

REGULAR FACULTY MEETING

1979-80

THE EVERGREEN STATE COLLEGE

Wednesday, January 23, 1980

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 P.M. by Chairman Byron Youtz after a brief period for refreshments.

Written announcements were distributed and Byron introduced President Dan Evans who presented a positive report on Winter Quarter enrollment. Headcount stands at 2552, which is within 28 of the highest Winter enrollment we have ever had, and is 330 above last year. This insures the release of some reserve funds to be used to staff spring programs. The F/W retention rate is over 90%. There is also some chance for legislative funding of the cost of living increase which was previously approved but not funded. President Evans also mentioned that the President's Club, which is comprised of persons who have contributed \$1000 or more to the Evergreen Foundation, now has 12 members. He concluded by thanking the faculty for assuming additional duties such as academic advising, and for their other help and dedication this past year. He sees the outlook as good.

George Dimitroff reported on the Council of Faculty Representatives meeting, indicating that the main concern of this group is to establish a uniform salary schedule for Colleges and Universities. The CPE is to make a preliminary report in March and a legislative report in June. On Wednesday, January 30 from 11:00 A.M. to 1:30 P.M., in CAB 108F, Jackie Johnson, of the CPE staff, will be on campus to meet with those interested in discussing this issue. George also reported that deviations from the current scale would, if necessary, place faculty in the next step above their current salary. Byron added that while the uniform salary scale might be beneficial, there needs to be a single scale autonomy which allows each institution to apply their different philosophies as to the curve to be established, and that uniformity should be in funding with administering of the payscale left to the institution.

The first agenda item was concerned with whether there should be a policy statement regarding exceptions to the simultaneous number of modules a full time student on Individual Contract may take. Walker Allen remarked that if exceptions are included, they would need to be specified. However, John Aiken, speaking for York Wong's Dean's group, indicated that if there were exceptions, they would be multiplied beyond the possibility of coverage by established rules, and would best be left in the hands of the faculty. Barbara Smith's and Jeanne Hahn's Dean's groups concurred with this statement.

John Aiken, again speaking for York's group, moved that we make no statement in regard to the number of simultaneous modules that contract students may take. After very brief discussion, the question was called to stop discussion with 24 in favor and 5 opposed. The vote on the motion was 36 in favor with 3 opposed. MOTION CARRIED.

Kaye V. Ladd then raised the question of maintaining integrated studies with this policy. Byron felt that, in view of the faculty reaffirmation at its October meeting of the founding principle that each full time student should

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be engaged in an integrated program of study during each quarter at Evergreen, the burden of proof is on the student to justify taking several modules as part of a Learning Contract.

The next item was the question of Designated Degrees. Byron reported that CPE needs more detail before giving a firm answer to our questions concerning these degrees. He also reminded faculty that the associated question of the definition of completion of a demonstration project, which had been remanded for further study, needed to be discussed.

Deans' Group reports on discussion of the Designated Degree were given by York Wong, Will Humphreys, Rainier Hasenstab (for Barbara Smith's group) and David Marr (for Jeanne Hahn's group).

A motion was made by David Marr to reconsider the designated degree concept. The vote was 39 in favor and 3 opposed with 3 abstentions. MOTION PASSED.

A motion was made by Kirk Thompson that the issue of designated degrees be remanded to a study group who would study the conception of our curriculum and recommend alternatives to the designated degree as a solution to the problem.

A friendly motion was made by Kaye V. Ladd and accepted by Kirk, to amend the motion to include a charge that the study group include the questions a) is there actually a problem; b) identification of the problem (what is it that people can't perceive); c) if a problem exists and can be identified, what can be done about it?

Discussion included a question of whether the Designated Degree would solve the problem; the meaning of the Evergreen degree in regard to work done as understood by new and current students, employers, and the public; and a need to identify the problem by discussion with current students and with those who leave Evergreen because of a problem.

After discussion, the motion was restated to include the wording: "a study group be established to consider the Designated Degree and other options to meet the CPE conclusions pointed out in the CPE report, relative to curriculum pathways and come up with alternative proposals to the designated degree."

After further revision, the final motion read as follows: "It was moved that a study group be established to review the problems identified by the CPE study concerning the understandability of the curriculum; the need for specialized degrees and the problems which students and future employers have in defining the nature of the work done at Evergreen. Consideration should be given to the views of current students at Evergreen as well as those that are leaving Evergreen for reasons related to these problems. The study group shall provide a range of possible solutions in addition to the already proposed designated degree."

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Vote on the final motion was unanimous. MOTION CARRIED.

Byron requested that those interested in such a study group leave their names with the secretary. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:00 P.M.

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