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MINUTES ACADEMIC SENATE May 4, 1979

DR. EARL E. EDGAR VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

ATTENDANCE: (See Attached Roster)

CALL TO ORDER

Jean Kelty, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 4:05 after establishing that there was a quorum present.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr. Kelty announced that the Organizational Meeting of the Senate would be held May 18. Members of the <u>NEW</u> Senate should attend. Nominations will be made for the Chairman of the Senate and members of the Charter and ByLaws Committee.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 11, 1979 MEETING

Approved as Corrected There is a correction on Page 4 of the minutes. Motion to "Send back to committee" should read "table." It was moved by Dr. Edgar and seconded by M. Beaubien to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

#### AGENDA CHANGE

Dr. Kelty noted a change to be made on Page 11 of the circulated agenda. The last lines of the course description for English 520 should be changed from "Does not count towards the graduation requirements for the English major" to "Does not count towards a major in English."

#### REPORTS OF SENATE COMMITTEES

Charter and ByLaws Committee - Dr. Khawaja reported. When changes were presented at the March Senate meeting, it was pointed out that some of the language is outdated. The committee reviewed several sections, leading to the changes recommended today. The changes are primarily deletions of reference to the "Predecessor Senate."

# Motion to Approve Changes in ByLaws 3,4,5, and 6 as Circulated Approved

Dr. Khawaja moved approval of the changes in ByLaws 3,4,5, and 6 as circulated. Second by E. Abram. An editorial change was made

changing Senate meeting day from Friday to Wednesday. Question called. Motion carried.

Dr. Khawaja reported that the committee has received proposals dealing with the operations of various committees. One refers to the possibility of having proxies for Senators. The committee is also looking into the language of the functioning of the committee tees and the question of members of the Executive Committee also being members of Senate. The Charter and ByLaws Committee is asking that opinions and viewpoints to be considered on these matters be forwarded to A. Smith, History. If there are any other areas regarding the functioning of committees that need to be reviewed, these concerns should also be forwarded to the committee.

There are some areas of the Charter that need to be reviewed. It is a rather complicated procedure. There are some places where the language is not clear, but changes would not result in a substantative change. Suggested Charter revisions should also be directed to the committee.

Executive Committee - Dr. Feitler reported. A Faculty Preference Survey for committee membership has been developed and circulated. Thanks go to J. Bakos for his efforts in getting the materials circulated. If any faculty member has not received the form, J. Bakos should be notified. Faculty members should return the form by Monday, May 7, to insure consideration for committee membership for the 1979-1980 academic year.

Dr. Largent reported on the Faculty Advisory Committee to the Chancellor. There is a fee freeze proposed as part of the Budget now being considered. The O.E.A., A.A.U.P., and Board of Regents will lobby strongly to get some kind of language that will allow Youngstown, Akron, and Central State some degree of flexibility. When the Budget gets to Senate, there will probably be no more dollars added; there may be some shifting of funds. Dialogue is continuing regarding the mandatory participation of teachers in the Social Security System.

Elections and Balloting Committee - No one prepared to give report. It was noted by a committee member, Dr. Richley, that the committee is still in the process of conducting elections for department senators.

<u>Curriculum Committee</u> - Dr. Jenkins reported. After deliberation, it was decided not to recommend the acceptance of the Foreign Language courses which appear as 789-29 on the Senate Agenda, Page 9. The justification for these courses indicated that the courses are designed for those students who wish to learn a few words, for travel, for contact with ethnic origin, and who have a curiousity about the language. They do not deal with reading and writing skills. They are not of sufficient academic rigor to merit credit. A high school course in French chould lead a student into the next step, but this series of courses would not meet the requirements of going on to the next level. The proposed courses are not as rigorous as a high school course. The courses are appropriate and beneficial, but the courses would better reside in the Department of Continuing Education or offered, but not for academic credit.

## Motion for Senate to Adopt report 789-29 of the Curriculum Committee as Circulated Defeated

Dr. Jenkins moved that the Senate adopt the Curriculum Committee Report as circulated. Second by J. Bakos.

Several individuals spoke, urging defeat of the motion, including Dr. Yozwiak and Dr. Loud, Chairman of Foreign Languages. Points raised to support the courses and defeat the motion included: The Foreign Language Department is attempting to meet changing needs; the subject of the courses is the development of listening and speaking ability without emphasis on grammar; several other Universities including Cleveland State, Bowling Green, and Miami, offer similar courses for credit; Business students, Engineers, and Teachers need this type of course; the objections to the courses came from members of the University Curriculum Committee, not from faculty members; the objection of the Curriculum Committee was not unanimous; it is the intention to make the courses as rigorous as Language 501, perhaps more so--the students will not be fluent, but will be able to make needs understood and understand others; the courses will not prepare students to go to next course in language sequence because texts cover topics in different sequences; rigor does not necessarily mean grammar; the language laboratory is different from other laboratories; there is a market need--Rotarians wanted such a course, Youngstown schools have mandated bilingual instruction, several teachers in the Youngstown school system want it.

The Chair ruled that it would not be proper to amend course descriptions. Several other minor points were discussed.

#### Motion to Move Previous Question.

Approved

A motion was made to move the previous question. Second was made by D. O'Neill. Motion carried.

The chairman clarified the motion. Vote taken. Motion defeated.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None.

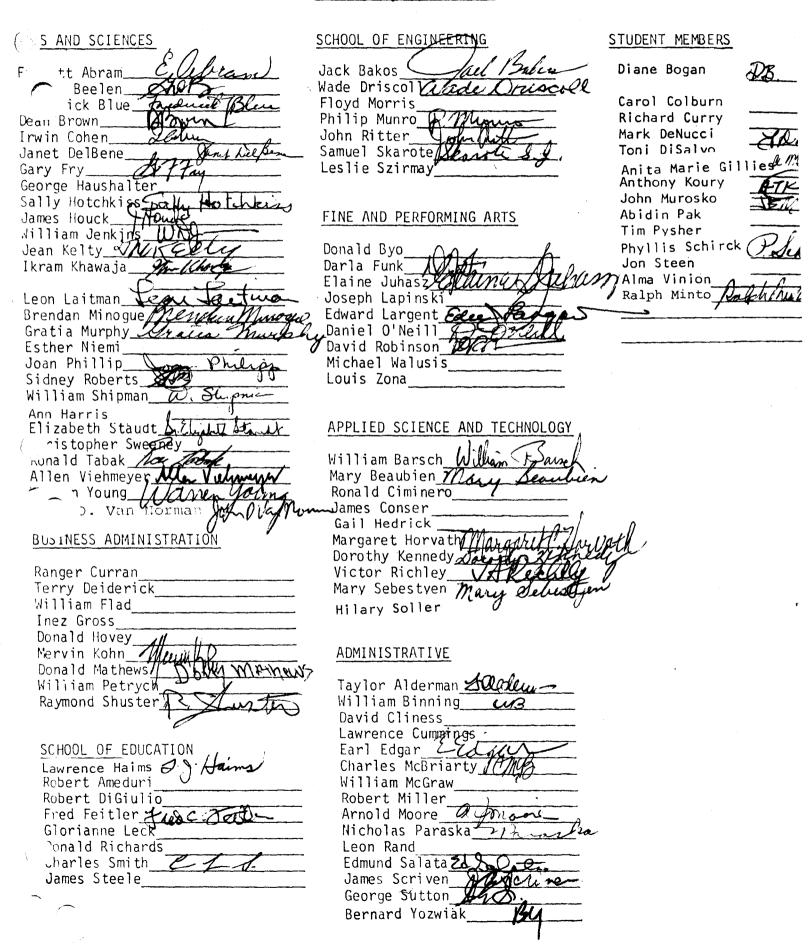
## NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Jenkins read a statement into the record regarding the History Department's concern with the planned scheduling of Labor Studies 501 for the Fall, 1979, quarter (attached).

#### ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:15 p.m.

## ATTENDANCE UNIVERSITY SENATE May 4, 1979



YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

## INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO \_\_\_\_\_ Members of the Senate

DATE 5/2/79

## FROM William D. Jenkins, History Department Representative.

#### SUBJECT

At the January 19, 1979, meeting the Senate approved the Labor Studies Technology program after several years of discussion and debate over its housing. Initially, the Économics Department had claimed sole responsibility for such a program; later, after the Board of Regents had issued a ruling about the housing of such programs, the History and Economics Departments objected to the CAST program on the basis that certain courses should be taught exclusively by faculty from those departments--both departments had similar courses on the upper division level. After Dean Paraska and President Coffelt refused to accept such a provision, Vice-President Edgar, Dean Yozwiak, George Beelen (History) and Emily Mackall (Economics) met in a number of extensive sessions to resolve the issues. In an agreement made in late November, Dean Paraska signed a statement to the effect that "the following cross-listed courses from among the Labor Studies Program courses proposed by CAST shall be taught exclusively by (reference to economics courses) and by the Department of History in cooperation with the Coordinator of the Labor Studies Program. Labor Studies 501 "(Please refer to the Senate agenda for January 19, 1979) In a letter to Dr. Louis Hill of the Academic Affairs Committee (in the same agenda), Vice-President Edgar commented that "I intend to see that the program is developed in accordance with the understanding reached by those who have signed this document." When Dr. Hill presented the program to the Senate for approval on January 19th (see minutes), he noted that "neither the agreement nor Dr. Edgar's response will be a part of the motion. However, the Academic Affairs Committee considers both documents to be extremely significant to the conduct of the program and to have been developed in good faith." With such agreements and guarantees in mind, the History Department supported Dr. Hill's motion.

But now it has come to our attention that Dr. William Swan, Director of the Labor Studies Technology program, has scheduled two sections of L. S. 501 for the fall, one to be taught exclusively by himself and one by the Department of History. Such scheduling is a direct and immediate violation of the agreement. After contacting Dr. Swan and Dean Paraska, we were told that they did not agree with our interpretation of the document. We then notified Dean Yozwiak and Vice-President Edgar, who held a meeting in his office in early April. To this date there has been no change in scheduling in spite of the administration's apparent agreement with our interpretation of the agreement. Early this week the History Department indicated to Dean Yozwiak and Vice-President Edgar that it was prepared to take this issue to the Senate for resolution. Since that time, several meetings have been held, again without resolution, but we have been promised by Vice-President Edgar that he will reach a decision within the week. Because of that promise, the History Department does not have a motion to offer at this time, but we do wish to keep the Senate informed in case we are compelled to come back to the Senate in June.