Council Change, Song Approved

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A proposed change in the selection of Honor Council members was discussed at the March 6 meeting of the Student Senate. To maintain continuity of the Council, which loses members by graduation, marriage, or their failure to be re-elected in many cases, the Council proposed that one less class B-graduate and one less Senior member would be elected and two members would be selected by the outgoing Council.

It was pointed out in discussion that these appointees would probably have had experience on the Council, if this were possible, or that freshman advisors could be re-appointed. Robert Johnson, representing the Honor Council, said that the student body “was not as well informed as the candidates’ potential contribution to the Council” as was the Council itself and that the Council was asking the students “extend the trust and confidence that they had already placed in the Honor Council members. Mel Lack argued that this proposal would be less democratic than the present method because the appointees often would be defeated candidates that had been rejected by th voters, “the very people their class had said they don’t want on the Council.”

PHIL TUTTLE presented the alternate plan of having the junior representatives elected for two years. Robert Johnson countered that this would not allow the addition of experienced people at the senior and B-graduate level.

Gary Thom asked why experience was needed. Wilson’s answer was that “experienced members are aware of precedents in cases and understand the problems involved in maintaining the System.”

The Senate voted to give approval to this proposed amendment to the Honor Council Constitution 11-7. After some discussion the Honor Council members present suggested that the Senate might approve the members appointed by the Council to make the proposal agreeable to more students. This passed 9-5.

George Sawdy announced that an election will be held on Tuesday, March 19, for the Rondelet Court and that the vote on the proposed Honor Council amendment will be on the ballot.

Tommy Trump played a recording of the Alma Mater committee’s proposal for a new school song. Sawdy moved that the Senate stand but this was ignored. Discussion was held on whether the song, which was unanimously approved, would be presented as an ‘all or nothing’ proposal as the alma mater or if it would just be submitted for approval as “part of our repertoire.” The former idea won out.

Bill Alexander reported that graduate wives have blanket-tax privileges while undergraduate wives do not. At risk of having “an increase in undergraduate wives,” he will see about rectifying this situation.

SIX DOLLARS WAS appropriated to buy six copies of the book Rich Nations and the Poor Nations for the Book-of-the-Semester club speakers, after the Harry Byrd of the Senate, Dale Friend, inquired if the book really cost a dollar a copy or if the Senate was being cheated.

Sawdy moved that a committee be formed to investigate the food service in Sammy’s and see if a catering service might be hired, or if student help would alleviate the cost problem. A resolution was passed to kick Dale Friend in the seat of the pants for not having the Student Center Board take action on this problem sooner.

This committee was NOT formed.