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ACADEMIC SENATE

Minutes of the
ACADEMIC SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Tuesday,
February 5, 1991
UU 220, 3:00 - 5:00 pm

Preparatory: The meeting was called to order at 3:11 pm.

- I. Minutes: None.
- II. Communication(s) and Announcement(s):
J. Murphy reported that the Coastal Resources Institute will come forward with a proposal in the near future.
- III. Reports: None.
- IV. Business Items:
 - A. Curriculum Proposal for M.S. Mechanical Engineering-Bailey, Chair of the Curriculum Committee. Moved to agenda. (Botwin/Moustafa)
 - B. Curriculum Proposal for Dairy Products Technology Specialization, M.S. Agriculture-Bailey, Chair of the Curriculum Committee. Moved to agenda. (Moustafa/Ahern).
 - C. Curriculum Proposal for Water Science Minor-Bailey, Chair of the Curriculum Committee. Moved to agenda. (Andrews/Moustafa).
- V. Discussion:
Review advertisements for the SAED Dean position.
Suggestions for changes to the advertisements included the following: Clarify the term "strong background" in qualifications statements by changing to "strong academic background". Clarify the term "professional references". What is meant by "professional", professional academically or in the profession? On p. 9, the sentence, "Within the School are programs leading to accredited or recognized baccalaureate degrees...." should be changed. Are the degrees accredited or are the programs accredited? On p. 6, the political statement, "to provide effective leadership in increasing the multicultural and international character of the curriculum and in promoting educational equity efforts in the School", should be changed or deleted. This statement is a politically correct statement using all the current buzz words, but is not appropriate. If the meaning is to promote existing programs and promote new ones, then the phrase could read, "to oversee existing international programs and to promote new ones; to provide effective leadership in a time of rapid demographic change". If this is not the meaning, then the

phrase should be deleted. Two typographical mistakes should be corrected, on p. 5, delete "members" from "Many of the members of the faculty members" and on p. 6, "effective" is misspelled.

Representatives from the School of Architecture and Environmental Design opposed the timetable for the search. Under such a tight schedule, the advertisement will be in major journals only a short time (approximately one week) before the applications are due. It was noted by the Executive Committee that there will be no absolute deadline for applications; however, it was also noted that someone would need to have their application and resume on their desk, ready to go at a moment's notice, in order to make the initial deadline. Architecture faculty also pointed out that some of the significant journals in their field would not be carrying the advertisement.

The question was again asked as to why we had to rush to fill this position. Again, there was only the reply that R. Koob had said that after meeting with the department heads, it had been decided to take this action; and that by so doing, the School would avoid having to have an interim dean. Apparently, the faculty of the School had not been consulted at all.

There was no support from the Executive Committee for the limited timetable and there was concern over the limited sources for advertising. J. Murphy, Chair, will draft a memo to the President voicing the opposition to the timetable and spelling out the other concern. A draft copy will go to each Executive Committee member for possible changes, and then the final copy will be forwarded to President Baker.

VI. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.