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COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Advisory Committee on the Naming of Buildings and Streets
December 14, 1989

Meeting was called to order by Chair Virgil S. Lagomarcino at 4:05 p.m. in the Conference Room of E262 Lagomarcino.

ATTENDANCE: George Burnet, Mary R. Kihl, Kenneth L. Larson, Virgil S. Lagomarcino, Phillip T. Pearson, Suzette M. Schmidt, Lois H. Tiffany, and Faye S. Yates.

GUESTS: Janice A. Beran and Judith A. Dolphin (representing League of Women Voters).

Members and guests were introduced.

Dean Lagomarcino reviewed the history of the committee and shared contents of 2 letters of November 30, 1989 and December 5, 1989 from President Gordon P. Eaton to him. The letters related to (1) suggestions President Eaton had received from several individuals/organizations to naming Old Botany in honor of Carrie Chapman Catt and (2) the need to review the Operating Procedures for the naming of buildings and streets at Iowa State University before the committee considered recommending the naming of other buildings and streets, with the possible exception of a building named in honor of Carrie Chapman Catt. Chair Lagomarcino distributed the (1) 1973 Operating Procedures for the Advisory Committee on the Naming of Buildings and Streets and (2) compilation of the Names of Halls, Buildings, Streets, Residence Hall Houses and other facilities at Iowa State University. Following discussion, Dean Lagomarcino appointed Dr. Pearson, Dr. Burnet, and Dean Patricia B. Swan to serve on a subcommittee to review the 1973 Operating Procedures for possible revision and updating to accommodate needed changes and improvements in the procedures. All committee members were encouraged to review the document and send comments, suggestions, and/or points of view to the subcommittee members within the next month.

Dean Lagomarcino indicated that (1) not all buildings on campus need to be named in honor of individuals, (2) he was not a member of the Advisory Committee on the Naming of Buildings and Streets at the time Lagomarcino Hall was named, and (3) no further action would be taken on naming buildings and streets until the Operating Procedures were reviewed and revised or reaffirmed to fulfill current needs. Exception to this moratorium would be the consideration of naming Old Botany after Carrie Chapman Catt insofar as this request had been initiated by various individuals/organization several months ago.

Discussion pursued on the merits and feasibility of naming Old Botany in honor of Carrie Chapman Catt. Questions were raised on the relationship of Ms. Catt with Old Botany, future use of Old Botany, funding for renovation of Old Botany, alternate choice of buildings to honor Ms. Catt, and possible reasons not to rename Old Botany.

MOTION: That to honor Carrie Chapman Catt, Old Botany be named after her once the building is renovated, and if it is not renovated an alternate building be so designated. (Yates and Schmidt).
PASSED.

The recommendation will be transmitted to President Eaton by Dean Lagomarcino.

Once the Operating Procedures for naming buildings and streets have been reviewed and approved and the moratorium for naming same has been lifted, the committee will consider new requests for committee action.

Meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Signatures have been redacted for privacy

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