

Note: Please get agenda items for the January 6 Senate meeting to Bege Bowers, English Department, by 10:00 a.m. Thursday, December 17.

ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES
December 2, 1998

OVERVIEW:

Major topics presented/discussed: withdrawal date under semesters (p. 2); criteria for admission of Senate Bill 140 and EAOP students (pp. 2-3).

Policy changes/new policies:

- (1) By mail ballot, faculty and department chairs ratified the amendment adding elected/ appointed committees to Article IV, Section 1, of the Senate Charter. The secretary has forwarded the amendment to President Cochran and the Board of Trustees as specified in the Charter.
- (2) Policy for withdrawal date on semesters: A student may withdraw with a W from a course or courses up to the end of the ninth week in a regularly scheduled semester course and up to and including the date upon which 60% of the course has been completed in a flexibly scheduled course or a summer-term course.

CALL TO ORDER:

Jim Morrison, chair of the Academic Senate, called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

Minutes of the 4 November 1998 Senate meeting were approved as distributed, with the date on page 1 corrected as noted on the December 2 agenda.

SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE /REPORT FROM THE CHAIR: Jim Morrison made the following announcements:

1. With 238 mail ballots returned, faculty and department chairs ratified the amendment adding "elected/appointed committees" to Article IV, Section 1, of the Senate Charter (see minutes of the November 4 meeting). The amendment passed by a vote of 209 to 29--well over the 2/3 majority required for ratification. Ongoing elections for college representatives to the General Education Committee have thus been "legitimized." All matters related to general education should be referred to that committee.
2. Beginning today, unless someone objects from the floor, minutes of Senate meetings will record only the actions of the Senate: motions, seconds, resolutions, etc. If you want your reports to be attached to the minutes, give them to the secretary in hardcopy. If you want them to appear in the online minutes, give her a disk copy on an IBM formatted disk. Tapes of the meetings will continue to be made and will be kept in case someone needs or wants to listen to them. They may be transcribed later.
3. Jim Morrison noted with sadness the passing of former psychology professor and chair Dr. Sanford Hotchkiss, one of the original members of this version of the Senate.
4. The Ohio Faculty Council met last month and will meet again in January. Duane Rost will serve as our elected faculty representative to that body. Last month's meeting focused on measures of performance and how we can communicate that we are doing a good job. Jim Morrison has asked the Office of the Provost to prepare a list of what YSU does to evaluate performance.

CHARTER & BYLAWS COMMITTEE: No additional report.

ELECTIONS AND BALLOTING COMMITTEE: No report.

ACADEMIC STANDARDS COMMITTEE: Louise Pavia, reporting for the committee, presented two motions:

Pavia made the first motion attached to the December 2 agenda, page 2: "A student may withdraw with a W from a course or courses up to and including the date upon which 60% of the term has been completed." The motion was seconded, and discussion (focusing on the "60% rule") followed.

Charles Singler moved that we amend the motion to read that "A student may withdraw with a W from a course or courses up to and through the seventh week of the term, or equivalent." The motion was seconded, and discussion followed. A vote was taken, and Singler's motion to amend the main motion failed.

Discussion of the main motion continued.

Bill Jenkins moved that we amend the main motion to read "A student may withdraw with a W from a course or courses up to the end of the ninth week in a regularly scheduled semester course and up to and including the date upon which 60% of the course has been completed in a flexibly scheduled course or a summer-term course." The motion was seconded, and discussion followed. A vote was taken, and Jenkins's motion to amend the main motion carried.

A vote was then taken on the main motion as amended by Jenkins, and the motion carried.

Pavia then moved that we accept the criteria for admission for Senate Bill 140 and EAOP (early admission) students, attached to the December 2 agenda on p. 3 (see Appendix A).

The motion was seconded, and considerable discussion followed about the differences between the two programs, placement of students, the number of courses various students should be allowed to take, criteria at sister institutions, differences between the high school and college environment, and whether exceptions to the stated policy can be made (they can be).

Tom Shipka moved the previous question. Shipka's motion (which would close debate) was seconded and carried.

Morrison redirected discussion to the main motion.

Someone questioned whether we still had a quorum. A count revealed the loss of a quorum, and the meeting adjourned without a vote on the main motion.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS: No opportunity for any.

NEW BUSINESS: No opportunity for any.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m. because of the loss of a quorum.