

Minutes
Senate Committee on Educational Policy
Meeting of January 30, 1985

Members Present: Lael Gatewood, William Hanson (chair pro tem), Gretchen Kreuter (secretary to SCEP), Andrew Lee, David Lutz, Elaine May, Robert McCollister, John Wallace (ex-officio), Gloria Williams

Members Absent: Van Gooch, Lawrence Goodman, Gerald Kline, Tom Lussenhop, David Thompson, Mary Young

1. Minutes: The minutes were approved with two corrections: Mary Young chairs the Morse-Amoco Committee, and there are three persons on that committee.
2. Draft Resolution on Swan Motion: There was a discussion of the Kline resolution on the Swan-Turner motion. Modifications were considered. William Hanson and Gerald Kline will include those agreed upon and present it in time for the February 14 Senate meeting. Goodman, in absentia, abstained from endorsement.
3. Subcommittees on Task Force Reports: Gloria Williams reported for her committee. Discussion of the role of advising in tenure and promotion decisions followed. Several questions were raised: How is advising evaluated? Where are students getting advice about the possible outcomes of their educations?

How can one establish continuity of advising when students and faculty change so much over a period of years?

The chair suggested, as a procedural matter, that the subcommittee reports be distributed with the minutes and that SCEP then can select issues to address in more detail.

John Wallace can point out what is being done in each area of recommendation. He noted that nothing is going on in the area of advising.

William Hanson reported for his subcommittee. Some issues were identified, among them three that had been previously raised in a 1983 memo from Michael Root:

- (1) The University should raise the ratio of graduate to undergraduate teaching efforts.
- (2) The University should raise the quality and diversity of background of students admitted to the graduate and baccalaureate degree programs.

It should do this by:

- a) raising entrance requirements and elevating graduation standards,
- b) lowering financial barriers to qualified out-of-state and foreign students and it should accomplish this in part by increasing the number of out-of-state tuition waivers, and
- c) intensifying efforts to recruit from out-of-state and abroad.

(3) The University should reduce remedial instruction while charging full cost of remedial instruction.

A major direction of the Task Force reports is to make this more of a research university.

What about sabbaticals? John Wallace reported that sabbatical policy is under administrative consideration. The Bush program was criticized by deans as too small to have much impact. Only twenty-five are given, University-wide. The Goodman-Hanson Committee believes that the Bush Program and the more general issue of the University providing retraining opportunities for faculty should be considered by SCEP.

CCC Task Force Report? It wasn't assigned. Computer literacy wasn't endorsed, Lael Gatewood reported, but the "leading research University" recommendation was.

On-line library catalog: Is that being implemented? That might be a matter for SCEP to address, as might the use of computers in instruction.

Old Business: There was brief consideration of minutes from the Committee on the Semester System. CEE and Summer Session people are worried about effects such a change might have on their enrollments. SCC Minutes of December 6 complained that an "end run" is being conducted by administration in this matter (there has been no response from the semester committee to SCEP's statement. Perhaps Jerry Kline should speak to Betty Robinett.)

Lael Gatewood observed that some colleges have complaints, but don't know where to express them.

For our next meeting, minutes to date of the Semester Committee will be on the agenda.

Morse-Amoco awards: John Wallace announced that supplementary funds have been allocated as needed for nine of them.