University Senate
Minutes
May 11, 1981

The organizational meeting of the 1981-82 University Senate was reconvened at 3:35 p.m. in the Campus Center Assembly Hall by Chairman Harold Cannon.

1. Chairman Cannon announced that all Councils were scheduled to meet on May 12, 1981 and that he would convene all the meetings.

2. The main order of business was to elect the councils for the coming year.

Changes, corrections and additions to the councils would be made as each one came up for consideration.

The following councils were approved as presented and corrected:

Council on Educational Policy
Graduate Academic Council
Council on Promotions and Continuing Appointments
Council on Research
Student Affairs Council
Undergraduate Academic Council
University Community Council

A question was raised about the problem of having two people from the same department on the Library Council. The Library Council slate was approved with the exception of Prof. Lanford.

The University Community Council slate was approved with the name of James Reidell included, pending his acceptance.

3. The next Senate meeting will be on September 14, 1981 in the Alumni House and will combine business with a social get-together.

4. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

B. Bertha Wakin
Secretary
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TO: Members of the 1981-1982 University Senate

FROM: Harold Cannon, Chairman

DATE: April 20, 1981

The 1981-1982 University Senate will hold its organizational meeting on Monday, April 27, 1981 at 3:30 p.m. in the Campus Center Assembly Hall. The purpose of this meeting will be to elect a chairman-elect and a secretary.

The Senate will hold its second organizational meeting on Monday, May 11, 1981, at 3:30 p.m. for the purpose of confirming nominations to the Senate's councils. Assuming approval of the council memberships, all the councils will hold organizational meetings on Tuesday, May 12.

Harold Cannon, Chairman
University Senate
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April 27, 1981

The organizational meeting of the 1981-82 University Senate was called to order by Chairman, Harold Cannon at 3:35 p.m. in Lecture Center 19.

Schedules for future meetings of the Senate were available at the door.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Chairman Cannon announced that the Future Faculty Forums would be held on November 16, 1981 and March 29, 1982.

2. President O'Leary will try to work through governance in developing Task Forces.

3. The change in the by-laws was approved by the appropriate council so that chairs of councils will serve on the Executive Committee of the Senate.

ELECTIONS

1. Peter Krosby was elected as Chairman-Elect of the University Senate.

2. Bertha Wakin was elected as Secretary of the University Senate.

The meeting was recessed until May 11, 1981.

B. Bertha Wakin
Secretary
Attendance Policy

The following policy was approved by the Faculty at its meeting on August 29, 1972:

Article II, Section 2.9 - Replacement of Senators

2.91 Absentee Senators:

The seat of a senator shall be declared vacant in any of the following cases:

1. The senator declines to accept his election.
2. The senator misses four consecutive Senate meetings.
3. The senator misses over fifty percent of the Senate meetings in one academic year.

The Executive Committee of the Senate shall declare when a seat is vacant. In extenuating circumstances the Executive Committee may declare an exception to the rule. In both cases the Executive Committee must report its action to the Senate for its approval.

When a vacancy is declared the seat shall be filled in one of the following ways, to be determined by the Committee on Nominations and Elections:

1. Elected Senators
   a. Designation of the available person with the next highest number of votes in the last previous election from the constituency involved.
   b. If no such person is available, election or appointment by an appropriate body in the constituency involved.

2. Appointed Senators

Selection of a new senator by the President.
UNIVERSITY SENATE

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT ALBANY

Powers of the University Senate

INTRODUCED BY: Executive Committee

It is hereby proposed that the following be enacted:

I. That because the powers and responsibilities of the Faculty of State University of New York at Albany, all of which, with the exception of specific reservations, the Faculty has delegated to the SUNYA Senate, are vaguely stated as "...the development of the educational program of the University and...the conduct of the University's instruction, research and service programs, subject to the provisions of the New York State Education Law and the Policies of the Board of Trustees" (Article I, Section 3.1), the Senate assumes upon itself the obligation to interpret the extent of those powers and responsibilities. Unless otherwise specifically directed by the Faculty, the Senate will construe its charge (Article I, Section 3.2) in the broadest possible sense.

II. That the Senate assumes that any policy, practice, or condition within the University which in its judgment significantly affects the quality of the institution's legitimate functioning is a proper concern of the Faculty, and hence, of the Senate.

III. That the Senate, recognizing that the powers of the Faculty, and hence, its own, are limited by State Law, by the policies of the Board of Trustees, by the policies of the SUNYA Council, and by the prerogatives vested in the President of SUNYA, assumes that the Faculty properly expects to be consulted regarding any proposed change in these policies and regulations, and hence, the Senate expects to be so consulted.

IV. That, although the Faculty, and hence, the Senate has no authority, beyond that of individual citizenship, for the governance of local, county, state, and national political jurisdictions, some policies and actions of external governmental bodies significantly affect the quality of the University's legitimate functioning, and on such matters the Faculty might properly be expected to register its approval or disapproval, as appropriate. When, therefore, and only when, a situation external to the University is demonstrated to the Senate's satisfaction to affect significantly the quality of the University's functioning, the Senate may appropriately express its approval or disapproval and if circumstances seem so to warrant, will seek endorsement of its action from the Faculty and the student body, through
UNIVERSITY SENATE
STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT ALBANY

Rules of Order

INTRODUCED BY: Executive Committee

In accordance with the Faculty By-laws, Article II, Section 5.23, (The Executive Committee shall make recommendations for improving the operation and maintaining the orderly process of the Senate), the Executive Committee proposed adoption of Bill No. 197374-01. This Bill is an attempt to eliminate some of the confusion which occasionally exists, and to identify past practice in the matter of Council reports. The recommendations are consistent with Roberts' Rules of Order, and clarify selected Senate procedures.

I. It is hereby proposed that the Senate adopt the following Rules of Order:

1. If a Senate meeting is still in session at 5 p.m., the parliamentarian shall so inform the Chairman. The Chairman will call for an appropriate motion, which might be one of the following:

   1.1 To adjourn (implies no topic on the floor).
   1.2 To table the current topic until the next regular meeting; to be followed by a motion to adjourn.
   1.3 To recess until ______ (for example, the following Monday at 3 p.m.).
   1.4 To continue discussion until (specific time).
   1.5 To move the previous question; to be followed by a motion to adjourn, recess, or continue business until (specific time).

2. That insofar as possible, speakers on a topic be alternated as to their pro or con positions, with the exception that no Senator shall be denied the right to speak at least once during the debate.

3. That Council reports be handled in the following fashion:

   3.1 All Council reports shall be submitted in writing and shall clearly distinguish between information and recommendations for action.
   3.2 Recommendations for action shall be in the form of a bill and shall be discussed and acted upon under "new business".
   3.3 The informational section of a Council report may be questioned while the report is on the floor. If a Senator wishes to challenge any action taken by the Council, he shall do so by making an appropriate motion under "new business".

II. That this bill take effect immediately.

MOTION APPROVED - SEPTEMBER 17, 1973
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### 1981-1982 MEETING SCHEDULE

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### 1981-1982 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS:

- April 27 (Senate)
- May 11 (Senate)
- May 12 (Councils)

### 1982-1983 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS:

- April 26 (Senate)
- May 10 (Senate)