Minutes of Meeting - April 21, 1975

The thirteenth meeting of the Senate Education Committee was held on April 21, 1975 at 3:15 p.m. in Room 323

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Richard H. Bryan

Senator Schofield Senator Blakemore

Senator Neal Senator Sheerin Senator Young

OTHERS PRESENT: See Exhibit A

Senator Bryan advised the committee that there has been a request by Judge Mendoza for a bill regarding attendance and behavioral problems; this would call for a school attendance review program.

Senator Schofield moved for committee introduction of the bill; seconded by Senator Blakemore; motion carried.

S.B. 494 - Provides for evaluation, dismissal, demotion and nonrenewal of contracts of professional employees of community colleges.

Senator Young commented that he would like to have the Board of Regents address this problem rather than have the Legislature do it.

Mr. Dick Morgan advised that he has spoken with John Ross who is a member of the Regents and was advised that this matter was not on their agenda for their meeting on Friday. Also, in the Chancellor's report to the Regents on Friday regarding important legislation, this matter was not mentioned.

Senator Schofield advised that the Regents were made aware of this over three months ago, however, no action was taken.

Senator Sheerin suggested that if the Regents do decide to handle this problem, it should be done in light of the Prof. Standards Act rather than tenure.

Senator Young suggested that we contact the Regents and Dr. Donnelly and bring this to their attention; also, we should not be setting policy for the Regents.

Mr. Don Carlson, Vice President of Community College Faculty Senate, advised that they have communicated through Dr. Donnelly's office to Chancellor Humphrey to the Board of Regents. Mr. Carlson stated that the filtering is very great when going through this process.

Mr. Carlson feels that any further attempts to go through Dr. Donnelly and Chancellor Humphrey would be futile. Dr. Davis is much more accessible. Mr. Carlson feels that lack of communication is enormous.

Senator Sheerin suggested that the committee have another hearing on this matter of April 28 and invite the following to attend: Chancellor Humphrey, the three community college presidents, Board of Regents, Dr. Donnelly and Dick Morgan.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m. and will be rescheduled for Monday, April 28, 1975.

Respectfully submitted,

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