

SENATE MINUTES
UM-ST. LOUIS
March 2, 1993
3:00 p.m. 222 J. C. Penney

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m. Minutes from the previous meeting (held February 9, 1993) were approved as submitted.

Report from the Chairperson -- Joseph Martinich

The Chair prefaced his report by noting that neither the Board of Curators nor the Intercampus Faculty Council has met since he last reported to the Senate in February. The Board is scheduled to meet on March 18 in Kansas City. The Academic Affairs Committee of the IFC has met, and the Chair said its activities would be covered in the IFC report later in the meeting.

Letters supporting House Bill 34 have been mailed to the House Higher Education Committee, and the Chair reported that he has contacted Representatives Hosmer (the bill's sponsor) and Malloy, informing them of our endorsement. The most recent version of the legislation provides for a faculty representative from each campus to serve on the Board of Curators. Jim Snider, Assistant to the President for State Governmental Relations, expects the House to approve the bill but believes it may encounter difficulty in the Senate.

The Senate Committee on Curriculum and Instruction has received a proposal to institute incremental grading in the College of Arts and Sciences. The Committee will be contacting each of the other units for feedback. The Chair encouraged prompt response so that the Committee's recommendation can be brought to the Senate for action on April 27.

The Chair reported that additional pollworkers were needed for the student senator elections, set to begin the following day. Volunteers were requested. The Chair noted that the Current incorrectly reported that the polls would be open in the evening on the North Campus only.

Shortly, there will be a campus referendum on proposed bylaw amendments. Senators were informed that ballots must be returned by a majority of the Faculty. Faculty senators were urged to vote and asked to remind their colleagues to vote.

The Senate Banquet will be held on April 27. Invitations will be sent to all senators in the coming weeks.

Report from the Chancellor -- Chancellor Blanche Touhill

The Chancellor began her report by announcing that two of our student athletes recently have been recognized for their academic

ability. Carmen Llorico of the women's soccer team has been selected by the NCAA as an Academic All-American, and Sharon Kampwerth of the volleyball squad has been named a GTE Corporation Academic All-American.

The Career Placement Services office will be hosting the seventh annual "Gateway to Careers" fair on March 12. More than 300 representatives from 64 companies will be speaking with students from 45 colleges and universities.

The East St. Louis Fund has donated \$155,000 to support the optometric clinic established in that city by UM-St. Louis in cooperation with SIU-E.

The Distinguished Speakers Series recently hosted a presentation on health care by Roy Heimbürger, President and Chief Executive Officer of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Missouri. Miles Marsh, Chairman of Pet, Incorporated, is scheduled to speak later this month on managing corporate change.

The Chancellor reported that earlier in the day, she and Senator Sork were present at a press conference held at the Zoo to announce the establishment of a scholarship in honor of the late Marlin Perkins.

Chancellor Touhill then invited questions from the floor. Senator Sargent asked if a schedule adjustment will be made in light of the campus closing due to inclement weather. The Chancellor said there will be no adjustment.

Vice Chancellor MacLean presented information regarding enrollment, recruitment, and the status of parking tickets issued to students. As of the end of February, applications for fall 1993 are 12 percent higher than they were a year ago. As part of our continuing recruitment effort, more than 23,500 letters are being sent to prospective students during February and March. This mailing represents the second, third, or fourth contact, the Vice Chancellor reported. Faculty and staff members who have a daughter/son who is a high school senior were asked to call the Office of Admissions if our recruitment materials are not reaching their child. Vice Chancellor MacLean promised that each call will receive attention.

Turning to the issue of parking tickets, Vice Chancellor MacLean reported that approximately 12,120 tickets were issued to students during the past year. A total of 568 appeals were filed, and 330 of them were denied. Another 135 were excused, and 103 (mostly from January and February) will be acted on soon.

The Vice Chancellor assured the Senate that his office will investigate allegations reported in the Current that certain

students are parking on the campus with an illegally-obtained Continuing Education sticker.

In response to a question from Senator Ratcliff, Vice Chancellor MacLean said he believes the money collected from parking tickets is assigned to the parking fund. This was confirmed by Vice Chancellor Krueger. The Chair asked for verification that approximately \$100,000 is generated from parking tickets. Vice Chancellor Krueger agreed that this estimate seems reasonable. Vice Chancellors Krueger and MacLean noted that transcripts are withheld and registration is frozen for students who do not pay their tickets.

Report from the Faculty Council -- Steven Spaner

(see report attached)

Report from the Intercampus Faculty Council -- Lois Pierce

(see report attached)

At the close of the report, Senator Burkholder asked what evidence prompted Curator Cozad's concern about grade inflation. Senator Pierce explained that the Curator apparently has information from the System that there has been some inflation over time. He is also troubled that the grades in some departments/units are higher than in others.

Report from the Student Government Association -- Michael Tomlinson

Senator Tomlinson reported that SGA elections will be held on March 31 (evening only), April 1 (day and evening), and April 2 (day only). Students will have an opportunity to meet the candidates at 1:30 p.m. on March 3 in 126 J. C. Penney. A debate is in the process of being organized.

Report from the Committee on Curriculum and Instruction -- Leonard Ott

The following changes in degree requirements were approved by the Senate:

- B.S. in Chemistry
- B.A. in Communication with Emphasis in Communication Theory and Rhetoric
- B.A. in Communication with Emphasis in General Communication
- B.A. in Communication with Emphasis in Mass Communication

The Senate also approved a change in requirements for the Minor in General Communication and the addition of a new degree program, the B.F.A. in Studio Art.

Senator Ott called attention to course additions/changes/eliminations which were effected by the Committee.

Report from the Committee on Computing -- James Tierney

(see report attached)

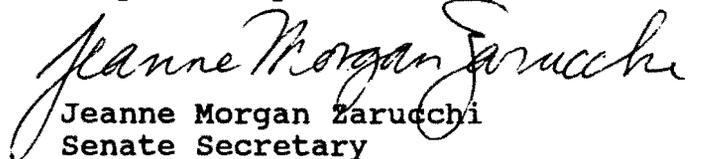
Senator Harris inquired about the source of the proposals which were reviewed by the Committee and asked how someone would submit a proposal. Senator Tierney was unclear on this point, saying "they seem to come down from above."

Report from the Honorary Awards Committee -- Kathleen Osborn

The Senate met in Executive Session to consider candidates proposed to receive honorary degrees.

Completing the business at hand, the Senate adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Jeanne Morgan Zarucchi
Senate Secretary

(minutes written by
Ms. Joan M. Arban,
Senate Executive Assistant)

FACULTY COUNCIL REPORT
TO THE
UM-ST. LOUIS SENATE

March 2, 1993

The Council meeting scheduled for February 25, 1993 at the Alumni House was cancelled due to the snow storm that closed the University. The old business of the Council pertains to the Council's administrator evaluation survey. The survey was mailed to all regular full-time faculty the week of February 15, 1993. The forms are due back to the Professor Bruce Wilking, Physics Department, Benton 503a by March 5, 1993. One third of the faculty have returned forms to date. Faculty who have not completed their forms are encouraged to do so by March 5, 1993. The Council wishes to clarify a misconception being circulated from unnamed sources that faculty completing the Council's evaluation form can be identified by the administrator. This is a veritable impossibility. No individual identifying information is requested on the form other than faculty status which is the same for all faculty receiving the survey. Any and all comments accompanying the forms are transcribed so no hand-writing samples are given to the administrator or the Chancellor. Faculty are reminded that these surveys provide valuable feedback to the evaluated administrator and the Chancellor just as do the student evaluations of faculty and the annual reports filed with department chairs.

The next Council meeting will be March 25, 1993, at the Alumni house.

Respectfully submitted,



Steven D. Spaner, Presiding Officer
1992-93 Faculty Council

REPORT FROM THE INTERCAMPUS FACULTY COUNCIL

Members of the IFC met on February 23, 1993 with members of the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Curators to discuss the Critical Choices document, grade inflation, and revisions in the sexual harassment policy.

CBHE has asked each college and university to declare whether they will be highly selective, moderately selective, selective, or open admissions. Discussion of the Critical Choices document centered on whether or not the University would define itself by the CBHE criteria or by some other criteria. President Russell presented information indicating that, if we used the CBHE admissions guidelines, we would no longer admit a large number of students who are currently successful at the University. After much discussion, the Board members decided to ask each Chancellor to develop a plan for managed enrollments based on the mission statement of his or her campus. The expectation is that we will increase the retention and graduation rates of our first-time, full-time, degree-seeking freshmen.

Curator Cozad expressed concern that there appears to be grade inflation on our campuses. Several people made the point that we are recruiting better students and that grade inflation may occur because of that, but most universities no longer see grade inflation as an issue. Curator Cozad asked if our grades were higher because students were able to withdraw from a course in which they were receiving a failing grade. System records indicate withdrawals have little impact on course grade averages.

Further revisions were suggested in the sexual harassment policy. Curator Thompson expressed concern that staff and faculty were not receiving the training necessary to define and identify sexual harassment. Curator Gilmore felt that the non-retaliation clause should contain some reference to charges filed in good faith and there should be some time limitations to filing a charge that may lead to discipline. Ed Hunvaldt, a member of IFC, suggested that, in the academic tenure regulations, there should be some qualification of sexual harassment to conform to the other descriptions of reasons for dismissal for cause. Based on the discussion following these suggestions, the general counsel's office will revise the document, and it will be presented to the Board for approval at its March meeting.

**REPORT TO THE SENATE
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In General The Senate Committee on Computing has held four meetings since its last report to the Senate. Since the earlier of these meetings were largely concerned with information gathering--catching up committee members on the operation of the Office of computing and Network Services and of the Office of Instructional Computing--reports to the Senate seemed of little or no utility. However, it would probably be useful at least to mention the subjects that have been taken up and then to report the actions that the committee has taken.

Campus Computing Budget Much time has been spent attempting to come to grips with the sources of funds, expenditures for various equipment and services, and allocations of moneys to particular projects. The matter is complicated because funds derive from three different sources--the OCNS budget, student fees, and occasional Chancellor allotments--each of which is earmarked for particular aspects of campus computing but which find themselves frequently collaborating on the same project. So one budget runs carryovers, one borrows from the other, a sizeable chunk of money in one budget is used for the other, and the staff of one office regularly provides services for the other. It's head-dizzying business that I don't think your committee has successfully sorted out. To a large degree, major expenses for equipment during the last two years, both hardware and software, to fit out new computer labs and classrooms has prevented the budget of Instructional Computing to stabilize. However, the bottom line, as they say, is that the OCNS budget amounts to \$2,115,727 and student fees bring in, according to enrollment, roughly \$900,000 per year. The latter are spent on only directly student-related computing.

New Computerized Classrooms in CCB. Except for the DEC classroom, Jerry Siegel, the Director of Instructional Computing, reported that the instructional use of the new computerized classrooms, begun this semester, went smoothly, with only minor problems arising. Assignment of the classrooms for the fall 1993 semester is following the same guidelines and is currently in process by Glenn Allen's office. Jerry Siegel would welcome suggestions for revision and plans a survey of faculty users.

New Campus Computing Projects. The directors of OCNS and Instructional Computing presented four new projects to the Committee: 1) the construction of two computerized classrooms on the South Campus; 2) the distribution of 30-40 machines for faculty offices; 3) the installation of a projection system and instructor's computer station in seven classrooms on the campuses, the first to be in Clark Hall; 4) the wiring of all remaining unwired offices on the campuses.

After much debate and discussion, yesterday the Committee gave its support to two of the projects: the new classrooms on the South Campus and the installation of the station and projector in Clark Hall. The other two projects--computers for faculty offices and the wiring of offices--are still under consideration.

Miscellanea. Other matters the Committee has taken up and continue to look into include: improved student lab facilities in the Science complex, a campus computing newsletter, the implementation of Gopher bulletin boards on the campus system for all units, and the generation of a campus computing ethics code