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Minutes of the first meeting of the Columbia University Senate - May 28, 1969

The first meeting of the Columbia University Senate was called to order by President Andrew W. Cordier at 2:20 p.m. on May 28, 1969, in the Faculty Room of Low Library.

President Cordier announced that the University Council had dissolved itself after 79 years. He called the Convocation of the Senate an historic moment and said that its true impact would not be known for 20 or 25 years. On behalf of the University community, President Cordier expressed their debt of gratitude to members of the Executive Committee of the Faculty, to students and other members of the Columbia University community who had labored so unselfishly for University reform. He singled out a special debt to Professor Michael Sovern as chairman of the Executive Committee, and Professor Harold Barger asked for a special vote of thanks to Professor Sovern. This was confirmed by voice vote.

President Cordier asked Professor Fred Friendly to serve as temporary secretary and then asked Professor Sovern to make the final report of the Executive Committee. Professor Sovern presented two items of official business. First, that the by-laws from the Senate proposal be accepted with minor revisions that the Trustees had requested (copies of documents are part of these minutes). Professor Sovern also reported that the Trustees, rather than encumbering the statutes of the University, recommended that the by-law provisions for the new Senate, as promulgated by the Executive Committee proposals, be accepted as a working document. Second, Professor Sovern proposed a provisional agenda for this meeting:

- (a) the report of the election commission by its chairman, Ted Gest

- (b) the election of a pro-tem executive committee and whatever other committees were necessary
- (c) that the members of the Senate notify the Executive Committee pro tem of their respective preferences for assignments on various committees.

Professor Sovern also suggested that in order to nominate and elect the members of the Executive Committee that the three main constituencies - students, non-tenured faculty, tenured faculty - caucus separately later in the meeting for that purpose.

President Cordier then recognized Mr. Gest to report for the election commission. Mr. Gest's report, which was accepted with the sincere thanks of the President, follows and is part of the official minutes of the meeting:

The University Senate Elections Commission is pleased to report to the Senate that as of noon today, 94 seats had been filled, 85 of them in elections conducted in the various constituencies, and 9 by Presidential appointment, in accordance with provisions of the Senate proposal of the Executive Committee of the Faculty, as approved by the University community and amended by the Board of Trustees.

The winners of these elections are listed on the schedule attached to this memorandum. In all cases, the Commission has on file a complete list of vote totals and certification that the 40 per cent minimum voting participation requirement has been met.

The results of certain elections are still pending. In the School of Business, the Commission permitted the students to postpone their elections until the beginning of June because of the School's trimester calendar. In the School of General Studies, the final day of returns for student elections was postponed until May 29. However, two persons have a clear lead and are very likely to be the successful candidates. Their election has, therefore, not been certified, but the Commission recommends that they be permitted to attend the first meeting of the Senate as observers. The University's professional research staff and alumni have postponed elections because of their peculiar difficulty in organizing ballots. The researchers expect to complete their elections in early June; the alumni may have to delay further.

The Senate should also note that the American Language Program was authorized by the Executive Committee to elect an observer to the Senate. In addition, the College of Pharmacy has chosen to select a student observer.

The Commission recommends that the Senate immediately assign to a committee or other group within the Senate the responsibility for supervising elections that are still in progress. The files of the

Commission will of course be made available to help the completion of this task, as will the list of Election Committees in the respective divisions that aided the Commission in carrying out the elections.

It should be noted that the Elections Commission commenced its operations before the Trustees amended the Statutes of the University so as to authorize the establishment of the Senate. "Without firm statutory directions, and in the light of the fact that only one month remained to undertake and complete the election process, the Commission in general operated under the policy that within guidelines established in the Senate proposal, election procedures should be left to individual Schools, Faculties and constituencies. In only one case - that of the Graduate Faculties students, where an "electoral college" system was used - did the system diverge significantly from traditional procedures. The Commission recommends, however, that the Senate Committee on Senate Structure and Operations review the methods used for divisional elections to decide if more standard policies are needed.

In the course of running the elections, the Commission became strongly aware of the need for University lists of members of the different constituencies, so as to assist the election process - and also, so as to permit the various constituencies to organize themselves and to define their respective concerns and interests. It is recommended, therefore, that the University Senate request that such lists be prepared and kept current, and be made available for future use.

We are grateful to all constituencies for the full cooperation extended to the Commission, so that in every case the 40 per cent requirement was met. We would recommend, in view of the narrow margin by which some divisions did reach the 40 per cent participation mark, that future elections be held earlier in the school year, so as to afford more time for orderly nominations and campaigns.

The results of the University Senate elections, with participation figures, which appeared as Appendix I of Mr. Gest's report follows:

| | Elected | Minimum vote needed | Participated |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|--------------|
| Architecture-tenured fac | James Fitch | 8 | 19 |
| Architecture-students | Barbara P. Hollins | 82 | 96 |
| Arts-tenured faculty | Frank MacShane | 3 | 7 |
| Arts-non-tenured faculty | James Ray | 12 | 27 |
| Arts-students | James Shuman | 58 | 62 |
| Business-tenured faculty | Ivar Berg | 24 | 32 |
| College-tenured faculty | David W. Miller | | |
| | Quentin Anderson | 71 | 140 |
| | Ronald C. D. Breslow | | |
| | Charles Frankel | | |
| College-non-tenured faculty | Peter Kenen | | |
| | Walter D. Metzger | | |
| | Jean-Marc Blanchard | 126 | 160 |
| | Samuel Coleman | | |
| | Eric Holtzman | | |

| | Elected | Minimum vote needed | Participation |
|---------------------------------|---|------------------------|---------------|
| College-students | Faris Bouhafa Michael Landa Kenneth Lehn | 1002 | 1284 |
| Dentistry-tenured faculty | Edward A. Cain Jr. | 6 | 16 |
| Dentistry-non-tenured faculty | Morton Rennert | 4 | 133 |
| Dentistry-students | Gordon Huntress | 99 | 242 |
| Engineering-tenured faculty | Charles F. Bonilla Lawrence B. Cohen Menelaos D. Hassialis | 30 | 69 |
| Engineering-non-tenured fac. | Monroe Newborn | 39 | 47 |
| Engineering-students | Nelson Fraiman Jonathan King | 351 | 608 |
| General Studies-tenured fac. | Herman Ausubel Robert G. Davis Lloyd Motz Anthony Tudisco | 36 | 69 |
| General Studies-non-ten. fac. | Harold Ferrar Susan Ritner Davis Ross | 72 | 100 |
| Philosophy-tenured faculty | Wm. Theodore deBary Rufus W. Mathewson Jr. Ernest Nagel William Nelson Meyer Schapiro | | 73% |
| Philosophy-non-tenured fac. | Gari K. Ledyard | | 60% |
| Philosophy-students | Mark Eric Weiss | | 47% |
| Political Science-tenured fac. | Harold Barger William E. Leuchtenberg Charles Wagley James S. Young | | 73% |
| Political Science-non-ten. fac. | Marcia Wright | | 41% |
| Political Science-students | Sally Guttmacher Chet Snow | | 42.5% |
| Pure Science-tenured faculty | Erwin Chargaff Samuel Eilenberg Leon M. Lederman Cyrus Levinthal Julian M. Miller | | 69% |
| Pure Science-non-tenured fac. | Eduardo Macagno | | 48% |
| Pure Science-students | William Howell | | 47% |
| International Affairs-ten. fac. | William T. R. Fox | 31 | 40 |
| International Affairs-students | Karlis Goppers | 58 | 79 |
| Journalism-tenured faculty | Fred W. Friendly | 5 | 21 |
| Journalism-students | Garth R. Hallberg | 53 | 55 |
| Law-tenured faculty | E. Allan Farnsworth Albert J. Rosenthal | 14 | 41 |
| Law-students | Andy Dolan | 327 | 464 |
| Library Service-tenured fac. | Oliver L. Lilley | 4 | 8 |
| Library Service-students | James D. Anderson | 67 | 166 |
| Medicine-tenured faculty | Douglas S. Damrosch Shervert H. Frazier Paul A. Marks David Schachter Melvin D. Yahr | 98 | 179 |
| Medicine-non-tenured faculty | Kenneth A. Forde John Lindenbaum | 167 | 549 |
| Medicine-students | Robbin Clark | 404 | 441 |
| Social Work-tenured faculty | Alfred Kahn | 11 | 25 |
| Social Work-non-tenured fac. | Kenneth Erskine | 24 | 36 |
| Social Work-students | Edward Dowdy | 173 | 173 |

Library Staff
Administrative Staff
Research Staff
Alumni
Barnard

Luther H. Evans, Carol L. Learmont
Available a.m., May 28
Elections to be completed by mid June
Elections to be completed at a later date
Demetrios Caraley, Julius S. Held
Dorothy Urman, Weslie Resnick (student
observers)

Teachers College
Pharmacy

Arno A. Bellack, Lawrence A. Cremin
Joseph L. Kanig
Marvin Kalafin (student observer)

Union
American Language Program

John C. Bennett
Donald Vander Wyde (observer)

Mr. Gest's addendum dated 5/28 to his Elections Commission report above:

The Elections Commission yesterday authorized me to act on certain pending matters before the Senate meeting today. In accordance with that permission I have the following report:

1. Steven Eisenstadt and Peter Kostmayer, who currently hold a clear lead in elections for student representatives from the School of General Studies with only one balloting day remaining, have been invited to attend today's Senate meeting as observers.
2. The two members* of the administrative staff who hold clear leads in elections for their seats have similarly been invited to today's meeting. Although balloting in this election technically closed at 5 p.m. May 27, ballots are still being counted that were in the mail system at that time but not delivered until today.
3. The American Language program has selected an observer to the Senate. I have been informed that no by-law changes are necessary to seat this observer.
4. I also would like to report that at its final meeting yesterday, the Commission voted 8-1 not to allow all 13 student representatives for departments of the Faculty of Political Science to be seated as Senate members today. Instead of choosing two of their number as Senators, the group had requested the Commission to allow all to be seated. While the Commission recognizes that many arguments can be made in favor of departmental representation on the Senate in general, it was felt that such representation was ruled out in the Executive Committee of the Faculty's Senate proposal. If the Commission were to allow Political Science departmental representation, it would be forced to recognize such requests from departments in all Faculties, and the Senate would become greatly enlarged.

* Raymond B. Anderson, Associate Registrar
John C. Graham, Assistant Secretary

President Cordier then announced the names of the Presidential appointments to the Senate: Paul D. Carter, Provost of the University; Wesley J. Hennessy, Executive Dean of Engineering; Douglass Hunt, Vice-President for Finance; Warren F. Goodell, Vice-President for Administration; H. Houston Merritt, Dean of Medicine; and the ex officio members: President Andrew Cordier; Polykarp Kusch, Vice-President and Dean of Faculties; Carl Hovde, Dean of Columbia College; and George K. Fraenkel, Dean of the Graduate Faculties.

Mark Weiss, delegate from the Faculty of Philosophy, said it was his impression that the American Language Program Observer had to be certified as a change of the By-Laws. Professor Sovern agreed in principle with Mr. Weiss. Mr. Weiss proposed that for the present the observer be allowed to attend Senate sessions, but that the By-Laws should be changed when the Senate adopts its own rules.

Sally Guttmacher and Chet Snow, representing the students of the Faculty of Political Science, asked that the following resolution be placed in the minutes:

On Monday, May 26, in accord with the referendum passed by the students of the Graduate Faculties, representatives of the graduate departments met to fill the 4 Senate seats allotted to students in the 3 graduate faculties = Philosophy, Political Science and Pure Science. At that meeting, the 13 students in the Faculty of Political Science declined to select 2 of their number to serve as Senators and instead adopted the following resolution:

We the 13 student electors from the Faculty of Political Science resolve:

1. that the principle of direct departmental representation on the Senate is especially crucial for graduate students whose major concerns and contacts all channel through their departments. This principle was recognized in the election procedures to the Senate in which only Graduate Student Senators were indirectly elected by departmental representatives.

2. that we consider ourselves, as students directly elected from our departments in the recent senatorial elections, to be the only existing link between our constituents and the University Senate.
3. that we can best serve the interests of the students in our departments by forming a collegial committee which will jointly exercise the powers of our Senate seats instead of designating two specific individuals from among ourselves as "University Senators." In this way each of our departments will retain some measure of the direct representation on the Senate that we see as extremely important given the diversity of graduate programs and limited contact among students of various departments.
4. that our committee ("collegium") will, in so far as is practicable, meet before all Senate meetings, attend official sessions together and cast our two Senate votes as predetermined among ourselves and in consultation with our departments. The two votes will be cast together except in the case of a majority of only one when the minority opinion will receive the 2nd vote.
5. that to maintain coherent procedure, we have elected a chairman and a deputy chairman who will conduct our meetings and may cast the actual ballots in Senate meetings but who are strictly bound to collegial decisions and not thereby in any way to be considered our Senators.
6. finally that this procedure leaves each member of our committee free to specialize in one or more of the various areas with which the Senate will deal, giving graduate students in our Faculty the benefit of more knowledgeable spokesmen. We feel that two graduate students, pressed by academic work as we all are, would have great difficulty in giving adequate attention to details of the problems that concern us all.

Therefore we would like to have our election and voting procedure brought before the Senate and adopted as its first order of Business or as soon as possible so that we can enter into the work of the Senate.

A student senator, Faris Bouhafa, said that the procedures for election to the Senate in Columbia College differed from the traditional method of voting in that constituency. He noted that the amount of money and time permitted for campaigning had been changed from previous rules. Mr. Bouhafa said

that the three College senators, who were selected from some 100 candidates, were splinter candidates who received as few as 26 votes and who, therefore, had a very small mandate. President Cordier asked Professor Sovern, as the acting parliamentarian, to give an opinion on the point. Professor Sovern said that this complication was not foreseen by the Executive Committee, and suggested that the matter might be studied during the summer. Mr. Bouhafa said that matter might be referred to the Committee on Credentials. President Cordier agreed that it should be a matter for summer study and that it should be among the first orders of business for the fall term of the Senate.

President Cordier asked that Mr. Gest call the roll of the new Senate so that each member might identify himself. There were 3 absentees.

At 3:05 President Cordier asked the three constituencies to caucus separately, and in executive session, to elect their representatives to the Executive Committee.

The Senate reconvened at 4:00 p.m. and reported the following elections which were confirmed by the body as a whole in a voice vote:

Tenured Faculty: Wm. Theodore deBary, Ronald C.D. Breslow, Menelaos
Hassialis, Ivar E. Berg, Fred W. Friendly, William
T.R. Fox, Douglas S. Damrosch

Non-Tenured Faculty: Samuel Coleman, Kenneth Erskine

Students: Faris Bouhafa, Sally Guttmacher

As the administrative members of the Executive Committee, President Cordier appointed himself and Vice-President Polykarp Kusch.

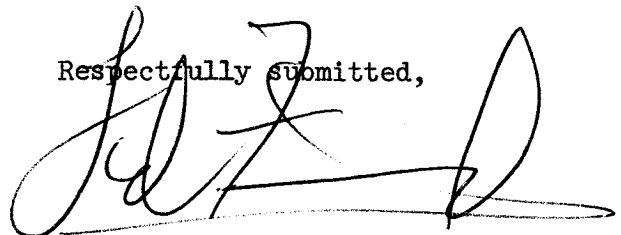
The tenured faculty caucus announced that it had nominated Professor deBary as Chairman of the temporary Executive Committee, but this was challenged by Mark Weiss who contended that the Chairman should be nominated

and elected by the Senate as a whole. Professor Sovern interpreted the Senate rules to mean that the tenured faculty would make this selection. Professor Samuel Coleman supported Mr. Weiss and said there was nothing in the rules to support Professor Sovern's position. Professor Farnsworth asked that in order to clarify the issue, the By-Laws be amended to read: "Following the election of the Executive Committee, the Chairman of the Committee shall be nominated and elected from among its tenured faculty members by the Senate as a whole." After some debate, this was passed by a voice vote. Mr. Weiss asked for a 15 minute recess so that student members and the other constituencies could caucus to nominate a candidate. There was some opposition to this, and President Cordier resolved the problem by declaring a brief recess for the various members to discuss their preferences.

When the Senate reconvened, Mr. Weiss nominated Professor Breslow, and Professor Nagel nominated Professor deBary. President Cordier decided that the vote should be secret. The result was 48 votes for Professor deBary, 34 for Professor Breslow.

President Cordier adjourned the meeting at 5:05 p.m., after again thanking everyone concerned for bringing this new body into being, and asked all members to notify Professor deBary and the Executive Committee of their various preferences for assignment to the Senate.

Respectfully submitted,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fred Friendly', written over the typed name below.

Fred Friendly,
Secretary