

Meeting of the Academic Events Committee, May 10, 1978. Present:  
F. Barger, <sup>Don</sup> ~~W.~~ B. <sup>Elmer</sup> ~~W.~~ Foldvery, Juanita Roderick, Gail Hedrick, Nina  
Rossi, M. Slavin. <sup>Regina</sup> ~~Margaret~~ Brownlee

The meeting was called to order by Mrs Hedrick at 3 p.m. Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted without corrections.

Dr. Taylor Alderman then introduced a number of suggestions on how best to honor retirees of the university. One difficulty with a university wide banquet is the lack of funds and the legality of using university funds for such an occasion. To organize several dinners would obviously duplicate these functions. Commencement exercises are not designed for such an occasion (i.e. for honoring retirees); there is also the problem of time. Perhaps it might be possible to combine several functions, such as those dealing with recognition of Distinguished Professors, Research Professors, Sabbaticals, Watson professors, etc. Retirees could be guests at such a function.

A discussion followed which explored these alternatives, including a formal university function. It was agreed that departments were to be informed that their individual functions would not be eliminated, should a university dinner be held.

It was agreed that this year a certificate would be presented by the university to each retiree.

It was then moved by Barger and seconded by Foldvery that the recommendations presented by Alderman to honor retirees at a combined function (mentioned above) should be presented to the Senate for its approval. This was carried. (A copy of the resolution is to be transmitted to Prof. Alderman.)

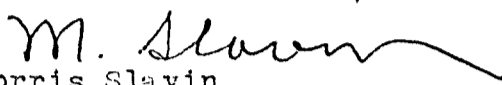
Miss Brownlee then presented a report on student honorees and the problem of recognizing them based on a certain grade-point-average. The mathematical divisions are so fine, it was pointed out, that it might be

wiser to reexamine the basis selecting students to be recognized at Honors Day.

A subcommittee to examine this question was then appointed. The members are: Brownlee, <sup>chr.</sup> Foldvary, Barger, and Rossi.

The meeting was then duly adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Morris Slavin  
Secretary pro-tem

COVER SHEET TO BE ATTACHED TO ALL REPORTS SUBMITTED TO THE ACADEMIC SENATE

Date 5/17/78 Report Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Committee Submitting Report Academic Events Committee

Committee Status: Chartered

Names of Committee members Floyd Barger, Gail Hedrick, Morris Slavin  
Bill Hulsopple, Jaunita Roderick, Elmer Folvary, Don Byo, Charles Reid  
Bernice Brownlee, Nini Rossi (student)

Please write a brief summary of the report which the Committee is submitting to the Senate:

The Academic Events committee met on Wednesday, May 10 with Taylor Alderman. He responded to the questionnaire sent to many faculty members about ways to implement recognition of retirees. He shared with us the variety of ways faculty are recognized and questioned if one faculty ceremonial event each year might become and annual spring event. Discussion followed.

The following was stated as a recommendation to the Senate:

A faculty dinner and ceremonial event should be planned each year. The cost of the retirees dinners being absorbed by others attending. Individuals to be honored that evening would include: Faculty retirees, Ten distinguished professors, Watson award recipients, Nine Sabbatical research professors, Faculty promotions. The most appropriate month for this to occur is May. The location should be Kilcawley facility. This event would not deter in any way separate functions for retirees held by individual departments. Plans for the event should be under the direction of vice president for personnel, Taylor Alderman.

If there are substantive changes made from the floor in your committee recommendation, would the committee prefer that the matter be sent back to committee for further consideration? YES

Gail Hedrick

Chairman