

Meeting Minutes Archive**March 22, 2000**

To: Members of the Corporate Faculty
 From: Dr. Sarah Gabel, Secretary, Faculty Council
 Subject: Meeting held in room 30 Marquette Center, WTC

#145 I. Meeting called to order by Faculty Council Chair, Dr. Barbara Leonard at 3:06 PM**#146 II. Chairperson's Report - Dr. Barbara Leonard, Accounting**

- Mr. Pat Arbor, Board of Trustee member, contacted Dr. Leonard and asked a series of questions regarding satisfaction with the President and Executive Vice Presidents. Mr. Arbor made it clear that he was asking for Dr. Leonard's opinion and that she was not speaking on behalf of the Faculty Council. The conversation centered on the organizational structure of the university.

#147 III. Governance Committee-Dr. Carolyn Saari, Social Work-Chair

- Discussion on the draft of the Senate Constitution continued
 - **Motion:** That the Senate Constitution be amended so that the third paragraph in Article VI read, "Proposals for referenda originating from the Faculty Senate shall be voted on at the Faculty Senate meeting following the one in which the referendum was proposed. There shall be a two-week interval, at minimum, between these two meetings. Referenda shall be authorized by a 2/3 majority of those present and voting. The motion authorizing a referendum must include the precise language to appear on the ballot.

Moved: Dr. Ann Bugliani, Modern Languages and Literatures
Seconded: Dr. Ray Tatalovich, Political Science
Action: 19 for, 1 against, 1 abstention-the motion passes
Discussion: Change was recommended for consistency of style.
 - **Motion:** That the Senate Constitution be amended so that the fourth paragraph in Article VI read, "Any petition or Senate motion shall also specify whether the results are to be reported separately by campus or by representational unit.

Moved: Dr. Gerald McDonald, Mathematical and Computer Sciences
Seconded: Dr. Raymond Dye, Psychology
Action: 14 for, 5 against, 2 abstentions-the motion passes
Discussion: Discussion centered on providing maximum flexibility in reporting results from referendum. Consideration was given to a small units desire for remain anonymous when voting.
 - **Motion:** That the Senate Constitution be amended so that the phrase "any action of the Senate shall be subject to referendum upon" be deleted and "any referendum can be initiated by the faculty upon" be inserted in its place in the second paragraph of Article VI.

Moved: Dr. Arnold Vander Nat, Philosophy
Seconded: Dr. Ray Tatalovich, Political Science
Action: 14 for, 3 against, 4 abstentions-the motion passes.
Discussion: Change was an attempt to broaden the power of faculty at large.
 - **Motion:** That the Senate Constitution be amended so that the sixth paragraph of Article VI read, "A majority of those voting in the referenda excluding abstentions and blank ballots shall supersede any action of the Senate."

Moved: Dr. Carolyn Saari, Social Work
Seconded: Dr. Arnold Vander Nat, Philosophy
Action: 10 for, 8 against, 2 abstentions-the motion passes
Discussion: The question revolved around how abstentions should be counted. Abstention votes can mean that the voter doesn't understand the issue or is rejecting the idea of the vote. An abstention shouldn't be counted

as a no or yes vote. All electorate that don't vote shouldn't be considered abstentions votes. If the option to abstain is on the ballot then it can more clearly reflect the will of the electorate.

- **Motion:** That the Senate constitution be amended so that the sentence "Referenda to amend the Senate Constitution shall require a 3/5's majority vote, excluding abstentions and blank ballots, be added to the sixth paragraph of Article VI.

Moved: Dr. Gerald McDonald, Mathematical and Computer Sciences

Seconded: Dr. Ann Bugliani, Modern Languages and Literatures

- **Motion:** To amend the motion by adding the phrase "providing that at least 20% of the faculty electorate cast a vote" to the end of the sixth paragraph of Article VI.

Moved: Dr. Ray Tatalovich, Political Science

Seconded: Dr. Arnold Vander Nat, Philosophy

Action: 18 for 1 abstention-motion passes

Discussion: The original intent of the article was to ensure that it would take greater than 50% of the electorate to change the constitution. A 2/3's vote is very a high number and would be difficult to get. There are actually two issues her, 1) the superseding of an action of the Senate and 2) amending the constitution. If the percentage is too high a small group could prevent any kind of change

- Rewritten motion with amendment to the motion:

That the Senate constitution be amended so that the sentence "Referenda to amend the Senate Constitution shall require a 3/5's majority vote, excluding abstentions and blank ballots, providing at least 20% of the faculty electorate cast a vote" be added to the sixth paragraph of Article VI.

Action: 18 for 1 abstention-motion passes

- **Motion:** That the Senate Constitution be amended so that in Article VII, Section 3, the phrase "Chairperson will be appointed by the Executive Committee" follow the title of the Committee on Faculty Handbook and Faculty Status and the Newsletter and Website Committee and The Vice President and Secretary be struck.

Moved: Dr. Ray Tatalovich, Political Science

Seconded: Dr. Raymond Benton, Marketing

Action: Action: 18 for 1 abstention-motion passes

Discussion: The task of sitting on the Executive Committee and Chairing the standing committees would be too time consuming for one individual.

- **Motion:** That the Senate Constitution be amended so that the official titles of the standing committees be changed so that the word "committee" comes at the end of the title.

Moved: Dr. Leslie Fung, Chemistry

Seconded: Dr. Maria Connolly, Medical Surgical

Action: 18 for 1 abstention-motion passes

Discussion: Consistency in the titles is desirable.

- **Motion:** That the Senate constitution be amended so that in Article VII, Section 3 the "The Executive Committee shall serve as" be revised to read "The Executive Committee or the President of the Faculty Senate acting at the behest of the Executive Committee shall serve as".

Moved: Dr. Anthony Castro, CBN and Anatomy

Seconded: Dr. Raymond Dye, Psychology

Action: 18 for 1 abstention-motion passes

Discussion: The current chair of Faculty Council frequently is asked her opinion on matters by the upper administration and the press. The Senate shouldn't tie the hands of the president but the president should have the support of at least the Executive Committee on important matters.

#148 VI. The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dr. Sarah Gabel
Theatre
Secretary, Faculty Council

Members Present:**Professional Schools**

Dr. Raymond Benton, Marketing; Dr. Anthony Castro, CBN and Anatomy; Dr. Maria Connolly, Medial Surgical; Dr. Allen Goldberg, Pediatric Home Health; Dr. Gloria Jacobson CMHA; Dr. Nicolas Lash, Finance; Dr. Barbara Leonard, Accounting; Dr. Carolyn Saari, School of Social Work; Dr. Allen Shoenberger, Law

Arts and Sciences

Dr. Tim Austin, English; Dr. Robert Bucholz, History; Dr. Ann Bugliani, Department of Modern Languages and Literatures; Dr. Raymond Dye, Psychology; Dr. Leslie Fung, Chemistry; Dr. Sarah Gabel, Theatre; Dr. Paolo Giordano, Modern Languages and Literatures; Dr. Fred Kniss, Sociology and Anthropology; Dr. Gerard McDonald, Mathematics; Dr. Susan Ross, Theology; Dr. Raymond Tatalovich, Political Science; Dr. Arnold Vander Nat, Philosophy

Graduate Institutes and Professional Librarians

Kerry Cochrane, Librarian

Guests

Dr. Kim Dell? Angela, Pediatrics