University Senate Committee on Administrative Matters as They Affect the Faculty


The organization of the Committee was delayed because of the necessity of replacing the original chairman, Professor Thomas A. Clingan, who went on sabbatical leave. Professor Raymond S. Cottrell was elected at the 10 October 1969 Senate meeting as the new chairman.

The Committee held four regular meetings during the academic year. Regular meetings were conducted 12 November and 4 December 1969 as well as 4 February and 1 April 1970. Two special meetings have been held in response to Senate Resolution 69/10 (concerning registration), which was referred to this Committee, and additional special meetings are planned.

Some of the topics covered were of a continuing nature. The following brief report of items considered by the Committee, excluding the disposition of the referred resolution, is submitted.

Noise Problem. This was a project continued from the past year. Noise external to the classroom, especially that caused by motorcycles and lawnmowers, has been a particular concern because of its disruptive effects in the classroom. The Parking Committee has established a separate parking area for motorcycles and motorbikes which seems to reduce considerably this source of disruption. Since most classroom buildings are air "controlled" or air-conditioned, the recommendation has been that all windows be kept closed.

Smoking in Classrooms. A resolution concerning smoking in classrooms during classes was formulated, sent to the Senate for its consideration, and adopted after some discussion at the 13 February 1970 Senate meeting (Resolution 69/7).

Late Registration Fee Waivers. Although the 1968-1969 Annual Report indicated a proposal would be forthcoming this year, Mr. Naramore indicates that the problem appears to have been largely solved by administrative action. Therefore, this is now considered a closed item.

Other items considered briefly included publication of a campus telephone directory (condensed pocket size) and GWU withholding of Maryland state income tax.
Prior to the initial meeting of the Committee, Professor Cottrell was appointed to serve as a member of the "committee on content of official student records in the registrar's office" by Vice President and Provost Bright. Other members of the committee were Neil Portnow, Paul Sherburne, and F. R. Houser, Chairman. The committee met twice and submitted a report to Vice President Bright.

The chairman wishes to make known his thanks to Miss Ellison Royce for her services to the Committee, especially the diligent research involved in preparation of the resolution on smoking.

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2 April 1970
The committee has been concerned with two major areas of interest in the University’s intercollegiate athletics program. The first area was that of a location for the intercollegiate basketball games. The Fort Myer facility is adequate but our continued use of it is at the complete discretion of the Post Commander. In order to assure the availability of a suitable facility, the committee recommended that the Director of Athletics engage in the preliminary discussions necessary to achieve this goal.

The second area of interest concerned the transition period the intercollegiate athletics program is entering as the University leaves the Southern Conference (in June, 1970) and becomes an independent. There are several problems associated with this change and the committee has discussed them at some length. At the present time it seems premature to make recommendations in this area, but we expect to come to the Senate with several specific proposals in the Fall of 1970.

Respectfully submitted for the committee by

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April 6, 1970
1. The Committee met five times between November 1968 and May 1969, and also held one joint meeting with the Library Liaison Committee of the Student Assembly. The joint meeting was judged by all attending to be the most fruitful in promoting communications among all users of our library facilities. It constituted a first experimental step on the part of our Committee toward the establishment of periodic exchanges between faculty and students.

2. The Committee divided its time between (a) exchanges with the librarian members of information, suggestions, and queries about "housekeeping" functions of the library; (b) the consideration of working conditions of the library staff.

3. Concerning 2(b), Mr. Woodward pointed out the urgent need for more enlightened leave and classificatory personnel practices on the part of the University. The present two-week leave policy puts us in a decidedly poor competitive situation with library staff, especially when employing. University library people throughout the country and government library staff in Washington are offered fringe benefits (leave, free medical examinations, etc.) more attractive than those of George Washington University.

4. In view of the above, the Committee is unanimous in urging that the Academic Vice President exercise all his influence to bring about a change in personnel classification, and to set up a special category for library staff which will make our library as attractive a place in which to work as those of our competition.

5. Mr. Woodward provided the Committee with a well-documented proposal for granting academic status to librarians at this University. Practices in this regard vary considerably throughout American universities, although there appears to be a trend toward more recognition of the scholarly aspects of library work. No doubt this is a matter which will receive further study by the successors of this year's Committee.

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Thomas P. Liverman, Chairman
The Committee met on February 24, 1970, to be apprised of and to consider the current status of the planning for the new library. Mr. Woodward, the Director of Libraries, presented to the Committee very detailed information on this subject, with primary attention directed to funding and choice of site. Committee discussion focused mainly on the choice of site, and the Committee desires that the Senate be informed of its opinion on this matter.

There are three sites currently under consideration by those in charge of site selection. They are located on

(a) the southeast corner of 22nd and H Streets
(b) the northeast corner of 22nd and H Streets
(c) the north side of F Street between 19th and 20th Streets

The Committee’s sentiment on the matter is that (c) is not a desirable location because it is too far from the center of University activity, and that on the other hand (a) and (b) are good locations precisely because they are at the center of University activity. The Committee felt that of (a) and (b), (a) is the more desirable because it is slightly nearer to most dormitories, classrooms and faculty offices than is (b) as can be seen from reference to a map of the campus.
The two chief items considered by the Committee during this term resulted in resolutions approved by the Senate:

1) Resolution to Establish a Permanent Joint Committee of the University Senate and the Student Assembly (69/6), approved as amended December 12, 1969;

2) A Resolution to Approve the Joint Statement on Student Rights and Responsibilities (69/9), amended statement and resolution approved February 27, 1970.

Among other matters considered briefly were the problems of the proper political role of the University, raised by the fall Moratoria, and the possibility of an inquiry into the state of student services. Both of these items were displaced by the lengthy consideration of the Joint Statement.

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ANNUAL REPORT -- COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY OBJECTIVES, 1969-70

The Committee on University Objectives has held four meetings this year, on 16 December 1969 and on 3, 16, and 31 March 1970. We have been concerned with two topics, as follows:

1. Our first activity was to discuss Senate Resolution 69/3 (A Resolution Defining University Objectives with Particular Respect to Sponsored Research and Community Service), which had been recommitted to us by the Senate at its meeting of 10 October 1969. At the Committee's meeting of 16 December we identified the issues involved and agreed to meet again for the purpose of considering such draft resolutions on the subject(s) as might be drawn up by the several members of the Committee. Such a draft resolution was received from Professor Sinick, but before we were able to begin work on it we received a request to discuss a quite different question (see #2 below). We felt that the urgency of this new assignment was such as to justify our deferring consideration of Professor Sinick's draft. However, we should like to request that the Committee on University Objectives include discussion of that draft resolution (copy attached) on its agenda for 1970-71.

2. Our chief activity this year has been to study the question, Should the University make some concerted effort in response to the environmental/ecological problems which are so much a matter of public concern at present? The result of our deliberations is Resolution 69/17 (A Resolution Concerning the Establishment of a University Environmental/Ecological Program), which we are submitting to the Senate along with a background paper designed to sketch the context in which we believe the University should consider the question.

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6 April 1970

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Chairman
A RESOLUTION DEFINING UNIVERSITY OBJECTIVES
WITH PARTICULAR RESPECT TO COMMUNITY SERVICE

WHEREAS The George Washington University has adopted an explicit philosophy
of community involvement; and
WHEREAS University projects serving the community can also serve the University's
basic educational purpose by providing participating students with
enriching learning experiences.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY:
that community service projects constitute a proper area of educational
as well as social responsibility for The George Washington University.
Initiation of, or involvement in, community service projects ought to
be based upon deliberate consideration of the extent to which particular
projects may benefit both the community and the student body. Service
commitments to the community should complement the educational
endeavors of students or faculty. Faculty involvement in community
service projects may immediately or ultimately benefit students.

Tentatively submitted by

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