

**Members Present:** T. Schibik, Chair, C. Cooper, S. Gooden, L. Goss, C. Harison, R. Hartl, R. Hayashi, S. Hoeness-Krupsaw, M. Krahling, L. Matheson, R. Reid (ex-officio), P. Toy, S. Wolfe

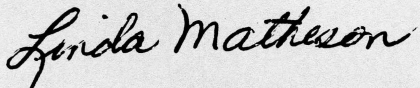
**Guests Present:** L. Cook, S. Cox, H. Dunn, P. Frazer, S. Gordon, D. Partridge, T. Pickett, N. Rhoden

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:31 a.m. by T. Schibik, Chair.
2. The minutes of Session 9 were approved as amended.
3. **Report from President Hoops**
  - a. There was no report.
4. **Report from Vice President Reid**
  - a. President Hoops is in North Dakota supporting the women's basketball team in the final four of the NCAA Division II Basketball Tournament.
  - b. There has been a change in the budget hearing schedule. The School of Nursing and Health Professions has been moved to March 27 at 10:00 a.m. and Business Affairs to March 27 at 11:00 a.m.
  - c. The Board of Trustees approved tenure and promotion for several faculty at their last meeting.
5. **Old Business**
  - a. There was no further discussion of the International Task Force Report.
6. **New Business**
  - a. P. Toy presented the Proposal for an Honors Program from the Ad Hoc Honors Program Committee. A motion was made by P. Toy and seconded by S. Hoeness-Krupsaw to accept the Proposal. There was discussion on the following points:
    1. The rationale for a Program. An Honors Program would provide enrichment opportunities for top students that USI has been unable to provide previously. An honors diploma enhances opportunities for admission to graduate and professional schools. USI has provided excellent support for students who require remediation but needs to improve opportunities for top students. Moreover, many of the sister institutions in the region have honors programs in place.
    2. Nature of the Honors Curriculum. Honors courses will consist of a freshman honors course required of all freshman honors students, honors sections of other courses, "in-course" honors courses, and a senior synthesis course for a total of 21 or 24 (to be determined) hours. Faculty will initiate the process of designating a course as honors, although in most established honors programs, the majority of the honors courses are in the general education course requirements. However, there are very few established programs where science and/or professional schools do not participate. Approval of a course as an honors course must be through the Curriculum Committee. Some departments feel that because coursework is currently very rigorous students are achieving at their maximum level. At this time, not all Schools could support separate honors sections because of budget and faculty limitations.
    3. The structure of the Program. Should there be an Honors Program Council to

direct the Program and to whom should the Council report, the Faculty Senate, a Senate Committee, the Vice President for Academic Affairs?.

- b. R. Hartl moved to amend the motion to accept the Honors Program Proposal limiting the Program to a trial period of five years (accepting five classes who will be able to complete the honors diploma) of 21 hours and the Honors Council reporting to the Curriculum Committee. C. Cooper seconded. The amendment was approved.
  - c. The amended Honors Program Proposal was accepted by an 8 to 4 vote.
7. **Announcements**
- a. The next meeting is April 3, 1997. The room is to be announced. The meeting will consider the materials from the Curriculum Committee in regard to the recommendation from the University Core Curriculum Council concerning transfer students.
8. **Adjournment**
- a. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda Matheson".

Linda Matheson, Secretary