

Minutes of University Senate Special Meeting
4 May 1999
Rita Ann Rollins Room
School of Public Health

In attendance: Bill Chace, Rebecca Chopp, Leann Bauch, SueAnne Bell, Jeremy Berry, Robin Blaetz, John Boli, W. Virgil Brown, Bill Cody, Elizabeth Corrie, Tommy Cutts, Pierre deDelva, Raymond DuVarney, Ron Foust, Alex Hall, Gary Hauk, Steven Hochman, Judith Kapp, John Magnotta, Maddie Monahan, David Pacini, Sidney Perkowitz, Brian Purdie, Nancy Reinhold, Holly Ripans, Gay Robins, Karen Salisbury, Michael Skolnick, Randall Strahan, Jo Taylor, Robin Thomas, Roger Worrell

Guests: Bob Hascall, Hector Morales, Jen Fabrick, John Fields, Erick Gaither, Nancy Seideman, Bill Buzbee

I. Call to Order and Statement of Purpose

University Senate President John Boli called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. and presented the purpose of this Special Meeting, convened at the request of the President of the University, President Chace, and the Senate President. The issue to be discussed was the proposed road through the Lullwater area for the use of shuttle buses serving University Apartments and the new parking deck to be constructed there. Boli offered a procedural clarification, based on the Senate by-laws, that ex officio members of the Senate were authorized to vote on the issue but that only 1998-99 Senate members could vote. New members joining the Senate for the 1999-2000 academic year were not yet eligible to vote.

II. Statements

Statements regarding the issue were made by:

Bill Size, Chair, Committee on the Environment, expressing the COE's opposition to the proposal; Ray DuVarney, Chair, Campus Development Committee, expressing the CDC's support of the proposal; John Magnotta, Traffic and Parking Committee, expressing the TPC's support of the proposal

President Chace then took the floor to express his analysis of the complexities of the issues and his decision to support the proposed road project.

III. Discussion

President Boli opened the floor to discussion and debate, which proceeded for about 45 minutes. Guests Hector Morales, Jen Fabrick, and others from the Facilities and Management Division contributed with maps of the proposed route through Lullwater and technical information about the project. Many Senate members participated in the discussion; the issues received a thorough airing. Especially worth noting is Employee Council President Ron Foust's statement that the Employee Council supported the proposed road by a large majority.

IV. Votes

With discussion winding down, President Boli asked that the Senate come to a vote on the question of whether the Committee on the Environment's call for a five-year moratorium on the Lullwater road should be supported. COE Chair Bill Size asked for paper ballots, which were duly distributed. The tally was 13 votes in support of the COE-proposed moratorium and 21 votes against it. The COE resolution was thereby rejected.

After further discussion, a second vote was taken with respect to the Committee on the Environment's proposal to change the location of the new parking garage. The tally of the paper ballot vote was 11 in favor of the COE proposal and 17 against. This COE resolution was thereby also rejected.

The Senate then considered the joint resolution of the Campus Development Committee and the Traffic and Parking Committee in favor of the road. The Senate approved the resolution with the condition that the following statement be added: "The Senate strongly recommends that this be the last incursion into Lullwater."

V. Adjournment

President Boli ended the meeting at 4:50 pm by thanking the Senate for a vigorous, lively, and thoughtful discussion.

Respectfully Submitted,
John Boli
Senate President