

Minutes of the Senate meeting May 15, 1964

The meeting of the Senate of the Student Association was called to order by President Tom Fowler at 12:13 P.M. May 15, 1964. Keith Finlayson, temporary secretary, called roll.

Senators present were:

Frank Cain	Ron Spratt
Richard Gaghagen	Charles Hollinger
Mike Levy	Pat Baer
Mike McNabb	Judy Hoffman
Wayne Paris	Carole Mannheimer
Bill Soffar	Clarence Eriksen
Bill Walker	Betty Barnes
Bart Truxillo	Helen Cassidy
Bob Brackman	Don Barnett
John Mattern	Robert Shumway
Jim Smith	

Tom Fowler asked unanimous consent to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Consent was granted. Jim Smith requested that all future minutes be on 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  by 11 paper. All agreed.

Tom Fowler addressed the Senate. He said:

"In legislative deliberation at the national level, a bill or job is referred to a committee with the understanding that the committee will do research in depth. Whatever actions the committee takes are then assumed by the legislature to be technically sound. Their ensuing considerations of the bill are then free from the discussion of trivial technicalities, which only those senators of special interest could answer in the first place. Instead their debate concerns the underlying philosophy and spirit of the proposed piece of legislation. If it were not for the confidence which our legislative bodies have in their committees, I feel certain that our 88th Congress would now be in their 176th year of debate on rules of procedure.

This is not meant to be a criticism of the Student Association Senate for its failure to pass the proposed rules of procedure with great haste, for it is easy to see that the Senate has been given a less than perfect document to work with. However, it is easy to understand why the committee has done its job in such haste - I, too, have been pressed for time recently. With thanks to Senator Barnett and with all due respect to the senators who worked on this committee, I must say that more research should have been done; it would have been well to more carefully check for consistency with the constitution; and more expert advice should have been brought into the drafting; and the by-laws should have been more carefully worded and arranged. I feel that, had the committee had time to do this properly, we would have passed these by-laws at our second meeting.

For this reason, and because I don't believe that we can finish the deliberation properly today, I would like to refer the Senate Rules to a summer committee with a non-voting faculty advisor to help iron out the technical difficulties. It is hoped that this committee can then present a finished draft of the rules to the Senate at its first meeting next September so they can be passed on rapidly without a division of the question, so that we might move on to important legislation.

This brings us to the necessity of electing three senators to work with me this summer as provided for in Article V, sec. 1 of the constitution. This we will do today. Further, I have suggested that this committee have a faculty advisor - and for this position I will with your approval appoint Dr. Bancroft Handerson. He has already told me of his willingness to accept our invitation.

One further thing which we should do today is to arrange a definite time for our meetings next year. The hour, to me, is not important; I will arrange

my schedule accordingly, and I will expect you to do the same. Judging from the chaos of our last few meetings, however, I would suggest an evening hour, thus eliminating most class and activities conflicts, making it easier to schedule a meeting place and giving a longer span of time within which we may conduct business. This would likewise benefit the senators from the Downtown school.

As for next Monday, at which time I will present to you my appointments to the Student Court. These will be very important appointments for I intent to see the Court active and functional next year. I am still in the process of deciding whom to appoint and if you have any suggestions I would greatly appreciate them."

Tom Fowler then asked agreement to send the by-laws to the summer committee. In the discussion that followed:

A) Don Barnett asked if Tom Fowler's request expressed personal dissatisfaction with the sections of the by-laws already amended and passed. Tom Fowler answered yes, this was correct.

B) There being no more disagreement with sending the by-laws to the summer committee, they were so done.

Tom Fowler then asked the consent of the Senate to the appointment of Dr. Bancroft Henderson as faculty advisor to the summer Senate committee. He reminded the Senate that the position would be a non-voting position. A voice vote proved indecisive.

Judy Hoffman then asked who else had been considered for the position. Tom Fowler answered that he had considered Mr. John T. "Terry" Manns for the position as well as Dr. Henderson. He had called Dr. Henderson and when Dr. Henderson accepted he did not pursue the matter further.

Helen Cassidy reported that Mr. Manns would not be here this summer.

Tom Fowler then asked for a hand vote on the appointment of Dr. Henderson. This appointment passed by a vote of 15 to 3.

Mike McNabb then stated that he felt that Dr. Clifton McClesky would be a better person for this position. Tom Fowler stated that he had asked Dr. Henderson because he felt he new students, had worked with students, and had considerable knowledge of thw workings of the Student Association. Mike McNabb stated that he opposed Dr. Henderson because he felt Dr. Henderson had a habit of consistently interjecting his own views. Wayne Paris then opposed Mike McNabb's continuing discussion on the matter because the vote had already been taken.

Tom Fowler then asked if there were any additions to the list of Senators available to be summer senators as provided by the constitution. In the discussion that followed:

A) Jim Smith asked if there was any provision for any other senators meeting during the summer. He suggested that if the full senate where to meet once a month during the summer it would be able to pass the by-laws at its first summer meeting and then could begin to work on legislation at the other meetings.

Judy Hoffman then asked if such a meeting would conflict with the constitution. Mike McNabb answered that Tom Fowler had the right to call special meetings of the Senate at his discretion. Tom Fowler then asked if there would be enough Senators available in the summer to have a quorum. On a hand count 19 stated they would be able to attend such a meeting. Tom Fowler stated he would be notifying the senators by mail. Mike McNabb then moved that the Senate meet monthly during the summer months. Wayne Paris seconded this motion. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

B) Tom Fowler asked Judy Hoffman to write on the board the names of the Senators available for summer duty. These candidates were:

Judy Hoffman,  
Wayne Paris,  
Betty Barnes,

Richard Gaghagen  
Mike McNabb  
Carolet Mannheimer

Jim Smith  
Bill Soffar  
Don Barnett

Mike Levy  
Robert Shumway

Wayne Paris asked that the three summer senators be elected by a plurality vote. Betty Barnes suggested that a majority vote be necessary to elect a senator and that if a runoff proved necessary it be between those with the highest number of votes. She then moved that this be the method of selecting the summer senators. Wayne Paris seconded her motion. It passed by a unanimous voice vote.

C) Each senators then voted for three of the eleven candidates. The results of this vote were as follows:

Judy Hoffman	4
Wayne Paris	15
Richard Gaghagen	11
Mike McNabb	8
Carole Mannheimer	5
Jim Smith	4
Bill Soffar	3
Don Barnett	3
Mike Levy	2
Robert Shumway	1
Bob Brackman	1
Betty Barnes	6

Wayne Paris and Richard Gaghagen had the necessary majority and were declared elected.

A runoff vote was held between Mike McNabb and Betty Barnes. The results of this vote were:

Mike McNabb	15
Betty Barnes	6

Mike McNabb was then declared the third summer senator.

Wayne Paris then moved that the Senate meet regularly on Monday nights at 7:00 P.M. starting in September. Clarence Eriksen seconded this motion. In discussion Wayne Paris explained that a night meeting time would enable the downtown senators to attend regularly. He also explained that the noon hour was too short. Ron Spratt asked the downtown senators if they did have evenings free or if worked during the day and had classes at night. Charles Hollinger answered saying that most had classes in the morning and worked in the afternoon and had evenings free. There being no further discussion the motion to have the Senate meet every Monday at 7:00 P.M. passed by a voice vote.

Tom Fowler asked for new business. There was none. Clarence Eriksen moved adjournment. Wayne Paris seconded this motion. It passed by a voice vote.

In extra-session announcements Tom Fowler reminded the Senators that he had applications for orientation counselors. He stated that he expected the Senators to participate in orientation. Judy Hoffman reminded the senators that the deadline for these applications was Monday, and that they were to be turned in to room 208 Cougar Den.

The meeting adjourned at 12:46 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

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