Resolution #4 1992-93

TO: President John E. Van de Wetering
FROM: The Faculty Senate  Meeting on 11-16-92
(Date)
RE: I. Formal Resolution (Act of Determination)
   II. Recommendation (Urging the fitness of)
   X III. Other (Notice, Request, Report, etc.)
   For your information
SUBJECT: Faculty Senate Summer Stipend

Signed ________________________________ Date Sent 11-16-92
(For the Senate)

TO: The Faculty Senate
FROM: President John E. Van de Wetering
RE: I. Decision and Action Taken on Formal Resolution
   a. Accepted. Effective Date
      ________________________________
   b. Deferred for discussion with the Faculty Senate on
      ________________________________
   c. Unacceptable for the reasons contained in the attached explanation
II, III.
   a. Received and acknowledged
   b. Comment:

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Distribution Date 11/16/92 Signed: ________________________________
(President of the College)
December 11, 1992

Dr. William Stier
President
Faculty Senate
Campus

RE: Faculty Senate Resolution #4 1992-93
Faculty Senate Summer Stipend

Dear Bill:

The proposal for the College to provide a summer stipend for the Faculty Senate President has been reviewed with my administrative staff and with the Academic Council. Based on this review, I have come to the conclusion that awarding a summer stipend to the Faculty Senate President or designee is not appropriate. The reasons for this determination require some elaboration.

The primary concern for me is the issue of independence of office. The Faculty Senate President is not an arm of the College administration, but rather the elected head of the governance structure whose responsibilities are to the electorate. The fiscal compensation for service by the administration would cloud this. While the adage: “Whose bread I eat, his song I sing,” may be a remote possibility, the appearance of impropriety should be avoided.

Another concern I have is that we have had and would continue to have persons on twelve month professional obligation serve as Faculty Senate President, and provisions for stipends in addition to a full-time professional obligation would not be warranted.

Finally, in these continuing times of fiscal exigency, the expenditure of additional funds for administrative costs must be subjected to the strictest scrutiny.

Let me assure you that while I reject this resolution, I readily acknowledge the fine work and diligence that you and your predecessors have put into the office.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

John E. Van der Wetering
President

JEV/bws
WHEREAS,
    there is a need to assure continuity of Faculty Senate during the summer,

and

WHEREAS,
    there is considerable work required of the President of the Faculty Senate or the President's designee during the summer,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,
    that the College offer a stipend to the President of the Senate or the President's designee for the summer service (beginning June 1993) equal to the amount paid for teaching two summer school courses. In the event that the President of the Senate is unavailable for service during the summer, the stipend may be paid to the President's designee who shall serve as Acting President. The Acting President shall be selected from the following officers in the order presented: President-elect, Past President, Vice President of the Senate, other members of the Senate Executive Committee.