter into correspondence delivery systems on a large scale; (2) administrative determinations that the process is feasible and can be managed; (3) approval of the Board of Trustees; and (4) specific contract negotiations with Elba. Consequently, a negative decision at any level will stop the whole process.

The faculty has technically given the Kansas City Task Force authority to act for the faculty as a whole on academic matters involving the Kansas City Center. The Task Force seeks the will of the faculty informally and formally as it needs. Each time a major program innovation or shift is considered the task force will seek full faculty input in the matter. Consequently the forums have been held and written information has been distributed to all the faculty. The task force has followed the normal procedure used to make curricular changes at Ottawa University.

Some negative publicity about Elba, Northwest Missouri State University, and the VA appeared a few months ago and needs to be clarified for our own decision. Elba began as a proprietary institution and was accredited by the National Home Study Council. VA restrictions that inhibited rapid program modifications or changes led to a decision to seek cooperative arrangements with Northwest Missouri so that credit could be offered via an external degree teaching method. The program was successful, but grew more rapidly than anticipated and was not managed well. The chief problem was the sudden inflated income and student count at a state college regulated by a state board of higher education. The VA was uneasy because of the external degree teaching system and what it saw as inadequate control by Northwest Missouri.

The present arrangements that Elba seeks with Ottawa take these lessons into account. No unethical charge is lodged against Elba by any of the interested parties that we have been able to contact. The VA is satisfied by the procedures used and those now contemplated. Elba has separated the classroom and non-classroom instructional activities as an additional protection to the cooperating colleges and universities.

For the above reasons the task force seeks the input of the faculty by means of the motion made and the related debate regarding the motion.

Following Mr. Shumway's discussion of the Elba Systems Inc., the faculty raised several questions dealing with the following topics: The number of students to be involved in the program, the number of faculty to be involved, the integrity of the Ottawa University program as it would relate to this program, the dollars involved and how much money it means to the University, the ethics of the life insurance company selling approaches, whether or not the faculty would have input into the Elba Modules.

Mike King amended the motion so that the motion would be limited to the Elba Systems, Inc. specifically. The motion to amend was seconded and defeated.

Justo Diaz then offered the following substitute motion, "The faculty authorize the External Center Task Force to make a decision on the Elba Systems, Inc., provided that it meets sections A, B, and C, of Mr. Shumway's original motion. The substitute motion was seconded. The substitute motion was defeated.

The original motion from Mr. Shumway was then voted on and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Fredric B. Zook
Faculty Secretary

Report of Committee on Committees

The Committee on Committees recommends the following persons to the faculty for recommendation to the President for appointment for the academic year 1975-1976.

Athletic Committee

John Bacon
George Chaney
John Lehner
Elmer Roth, Chairman
Joyce Stuermer
Fred Zook

Campus Council

Peter Flusser
William Frear
John Lehner
Leonard Meyers
Shirley Swayne
Fred Zook
Tom Adams

Committee on Academic Review

Charles Anderson
George Chaney
Justo Diaz
Emory McKenzie
Ben Moor
Veronica Morgan
Peter Sandstrom
Bence Williams
Harold Germer (Ex Officio)
Martin Meade (Ex Officio)
Annabelle Pence (Ex Officio)
Keith Shumway (Ex Officio)

Core Subcommittee

Emory McKenzie
Lora Reiter

Cross Cultural Subcommittee

Edward Morrissey
Joyce Stuermer

Library Committee

Neil Harris, Chairman
Horton Presley
Pal Wright

Program Integration Subcommittee (UPS)

Carl Bobbish
Horton Presley

Publications Board

Evelyn Kinney
Mike King

Religious Program Committee

Stanley DeFries
Jan Roberts

Scholastic Committee

David Bemmels, Chairman
Genell Benjamin
Steve Biddle
William Kloster
Jack McCracken
Murle Mordy

University Religious Involvement

Committee

Bill Ballinger
William Myers

BALLOT

Academic Council Membership

Vote for six (6)

Thomas Adams

Hist

2

Wayne Angell

Bus Org

1

David Bemmels

Scienc

1

Evelyn Kinney

William Kloster

Mercile Lee

Prog

2

Ben Moor

Lora Reiter

Eng

1

Michael Sancho

Peter Sandstrom

phil

2

Shirley Swayne

Bence Williams

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BALLOT

Faculty Affairs Committee

Two-Year Terms

Vote for two (2)

Carl Bobbish

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Neil Harris

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Veronica Morgan

☒

Elmer Roth

☐☐

Faculty representative to the Board of Trustees

Vote for one (1)

James Billick

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Emory McKenzie

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Joyce Stuermer

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