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FILE MEMORANDUM ON BRIEF FCC MEETING OF NOVEMBER 15, 1984

626 Campus Club, 2:45-2:55 p.m.

Members present: Clark, Freier, Latterell, Melsa, Merwin, Murphy, Rubenstein, Sorauf, Stuthman.

The Faculty Consultative Committee met briefly at the conclusion of the regularly-scheduled SCC meeting for three items.

1. Meeting with the Regents. Professor Merwin noted that, because the FCC has a tradition of quarterly dinner or lunch meetings with the Regents, and because the Regents' November 8 meeting with the FCC and Tenure Committee Chairman Fred Morrison had been so limited in its opportunities for interaction, he had asked Duane Wilson if the Committee and the Regents could hold an informal dinner meeting in December. Since the appropriate date in December was already booked for another Regents' function, the two agreed that Thursday, January 10, looked promising for that dinner meeting. FCC members will hold that evening open.

2. Scheduling a Faculty Senate meeting. Professor Morrison has notified Professor Merwin that he thinks the Tenure Committee will be ready for a meeting of the Faculty Senate to be held January 17. The Faculty Consultative Committee agreed to establish a Faculty Senate meeting for that date.

3. Closing a meeting. Professor Sorauf told the committee he believed that FCC needed a closed meeting to discuss the tenure code issues, both substantively and as regards the FCC's relations to the faculty generally, the Faculty Senate, the administration, and the Regents. He moved that between now and January 17 the FCC hold a closed meeting of members only on the tenure code. The committee would arrive at no decisions within that meeting. Any related action would be taken subsequently in an open meeting.

Professor Freier questioned whether of all topics this was really one that had to be discussed in a closed meeting. Professor Sorauf reaffirmed

his belief that there was a strong need for such a discussion on this topic.

The FCC agreed that, if the motion should pass, it would allow one hour of FCC meeting time on December 6 to be in closed session. The length of the agenda may necessitate starting the meeting earlier than 10:15 a.m.

The FCC voted 7 to 1 in favor of the motion, with Professor Melsa dissenting.

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