

Minutes\*

**Faculty Consultative Committee  
December 19, 1988**

Present: Mark Brenner (chair), Warren Ibele, Ronald Phillips, M. Kathleen Price, Burton Shapiro, W. Phillips Shively, Michael Steffes, James VanAlstine

**1. Status of the Senate Planning Committee**

Professor Brenner reported that it had been brought to his attention that the membership on the Senate Planning Committee is in some disarray because of faculty members going on leave and because of the forfeiture of seats due to failure to attend meetings. It was agreed that Professor Brenner would speak with Associate Vice President Ed Foster about the likely agenda for the Planning Committee over the next few months; FCC will then consider recommending to SCC that it be reconstituted as a subcommittee of the Senate Finance Committee for the remainder of the 1988-89 academic year.

**2. Discussion of Vice Presidential Searches**

Professor Brenner informed the FCC members of additional comments to which he had been privy concerning possible nominees to serve as Acting Vice President for the Health Sciences. The Committee concluded it would stand on its earlier conclusions. It was agreed, however, that inasmuch as FCC has not been asked its view, it will provide them to President Hasselmo only if requested to do so.

The Committee also was of the view that while it would be acceptable to begin simultaneously the searches for the Academic Affairs, Agriculture, and Health Sciences vice presidents and for the FASE Vice Provost, it would be advisable to set the deadline date for applications for Agriculture, Health Sciences, and FASE later than for the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs in order that the Academic Affairs vice president could be appointed and then play a role in the selection of the other three officers.

**3. Search Committee for Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs**

As Professor Brenner had reported at the meeting on December 15, FCC has been asked by President Hasselmo to provide him with a list of names of individuals who could serve on the search committee for the Provost and Vice President.

Committee members deliberated for some while over the names and agreed on a list; Professor Brenner agreed to forward the names to President Hasselmo. The Committee concluded that a faculty member from the Duluth campus should be asked to serve but that FCC was not the appropriate group to identify the individual; President Hasselmo was asked to contact the UMD faculty organization for the

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name of a nominee.

The Committee also decided it would not be in favor of the use of a search firm to assist in filling the position of Provost and Vice President. While such firms may be of invaluable assistance in seeking out the names of individuals in fields where the faculty might not be experienced, it was the view of FCC that the faculty certainly "know" what is involved in being Provost and can do all that is necessary to conduct a successful search.

**4. Discussion of the Structure of the Central Administration, continued**

Note the comments in the minutes of the December 15 meeting of FCC; they apply here also.

**5. Class Settlement**

Professors Brenner and Price reported on the meeting they had had with the University Attorney's Office about the proposals for settling with the Rajender consent decree claimants. The Committee concurred with the views propounded by Professors Brenner and Price.

The Committee adjourned at 4:00.

-- Gary Engstrand

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