Minutes of the University Faculty Assembly Meeting
October 6, 1994

1. A quorum was reached at 4:15 p.m. The meeting was called to order at that time by Anita Gilmer, President. Attending: 34 faculty (final count 39), Dr. Veri, Dr. Addington, Tess Midkiff, Dr. Kadel, Dr. Jahnke

2. An agenda revision was proposed, that the report of the Committee on Committees would be made immediately after Approval of the Minutes. Agenda revision was accepted unanimously.

3. The minutes of the last UFA Meeting September 28, 1993, were read and unanimously approved.

   4.1 The following appointments were announced:
       Blue Ribbon Committee: Jeff Bauer, Robin Hagen-Smith
       Administrative Review Committee: Dennis Travis replacing Jessica Jahnke.
       Computer Advisory Committee: Marti Sherman.
       Foundation: Jerry Ruby.
       University Senate: Phil Gearhardt replacing Tom Stead (Fall'94 quarter, only).
       Academic Affairs Committee: Barb Edwards replacing Nan Yun (LOA)
       Committee of Nine: Eleanor Marsh.
   4.2 The following vacancies need to be filled:
       Student Affairs: Kathleen Simon or Dane Osborne (Need to vote for one.)

5. Faculty Affairs Committee (Kaddour Boukaabar) - Nothing to report.

6. University Senate Committee reports:
   6.1 Academic Affairs (Steve Doster) - At the September AAC meeting, the committee reviewed its first year (1993-94) goals and performance, and looked at the broad issues for 1994-94.
   6.2 Affirmative Action (Chris O'Connor) - Reviewing the requirements for the potential development of an affirmative action program (AAP).
   6.3 Athletics - No report.
   6.4 Facilities - No report.
   6.5 Fiscal (Dan Moore) - guardedly optimistic regarding financial projections, student enrollment holding at earlier projections for the fall'94 quarter.
   6.6 Professional Development - Anita Gilmer reminded the UFA that the university-wide reply to the Regent's Report on Faculty Workload was nearing its due date. The committee drafting the reply was scheduled to meet on October xx, 1994 regarding SSU's reply, the model for the teaching award, and the implementation of technology based methods as an alternative to traditional teaching. Dr. Addington added his reminder of the urgency and importance of SSU's response.
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6.7 Student Affairs (Ginny Hamilton) - Nothing to report.

7. UFA Executive Board Report (Anita Gilmer)
   7.1 Reported on the Chancellors Faculty Advisory Board meeting she recently attended where a new report "The High performance Campus" contains a new higher educational funding model was presented. Dr. Veri added that the objective of this report was to provide a better allocation of state funding for higher education, that the proposed model is performance based (a function of the university mission statement), that it includes funds for the implementation of technology as an instructional tool, and that plant operations and maintenance will no longer be budgeted on a square-foot basis. On December 3, 1994 Dr. Cremer is having a workshop on how to "mine" the new funding formula.

7.2 A proposal to have a state-wide assembly of "faculty chairs," to determine the level of interest in forming a statewide organization of "UFA type" organization chairs to communicate faculty issues.

8. New Business
   8.1 Resolution 94-1, approved.
   8.2 Resolution 94-2, tabled after discussion.
      Discussion regarding the definition of early registration. Refer to university catalogue language. Discussion of ways to implement such as "hyped" advising week, posting of special office hours by appointment, of the requirement to get advisor's signature on registration (yes, except for freshpersons)

   8.3 One-night-a-week classes - Discussion regarding why the matter was not brought before the Senate or the UFA. Steve Doster commented that the Senate’s Academic Affairs Committee AAC held the position that one-night-a-week classes were a "working condition" and as such the committee never received or acted on a proposal. Dr. Addington added that this was done to meet the educational needs of the students in our service area, pointing out that the Registrar's office reported an increase of 13.3% in part-time students, a 4.2% increase in full-time students, and an overall increase of 10% in students this Fall that may have occurred in part due to the availability of one night a week classes. Discussion continued regarding the and the manner in which the policy was implemented.

   8.4 Interim terms - Discussion regarding manner in which they were implemented.

   8.5 Concerns expressed as a result of one-night-a-week classes and interim term: importance of communication with faculty regarding their implementation; concern over the reliability of the data presented by the Registrar's office and the lack of some means with which to evaluate the data; concern over the quality of the courses offered as one-night-a-week and
during the interim terms; the use of adjuncts in the interim terms.

8.6 Suggestion made for further UFA discussion of one-night-a-week classes and interim term.

9. Adjournment at 5:30 p.m.

Carl Hilgarth, Secretary, UFA

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