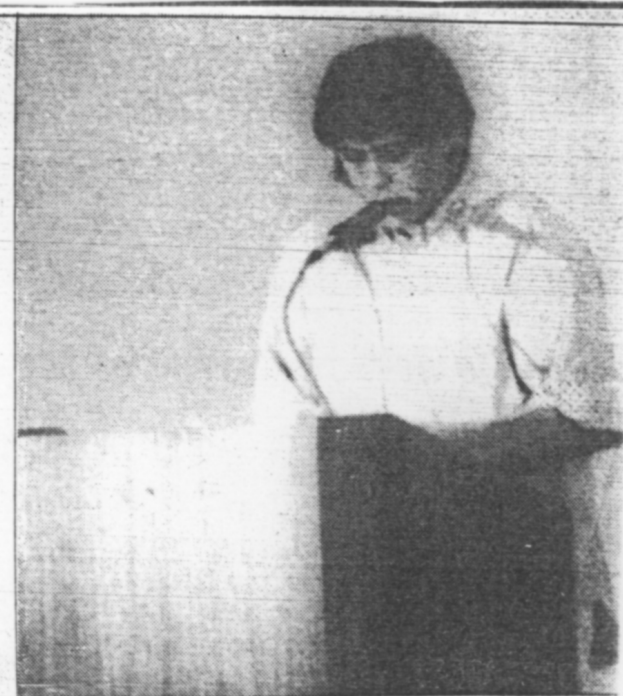


**Faculty voice:** Dr. Fred Blue, history, spoke on behalf of Faculty Interviewing Body at yesterday's meeting.



**Filling in:** Dr. Peter Baldino, education, conducted the emergency Academic Senate meeting on Wednesday.



**Fry speaks out:** Former Student Government President Brian Fry presents a resolution at the meet

# Revolt!

## Academic Senate passes resolution faulting Trustees

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At an emergency Academic Senate meeting yesterday, a resolution was passed which condemned the YSU Board of Trustees' action in not following their own presidential search mechanism.

Dr. Gratia Murphy, Dr. Fred Blue, and past Student Government President Brian Fry all presented resolutions that shared the idea that the Academic Senate rejects the Trustees' selection of Atty. Paul Dutton and that a new search and selection process be implemented.

Presented by Fry was a resolution stating that the Board of Trustees chose a candidate who did not complete the presidential search process and they completely disregarded the recommendations of the five presidential search committees on campus.

Fry urged that the Senate reject the selection of Dutton and begin a new

selection process. Commenting on the Board's actions, he said, "The Board of Trustees have put personal interests in front of our lives and careers."

Fry also took time out to criticize Dutton's claim that there were numerous supporters for his candidacy. "As you can see," said Fry as he looked out over the more than 300 persons in attendance, "his supporters are vastly outnumbered by people looking for honesty and integrity in the selection procedure."

In addition, Fry went on to criticize board members Michael Monus, John Geletka, Edward Flask, Martin O'Connell and Mark Lyden for their actions in the procedure. "Stop using this University as a pawn in backroom deals, and start using your positions to benefit us," said Fry.

Eric Stephens, former Second Vice President of Student Government, followed Fry's presentation and took the floor to talk of threats and pressures recently placed on members of Student

Government. He said that "as a result of the position student leaders have taken, there have been attempts to pressure them from expressing their views on the trustees' position." He said that Student Government leaders and student Senators have been victims of this "attempt to discourage free thought and action" and that they were fearful for themselves and for their family members who were YSU employees.

Stephens said that Student Government leaders will not yield to the pressure, and mentioned that they have applied their energy to the resolution that rejects the Trustees' selection and calls for a new selection process.

When it came time to vote on the Senate's resolution, Fry made a motion that a roll-call vote be held instead of a secret ballot. An Academic Senator seconded the motion and a roll call vote of 60 "yes" answers, 4 abstentions and 0 "no" votes resulted.

Blue, history, spoke on behalf of the

Faculty Interviewing Committee and reported on a letter drafted by the interviewing body and sent to the Board of Trustees. The letter states that the board failed to follow the procedures of the presidential search mechanism--a mechanism which the board itself constructed Dec. 11, 1990.

Blue noted that Atty. Dutton did not meet the criteria that were established by the Faculty Interviewing Committee, and therefore the faculty committee does not recommend Dutton as a candidate for the presidency of YSU.

Blue also said of the finalists, "Each of the candidates we recommended has a record of achievement in university settings and each communicated a positive vision for YSU."

Murphy, English, moved that the Academic Senate "adopt and strongly endorse the findings of the Faculty Interviewing Committee" that were presented in the letter by Blue.