

Meeting Minutes Archive**March 19, 1999**

To: Members of the Corporate Faculty

From: Secretary, Faculty Council

Subject: Meeting of the Faculty Council held in the Presidents Room, Marquette Center, W.T.C.

#59. Meeting called to order by Professor Shoenberger at 3:07 P.M.

In honor of St. Patrick's Day, the opening prayer was offered by Dr. Prudence Moylan, History.

#60. Minutes of the February Meeting

Chairperson asked for a motion to approve the January Minutes.

Motion: That the February Minutes be approved.

Moved: Dr. R. Tatalovich, Political Science

Seconded: Dr. David Struckhoff, Criminal Justice

Action: The motion passed unanimously.

#61. Chairpersons Report

A. Professor Shoenberger reported that Dr. Thomas Ranck, Theology, will be taking early retirement. It is with sadness that he reported that Dr. Ranck will not be able to continue as Secretary to the Faculty Council. Professor Shoenberger asked for volunteers who would be willing to serve in that position.

B. Professor Shoenberger noted that during the recent voting concerning confidence/no confidence, he discovered members of the faculty whose positions fall into somewhat undefined positions. The Librarians felt that they should be permitted to vote as well as some of the Emeritus Faculty at the Medical Center who teach but are not paid. These latter individuals do not have Senior Status. Faculty Council only had lists which were prepared by Ms. Donna Halinsky and Ms. Lorraine Serwatka. The number of complaints amounted to several dozen individuals. The Librarians do not vote or participate in either Staff Council or Faculty Council. If we eventually adopt a University Senate this would allow them status. Other faculty felt that they had not received a ballot to indicate their vote. This may have been due to Postal problems for incorrectly reported addresses.

C. The Executive Committee of Faculty Council is to meet in the near future with Fr. Piderit S.J., President, and Dr. Larry Braskamp, Sr. Vice President and Dean of Faculties, to discuss the reorganization of the Administration which will take place after July 1, 1999 due to the retirement of Dr. Ronald Walker, Executive Vice President. Council recognizes the importance of academic representation in the higher administration. This is felt to be a necessity. The Executive Committee will meet to discuss the issues. Discussion followed. Some Council Members felt that Dr. Walker's position ought to be continued. Others felt that the Executive Committee needs to draw up a clear statement of the position of the Faculty in this important matter. Another member felt that there needs to be a new figure in charge of Research matters. The issue will be resolved by the Executive Committee with the President and the Vice President.

#62. Reflections on LOYOLA 2000

Concern was raised about the communication of the results of the ballot on confidence/no confidence. The firm of Grant Thornton, the management consulting firm hired to run the vote, called Professor Shoenberger at approximately 1:30 P.M. on Monday with the results. Professor Sheonberger understands that by that time Mr. Frank Considine had contacted all the Trustees with the results and had confirmed their receipt. Mr. Considine was in Florida at the time of the Trustees Meeting and ran the meeting via speaker phone. It was felt that the manner of disclosure of the results to the board was not consistent with the intent of council.

Motion: Since it was the intent of the original Council resolution that this information should be available to the Board at its meeting, we respectfully request an explanation from Mr. Considine in writing of how and when the vote was communicated to the Board.

Moved: Dr. B. Leonard, Business Administration

Seconded: Dr. G. McDonald, Mathematics and Computer Science

Action: The Motion passed unanimously.

Lively discussion followed the motion.

Announcement: All faculty who wish to contribute to the cost of the survey should please send a check made out to Grant Thornton and mail it to Dr. B. Leonard, Business Administration, WTC. The members felt that the vote was of significance. The level of discussion was very high. Council learned that there is an immense amount of talent in our faculty and that the conversations were a tribute to the university as a whole. We learned that we still have problems. Some faculty do not trust the administration but we need now to go forward. The problem of Budget utilization and how the university is governed opened many eyes. We engaged the concerns politically and had a substantial educational experience. It was noted that it was faculty outside of the Council who raised the issue. Now Council needs to develop new paths and ideas and continue constructively moving forward. The fact that Faculty Council or the new Senate does not have a Budget raised a concern. We need a budgetary monies to assist in the movement of the University and the University business. Professor Shoenberger noted that council does have a budget but it does not have monies which would pay for work done by such an outside firm if it were needed.

#63. Ad hoc Committee on Governance

Dr. Micael Clarke, Chairperson, gave a report on the work of the committee. Two motions were presented for Council consideration. The motions are found as Appendix A to the minutes. The first motion dealt with the establishment of a University Budget Committee. The committee would be composed of the Vice President for Finance and two to six other administrators appointed by the President, three faculty members elected by the faculty, three staff members elected by the staff, and three students.

Motion: University Budget Committee: (See Appendix A.)

Moved: The Ad hoc Committee by Dr. Micael Clarke, English

Seconded: Dr. Ann Bugliani, Department of Modern Languages and Literatures

Discussion: Some council members felt that the committee may be too large, others felt that it should not be an open election but Faculty Council needs to choose from nominations submitted. Concern was expressed whether the faculty would have expertise in reading the budgetary data. The organization structure needs to be re-examined. There was also concern about whowould serve as the Chairperson of the Committee. It was felt that a faculty member needs to serve as chair. Concern was expressed about the students who would serve on the committee. It was requested that the document be rewritten now to meet the needs of all present. This caused concern as our report was to go be submitted in March. The motion was tabled for the next meeting. Dr. Clarke indicated that she had notes about the requested changes to this point and would incorporate them in her report.

Substitute Motion: The Faculty Council endorses a University Budget Committee and will initiate discussion with the Administration concerning its functioning.

Moved: Dr. John McNulty, Medicine-Basic Science

Seconded: Dr. L. Cain, Business Administration

Action: 19 aye, 4 nay, 2 abstain. The motion carried.

The faculty is encouraged to make recommendations concerning the motion on the University Budget Committee on the commend sheet and send them to the Secretary who will forward them to the Governance Committee.

Motion #2. Faculty Senate: (See Apendix A.)

Moved: Dr. Micael Clarke, Chairperson, Ad hoc Committee

Seconded: Dr. Ann Bugliani, Department of Modern Languages and Literatures

Discussion: As time was running short, Dr. Clarke yielded her place to the Research Committee.

#64. Research Committee.

Dr. Leslie Fung, Chairperson of the Committee, reported that she received an e-mail from Dr. Braskamp indicating that due to the retirement of Dr. Walker, the administration would not make any decisions about the VP for Research position without considering the role of the existing VP?s. The Committee members indicated that from the faculty?s perspective there are two important VP positions. One is the academic affairs and the others is research. At the time of restructuring a VP for research should be a critical player in this important process. Thus the Committee made the following motion:

Motion: We propose that the President and the Board of Trustees use this time of administrative restructuring to

1. create a Vice President for Research position and
2. fill this position as soon as possible, as was strongly recommended by the Arthur Andersen Report.

As the motion comes from a standing committee no second is needed.

Action: The motion passed unanimously.

#65. A standing order for adjournment was received at 5:06 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dr. Thomas Ranck, Theology
Secretary, Faculty Council

Members Present

Professional Schools

Dr. Lou Cain, Business Administration; Dr. Maria Connolly, School of Nursing; Dr. Janis Fine, School of Education; Dr. Meg Gulanick, School of Nursing; Dr. Stephen Jones, Medicine-Basic Sciences; Dr. Nick Lash, Business Administration; Dr. Barbara Leonard, Business Administration; Dr. John A. McNulty, Medicine-Basic Sciences; Dr. Tim O'Connell, Graduate Institutes; Dr. Carolyn Saari, School of Social Work; Dr. Allen Shoenberger, Law

Arts and Sciences

Dr. Ann Bugliani, Modern Languages and Literatures; Dr. Anthony Cardoza, History; Dr. Micael Clarke, English; Dr. Wendy Cotter, Theology; Dr. Leslie Fung, Chemistry; Dr. Sarah Gabel, Theatre; Dr. Fred Kniss, Sociology and Anthropology; Dr. Gerry McDonald, Mathematics and Computer Science; Dr. Fred Morrison, Psychology; Dr. Prudence Moylan, History; Dr. Thomas Ranck, Theology; Dr. David Struckhoff, Criminal Justice, Dr. Ray Tatalovich, Political Science; Dr. Arnold vander Nat, Philosophy