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FACULTY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
April 21, 1981

Chair Marcia Eaton convened an FCC meeting at noon on April 21 at the Campus Club with Robert Brasted, Russell Hobbie, Douglas Pratt and Patricia Swan present.

1. Committee appointments completion.

A. All-University Honors. In addition to George Blake, FCC will ask Wayland Noland to join the committee and will ask Caroline Czarnecki to chair. Seymour Geisser, Joseph Resch, and Gayle Yates will also be asked to continue.

B. Business and Rules. FCC will ask David Giese to chair, and ask Bright Dornblaser, Bruce Nord and David Weissbrodt also to continue. SCC will ask Don Spring to serve as consultant for the fall quarter.

C. Planning. FCC will ask all this year's members of SCRAP whose terms were not to expire in June to serve out their normal SCRAP terms on the new Planning Committee: John Helmberger to chair, Bernadine Feldman, Richard Ilkka, Van Mueller, Irwin Rubenstein, and Frank Sorauf.

2. Steering Committee for study on "Facilitating Individual Faculty Activities." John Turner cannot chair the committee as proposed, because he is on spring quarter leave and the committee is to get underway immediately. FCC proposes Jack Merwyn for the committee and chair in his place, and assumes that John Turner will join the committee upon his return.

While the President's draft of a letter requesting faculty to serve recommends consultation with SCFA, it should also point out that communication with SCFA will be facilitated by the fact that Mario Bognanno serves on both committees.

FCC members wish a change in the study title to "Facilitating Individual Faculty Scholarly Activities," or something similar. They recommended a few clarifications to the letter's text. Instead of assigning four tasks, the first of which is "structuring the topic," they recommend, "As you organize the topic and the committee's work, you will want to consider the following tasks which have been identified by the Carr Committee..."

Swan cautioned that because the problems which inhibit faculty development tend to be peculiar to each department no general corrective formula can be found. But Hobbie added that in a time of retrenchment, this study can stand as a kind of beacon--a reminder that means must be reserved to assist the faculty.

3. Regential approval of the new Senate Constitution. The Regents Faculty and Staff Affairs Committee raised a few specific questions about the new Constitution. Professors Spring and Eaton urged them to approve the document and feel free to reintroduced the questions afterward to be considered as amendments.

The FCC members discussed President Magrath's draft of a possible resolution by which the Regents would adopt the Constitution at their May meeting, and considered modifications. The FCC sees the main point to be included as that the provisions of the Constitution are based upon a delegation of authority as described in Articles I and II.

Pratt pointed out that the Regents in the past have not been able directly to propose amendments. The proposed resolution provides that option. While it might lead to some confrontations, it is more honest than requiring them to work indirectly, as through a faculty senator.

The FCC suggested adding the following underlined words: "...reserve the right to propose amendments to the Constitution through their administrative representatives..."

4. Planning for fiscal exigency. Eaton will meet April 24 to discuss with Vice President Keller how to structure his remaining meeting this spring with the SCC on this topic. It was agreed the process of decision-making should be the focus.

5. FCC dinner with Regents, May 7. Eaton recommended that discussion there pursue the topic of faculty participation in planning for financial tightening while maintaining quality. Others added that faculty could offer examples of what inflation is already doing to higher education. Chemistry, for example, with Ph.D. applicants way down, will not have sufficient numbers of instructors for the undergraduate labs. In English Composition and foreign languages, the same problem exists with respect to instructors for introductory courses.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

FACULTY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
April 3, 1981

The Faculty Consultative Committee held a brief meeting at 12:15 p.m. in the Regents Room of Morrill Hall on April 3. Members present were Marcia Eaton, Douglas Pratt, Paul Quie, Vera Schletzer, Skip Scriven, and Pat Swan. The FCC nominated Rick Purple for vice chairperson of the Senate for 1981-82. Doug Pratt will make the nomination at the April 16 Senate meeting.

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