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## SGA Senate Meeting

### Calendar Change Considered

Some crucial issues were handled by the SGA Senate at its meeting this past Monday night. Of foremost importance was the problem of academic calendar re-orientation.

After the student forum earlier in the day, the Senate received some feedback from students and developed a plan of its own. The quick action was necessitated by an abrupt deadline placed upon those involved here from the authorities in University Park.

Here is a synopsis of the events culminating in the SGA action: During the summer, University Park decided to readjust the academic calendar. That plan called for the fall term 1973 to start immediately after labor day and finish at Thanksgiving. The winter term would begin after the Thanksgiving break and continue for three weeks, recessing for the december holidays. The winter term would resume in early January and would end in mid-March. The spring term, thus, would end by June 1.

Capitol's Faculty Council, working under the assumption that Capitol had an opportunity to develop its calendar, in light of the grant of "autonomy in matters that exclusively concern Capitol Campus", developed its own system. The Council approved the semester program which has been referred to as Plan 'A'.

The Council was forced to take immediate action because U.P. placed a deadline of October 10 as the time when a definite proposal had to be forwarded. Provost Robert McDermott, acting under the specifications of faculty and students had to notify University President John Oswald of his decision as of this Sunday.

After the action taken by Faculty Council on October 5, the Plan 'C' (semester system) proposal was submitted to the Faculty Organization meeting on October 6.

The Faculty Organization, in an uproarious meeting, voted down the Faculty Council Plan 'C' recommendation by a vote of 44-20. The Faculty Organization then opted to go along with the main campus proposal, with the stipulation that is last for only one year. There were only four dissenting votes.

Several campus student leaders were amazed and shocked at the traumatic turn of events. It seemed as if student opinions had been written, they stated. They also had tremendous disagreements with Plan 'A', notably the disruption of the winter term and the inability for Capitol to accept transfer students for the winter term.

In order to gain some student input concerning the crisis, the forums and the ballots were formed. Students were asked to vote on each of four proposals. Plan 'A' (U.P.'s proposal) received only 17 votes. Plan 'B', as proposed by Asst. Dean of Faculty Robert Brown, an innovative measure which contained a "mini-term", got only 9 votes. Plan 'C' (semester plan) was picked by 22 students. A proposal to remain with the present calendar (arbitrarily designated as Plan 'D') received 59 votes. Nearly 100 students expressed no opinion, explaining that they were confused, undecided, or did not have adequate time to consider the proposals.

Acting under pressure, the SGA Senate reached a decision at Monday's meeting. Plan 'A' was defeated by a vote of 12-0 with one abstention. Plan 'D' was turned down by a vote of 11-1-1. A restructuring (shifting of dates) of Plan 'A' to suit all those involved with Capitol Campus was developed. The following Proposal was accepted by the Senate by a vote of 10-2-1.

#### The Academic Calendar for the 1973-1974 school year

From Aug 28 to Sep 1 (Orientation) Sep 5 to Nov 20 (11 weeks - 3 course period)

Break: Nov 21 to Nov 29  
From Nov 30 to Dec 1 (Orientation) Dec 4 to Dec 22 (3 weeks - 1 course period)\*

\*This time period could be used as previously stated and/or combined with the following time period allotment to be utilized as a Fall 3 course segment. This should be determined and at the discretion of the individual Division.

Break: Dec 23 to Jan 3  
From Jan 4 to 5 (Orientation) Jan 8 to Mar 2 (8 weeks - 2 course period)\*

Break: Mar 2 to Mar 13  
From Mar 14 to Mar 15 (Orientation) Mar 17 to Jun 6 (11 weeks - 3 course period)

We also concur with thy Faculty Organization amendment that Capitol Campus submit to the reoriented calendar for the 1973 academic year but be allowed to articulate the concerns of the Capitol Campus community and submit a recommendation to President Oswald for the 1974 academic year.

NOTE: The proposed modifications were developed and formulated

by Dan Hartsock (a Junior) and were then readjusted by the Student Senate to suit the needs of the Capitol Campus community.

The Senate proposal was presented to Dr. McDermott on Tuesday. The final decision will be that of President Oswald.

Another important measure was brought up at Monday's meeting. Gene Bryan, student representative on the task force on physical planning, reported on the multi-purpose building which is to be constructed on campus beginning next summer. The building will house a basketball gymnasium, a drama arts center, cultural activities areas, recreation facilities, student offices, -- in general a student center/athletic building.

The building is being funded by the General State Authority. Pennsylvania Sec. of Education, John Pittenger, approved the construction of the building only after the plans were revamped and set up to be multi-purpose, not exclusively athletic. Pittenger, it was reported at the meeting, apparently is against any swimming pool being constructed within the building. The task force apparently intends to propose that a pool be included. However, Pittenger has veto power over the entire affair. The inclusion of a pool in the final proposal, in the face of Pittenger's opposition, could jeopardize the entire building, or at least delay construction six months. The SGA Senate voted 7-4-1 endorsing any proposals of the task force--specifically the inclusion of the pool.

Regressing to the committee reports, the Finance Committee approved a budget of \$250 for the Meade Heights Community Service group. It also reimbursed the student PSEA chapter for \$91 for a recent rip to an educational conference. Aaron Spicher reported that Teacher/Course Evaluations are now readily available.

### High Cost of Coffee Drinking

Palos Hills, Ill. (CPS) -- The staff at Moraine Valley Community College will no longer be provided with free coffee because, according to Wayne Crawford, vice president of business services, they are drinking \$20,000 worth of coffee a year.

According to coffee catering services, that means about 1.2 million cups (with cream and sugar) are guzzled by the small college staff each year.

Does that sound right?

## New Constitution Awaits Approval

On Tuesday, the Student Government Association will stage fall term elections. A main feature of the ballot is a section designated for the approval of constitutional revisions.

The SGA Constitution has been virtually rewritten. Students, as they vote, will either approve or reject the new constitution. However, for it to take effect, 25 per cent of the student body must vote.

Here is a synopsis of the important points of the revisions. They/were developed by the Constitutional Revision Committee whose members include Max Brady, Gene Bryan, Ron Edwards, Harry Franzreb, Mike Dini and Mickey Wolfson.

1. All full-time students of Capitol Campus are eligible to vote in any SGA election concerning "new directions" of the constitution, balloting for officers and senators, and questions of referendum and recall.

2. The president of the SGA shall have the power to appoint chairman of the standing committees via the assistance of the Election/Screening Committee and the advice and consent of the senate. Senior appointees to standing committees assume their duties when the new officers and senators take office in the spring term.

3. The Election/Screening Committee shall formulate guidelines and procedures for the conduct of campaigns and elections.

4. Candidates for the offices of president and vice-president may run as a slate in the campaign but may not appear on the ballot as such.

5. It shall be the prerogative of the SGA president to appoint a parliamentarian, to assist the senate legal society. The parliamentarian may not be a member of the SGA.

6. The President's Council shall assist chartered organizations, sponsored and founded by the Senate in planning, organizing and coordinating their activities.

7. The Finance Committee shall be composed of six students. Four shall be seniors and two shall be juniors. The president of the SGA may designate an additional member.

8. The Election/Screening Committee shall screen candidates for the Student Court (Student Standards Board), the Hearing Board and the Appeals Board of the campus judiciary and the committees of the Faculty Organization.

9. A Campus/Community Service Committee shall be established as a standing committee of the SGA.

10. The Teacher Course Evaluation Committee shall be established as a standing committee of the SGA.

11. An article relating to student representation on Faculty Organization committees listing the committees and the available student positions shall be established.

12. The Student Court (Student Standards Board) shall be a distinct and separate body from the Student Government Association. The SGA will refer any and all constitutional questions to the Court whose decision shall be final. No member of the SGA shall be a member of the Student Court.

## SGA Elections

The Election/Screening Committee of the Student Government Association will conduct "Meet the candidate" forums today and next Monday. Today's meeting is scheduled to get under way at 8 o'clock tonight in the Student Center. The October 16 meeting will start at 12:30 p.m. in the Auditorium.

The candidates in question are those who are running for junior senate seats in the SGA Elections to be held on Tuesday, October 17, with the polls in the Gallery Lounge. Also on the ballot are constitutional revisions and a mock vote on the national presidential election.

At the forums, each candidate will be given an opportunity to introduce himself, present a few remarks, then answer a few questions posed by the Election Committee and the student body.

Ten juniors will be elected from the group of candidates on the 17th. One each from the academic programs: social science, education, humanities, business, math-science, and engineering. Four at-large seats are also up for grabs.

All undergraduates are eligible to vote October 17. I.D. cards must be presented at the polls. Seniors, as well as juniors may vote for the junior senatorial candidates. When voting for senator, each person may vote for two candidates, one in the voter's academic program, another from any of the remaining candidates. For example a person may vote for candidate No. 1 in business as the second choice then may pick another candidate in business as the second choice, or may vote for any one else in the five remaining programs for the second choice.