

Faculty Senate Defers Decision On ROTC

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The Faculty Senate yesterday, acting as a committee of the whole, voted to postpone indefinitely the consideration of an ROTC reinstatement here.

The decision, called a "parliamentary limbo" by one Senate member, ended an hour-and-a-half debate on the ROTC issue. The discussion, which carried the Senate 45 minutes past its customary time of adjournment, did not begin until after demonstrators discontinued their protest (see related article).

The effect of dissolving into a committee of the whole is that the decision is considered a straw vote and not a part of official Senate action. The future of the ROTC issue is up to the Senate steering committee which will state the issue for later consideration.

"The next step will be for the Senate to schedule the matter for official action, but when we just don't know now," Academic Secretary H. Donald Winbiger said after the meeting.

Unofficial Action

Senate by-laws stipulate that when the Senate acts as a committee of the whole the media cannot record any vote results nor attribute statements made in debate to any Senate member.

It is therefore impossible to print the debate which led to the postponement decision. Within the debate, however, there was heavy emphasis on the feeling that campus attitudes toward the ROTC program have not altered enough to warrant the possibility of reinstatement.

The lack of student input was a primary factor in the vote for postponement. One Senate member said that Senate action would be foolish when it is not known whether any student here would enroll in an

ROTC program even if it were to be resumed.

A second major reason for postponement was that some Senate members said their own feelings toward the presence of a military establishment on campus had not changed since they voted in 1970 to phase out the ROTC programs here.

Research Urged

Other members called for extensive research prior to consideration of reinstatement, urging a study of the contract finalized between Princeton and the Army. Princeton is the only university known to the Senate which once banned ROTC from its campus and later resumed the program.

Questions about the academic worth of the ROTC program within the university structure dominated the debate. Some members expressed concern that the University could not determine exactly what a reinstated program would be without opening negotiations with the Department of Defense.

Graduate Report

In other regularly scheduled action, the Senate accepted a report from Dean of Graduate Studies Lincoln Moses, who assessed the Affirmative Action program in graduate studies.

Moses presented a two-part report on women and on ethnic minorities, which include black, Chicano and native American students. He stated that the number of ethnic minority students in graduate programs here has risen from 83 in 1968 to 465 in 1973.

Although new enrollments this year by ethnic minority students dropped slightly from the 1972 level, Moses said that increases were found in the business, law and medical schools. The largest enrollment increase occurred in the Chicano group, he said.

Moses said that his statistics on women graduate students show a

much lower dropout rate among women than men. While 27 percent of male third-year graduate students do not return to complete their degree, only 18 percent of female third-year students fail to return.

Moses said that the percentage of women receiving Ph.D.s here had been much lower than the national average in the past, but is now comparable to it. On Senate recommendation, Moses agreed to present his findings in a written report.

Pickets Oppose Reinstatement Of ROTC

About 85 demonstrators picketed the Faculty Senate meeting yesterday afternoon in a low-key protest against the possible reinstatement of ROTC.

The demonstrators, some bearing placards inscribed, "Frag ROTC," "Let Sleeping Monsters Lie," and "David Starr Jordan Opposed ROTC," marched peacefully for about an hour outside Room 75 of the Graduate School of Business where the meeting was held.

The group, chilled by an icy winter wind, appeared to include a large number of veterans of earlier battles, including the one that culminated in 1970 with the University decision to phase out ROTC.

University President Richard Lyman stopped briefly outside the meeting to chat with a demonstrator about David Starr Jordan's position on ROTC, while Vice Provost Robert Rosenzweig looked on.

During the meeting the demonstrators broke into occasional chants and cheers, including a "Stop ROTC" spell-out and a take-off on one of the rallying chants of many anti-war demonstrations: "Ho, Ho, Ho Chi Minh, ROTC Must Not Begin." The chants were audible inside the meeting.

The demonstration ended before the ROTC issue came up for discussion. One organizer not afterwards that the Faculty Senate meeting yesterday was "a preliminary," and that if a movement for reinstatement gained any momentum, anti-ROTC groups might begin a more intensive "educational campaign" against it.

However, "the best thing would obviously be to nip it in the bud," the protester noted.

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In its counter proposal, the University has offered to write a grievance procedure into the contract and to reduce the total time period it takes employees to advance to the top of the pay range from two and a half years to one and a half years. The union had also called for the abolition of the system of seniority and for employees could advance to the top of the pay range after only 90 days. The union also criticized the University's proposal.