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Faculty Senate Minutes
Session 5
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Members Present: D. Kinsey, Chairman, Professors Aakhus, Bertram, Boyd, Ford, Hemaida, Hildebrand, McLaughlin (for Denner), Melander, Shaw and Waters

Ex Officio Members Present: President Rice and Vice President Reid

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by Dr. Kinsey.
2. The minutes of session #4 were approved as amended.
3. Report from President Rice and Vice President Reid: Dr. Rice announced that the Board of Trustees met on November the 14th and approved the new benefits package that was presented by Cynthia Newhouse at the last meeting.

It was also noted that General Electric announced that it intended to donate to Historic New Harmony over 2000 objects from the site that had been opened on its property. More detailed plans as to its arrangements are to be forthcoming.

Dr. Rice said that progress continues with respect to the Health Professions Building and he hopes that bids might be taken by early summer. He noted that the sooner the project begins the further our dollars will go. It was noted that the next building will be a general classroom building. Also, there are plans for the expansion of the Student Center and a capital campaign to raise private funds for the Performing Arts Center and Museum. In conjunction with the Performing Arts Center and Student Center expansion the campus may acquire a parking garage to serve these facilities.

With respect to assessment it was noted that a report should be forthcoming in February or March. The question was raised as to why we are involved in the assessment process. Dr. Reid noted that it was hoped that this process would provide information on the success of our general education program. It was noted that 90% of our freshman and 80% of our juniors participated in this year's assessment program. There was a total of over 1100 students tested. Senior level examinations were also given in the departments of Economics, Chemistry and Psychology. It was also noted that because of the change of the testing instrument by the Educational Testing Service, comparable results will not be available yet for another year. It was also pointed out that assessment procedures of some nature are expected by the North Central Association for our accreditation.

4. The report from Dr. Singer about Graduate Programs and Procedures was postponed.
5. The question of liability coverage of the faculty was addressed in a memorandum from the Faculty and Academic Affairs Committee. Attached to this document was a response from Arthur Broadhurst, Senior Vice President of United Educators Insurance Risk Retention Group.
6. A clarification was given with respect to item. no. 4 in the Oct. 4, 1991 Minutes. It was noted that the Pamela Grubb Award and the Kappa Delta Pi Award are determined to some extent on the basis of need and recipients will not be selected by the Student Academic Affairs Committee.
7. Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on December 6, 1991 at 3:00 pm in UC-308.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



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