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ACADEMIC SENATE

Minutes of the
Special
ACADEMIC SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Tuesday,
November 27, 1990
UU 220, 2:30 - 3:00 pm

Preparatory: The Special Meeting of the Executive Committee was called to order at 3:09 pm to review the composition of the proposed search committee for Director, Teacher Education for the University Center for Teacher Education. Previously, Glenn Irvin had broached this subject to the Academic Senate Executive Committee. Current university policies do not cover the membership of the search committee for this particular position. It was the wish of the University Center personnel that a Superintendent of Schools from the county be included as a voting member of the search committee. Suggestions from the Executive Committee at that time indicated that perhaps the Superintendent of Schools representative be nonvoting or ex officio.

Normal business procedures were dispensed with.

Communication(s) and Announcements(s):

James Murphy, Chair, began the meeting with the acknowledgement that having a community member on a university search committee as a voting member is a precedent setting action.

Business Item: Composition of Search Committee for Director, University Center for Teacher Education.

C. Andrews commented that no outsiders are permitted on search committees for deans and administrators. He said G. Irvin's memo to Vice President R. Koob referred to the position as "something like a dean." He feels that the search committee should then be constituted appropriately.

In initially polling members of the Executive Committee on whether an external constituency should be allowed on a university search committee, i. e. the search committee for Director, University Center for Teacher Education; R. Terry and W. Reynoso were neutral. J. Vilkitis, L. Gamble, P. Acord, C. Pokorny, R. Gooden, M. Botwin and C. Andrews were opposed; J. Ahern was in favor; and T. Kersten expressed strong concern over this as a precedent setting action.

C. Andrews noted that in the selection of the Dean of the School of Business that persons from outside the university can participate, but they are not an official part of the search process. In the case of the Dean of the School of Business, outside constituents conferred directly with President Baker, giving their ideas and opinions to him.

G. Irvin said that the faculty of the Center were anxious to cooperate with the local superintendents and he was carrying the search committee request forward on their behalf.

D. Warren, acting Director for the University Center for Teacher Education, explained that the Center itself is an example of collaborative action. Having a superintendent on the search committee is breaking ground in the collaborative process. There is nothing in CAM that says it cannot be done and this is one opportunity to act cooperatively.

J. Murphy outlined three options to the Executive Committee. C. Andrews moved that the area school superintendent be deleted from the search committee for Director of the University Center for Teacher Education and that an arrangement be made for area superintendents to meet with the candidates and report directly to President Baker. M/S /Passed.
(Andrews/Botwin).

Discussion continued for a short time over other concerns with the search committee and the new University Center.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 pm.