Report on the Actions of the Faculty Senate
to the Faculty of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Sub-section 6.08(A) of Chapter 6M, The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Faculty, adopted by the Faculty on February 13, 1969, (UWM Faculty Document 485), as an amendment to Chapter 6M, requires that a report of the actions of the Senate shall be made at each regular meeting of the University Faculty-Milwaukee. That report is prepared by the Executive Committee of the Senate and is to be considered as automatic consent business.

President pro tem

The first item of special business at the first meeting on October 8, 1970, was the election of a president pro tem from among the six members of the Executive Committee. Professor Norbert Stefaniak was so elected.

Senate Calendar Committee

At the regular meeting of the Senate on November 12 Professor Donald Emerson was elected to replace Professor Stefaniak on the Calendar Committee.

Legislative Review

Faculty Document #485 referred to in the opening paragraph includes the provision that the legislation creating the Senate will be reviewed at the first regular meeting of the Faculty following the first full year of operation of the Senate. This review was an item of business, therefore, for the September 1970 Faculty meeting.

In accordance with this report and subsequent faculty action, the Senate approved and placed on the agenda the two reforms to be considered by the faculty at the February, 1971 meeting: a means for assuring that assistant professors are included in the Senate and a means for improving Senate attendance.

Rights and Responsibilities of the Faculty

Following the July, 1970 action of the Regents, the University Committees of all units and the University Faculty Council devoted very much time to working out a statement on rights and responsibilities and establishing a mechanism for implementation of these rights and responsibilities. The Faculty Assembly discussed these proposals at its meeting of December, 1970. The UWM document was considered by a committee of the whole meeting of the Senate, revised thereafter on the basis of suggestions made at this meeting and thereafter, and approved by the Senate as Document 629B. The University Faculty Council will now serve as a Conference Committee to compromise the differences for an all-University document, and the Milwaukee campus will need specific implementing legislation to be worked out by the Codification Committee.

Graduate Student Academic Staff

At the invitation of the Codification Committee and after committee of the whole discussion in December, the Senate adopted Chapter 36 on the Graduate Student Academic Staff in January.
ROTC

The May meeting of the Faculty Assembly asked each unit to consider modifications in ROTC. After an attempt to have this issue considered at a faculty meeting failed for lack of a quorum, the Senate held a special meeting on October 28 and adopted the recommendations of the UWM ROTC Committee. (The Madison faculty has still not acted on this issue and thus failed to comply with the Faculty Assembly mandate.)

The Senate further adopted a resolution on the Scholarly Activities Report, considered a proposal for a Faculty Forum, and heard of the formation of a special ad hoc Committee of the University Committee to consider means of improving the evaluation of teaching.

Others:
1. Dissolved Space Utilization Committee.
2. Dissolved ad hoc Committee for Establishment of a Center for Afro-American Culture.
3. Dissolved Student Conduct Appeals Committee.
4. Restructured the Athletic Board.
5. Restructured the Student Financial Aids Committee.
6. Restructured the Committee on Housing.
7. Restructured the Lectures Committee.
8. Restructured the Committee on Nominations and Elections.
10. Faculty Lounge Committee will continue its functions as approved (Doc. 633).

Memorial Resolutions

Memorial resolutions were received in testimony to Benjamin A. Sullivan and David Clark Sheldon.

Attendance

Attendance at the five meetings (which includes the special meeting of October 28, 1970) of the Senate was very good, with the exception that five members of the Senate each missed two meetings, one member missed four meetings, one member missed three meetings, one member missed five meetings, and fifteen members of the Senate were absent from one meeting. Thirteen members called in excused absences; three members submitted excused absences.

Respectfully submitted,

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