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FACULTY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Thursday, June 2, 1983

10:30 - 11:30

626 Campus Club

TENTATIVE AGENDA

1. Welcome new members.
2. Election of 1983-84 FCC/SCC Chair. (Outgoing members constitute the nominating committee and will report.)
3. Committee appointments:
  - All University Honors (1)
  - Planning (1)
  - Finance (1 at-large)
  - President's Student Behavior Review Panel (1).
4. Mechanism for faculty lobbying in the next legislative session; Peter Robinson.

LUNCH PLANS: A table is reserved on the Terrace for FCC at 11:30 (dutch treat) before members head over to the Regents Room for the SCC meeting.



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June 2, 1983  
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10:30-11:50

Members present: V. Fredricks, P. Freier, J. Howe, M. Mattson, P. Quie, B. Sundquist, P. Swan, J. Turner.

Guests: Peter Robinson, Maureen Smith, and members-elect Merwin, Rubenstein and Stuthman.

1. Committee appointments.

a. All University Honors. FCC will recommend Bob Kudrle to the President to fill the remaining vacancy.

b. Finance. Several names, all in IT, were discussed briefly of people to be asked to fill the at-large vacancy: Burt Hefflinger, Ben Bayman, Dick Goldman.

c. Planning. John Borchert, whom FCC wanted to appoint, will be on leave for the calendar year 1984.

2. Election of the SCC Chairperson and Associate Chairperson.

In accord with the recommendation of the nominating committee (Quie, Pratt, Swan), the FCC unanimously elected John Howe Chairperson and Virginia Fredricks Associate Chairperson for 1983-84.

3. Mechanism for faculty lobbying in the next legislative session. Peter Robinson.

Professor Robinson renewed his April recommendation that FCC abolish the FCC legislative liaison position he holds in favor of supporting the Faculty Association (UMFA).

Advantage of the legislative liaison position:

- The 50% release time for work at the legislature (although the job takes more than 50% time).

Disadvantages of the position:

- Position not viewed by V. P. Kegler as an addition to his efforts or as a positive effort at the Legislature. Communications were

poor. Kegler did not volunteer information to Robinson.

- Legislator-lobbyist quid pro quo expectation is beyond the means of an individual faculty member. For example, the legislative liaison finds himself expected to buy high-priced tickets to campaign fundraisers.
- Our liaison lacks good access to the Legislature. By contrast, a former legislator makes a formidable lobbyist.

The Faculty Association, however, said Robinson, is set up to do well and successfully what a lobbying group does. UMFA hired an extraordinarily good lobbyist, Tom Berg, whose work helped get results for the University. The structure of UMFA has enormous advantages. Vice President Kegler invited UMFA, but not FCC's liaison, to meetings with legislative leaders.

While Tom Berg provided the most valuable lobbying for the faculty, faculty members must also attend to enhance his credibility. Two faculty members have represented UMFA. Having both efforts operating from University faculty confuses the legislators. The UMFA format is the one for the faculty to use at the Legislature. However, UMFA's long-term viability is not secure. Currently it is in debt to its lobbyist. Increasing and maintaining membership could become harder as the Association takes more positions and endorses more candidates.

Discussion. UMFA represents only a part of the faculty and there are other organizational entities that legitimately represent parts of the faculty. On the advice of the lobbyist to keep UMFA's agenda simple, it has focused on the single issue of faculty salaries. Other factions may not get their issues brought forth by UMFA. Robinson said he also counseled largely on the salary issue, but added that his role regards overall faculty welfare.

FCC considered the possibility of merging or overlapping the two kinds of faculty representation. For example, FCC might designate an FCC member, or another faculty member, who belongs to UMFA, to be the FCC's representative to the legislature and to wear two hats on the job.

Several FCC members voiced opposition to blurring the distinction between the two kinds of faculty representation at the Legislature, and argued:

- No 0100 monies should go to the Faculty Association  
(UMFA would be in trouble if it were perceived as receiving state monies to enable the lobbying through faculty release time);
- UMFA would be in trouble if it were beholden to the administration in any way;
- The Senate should not endorse or subsidize UMFA.

Ideally, UMFA would raise enough money to pay for release time, but that is way beyond its present or foreseeable means.

Turner emphasized that the faculty voice must be heard at the Legislature. While it is unfortunate that the two roles are confused, he said, we may have to make some compromises to get the representation to the Legislature that we want. Specifically, he suggested, Deon Stuthman might become this committee's legislative liaison and maintain an informal liaison with UMFA. He is well known at the Legislature from many years of lobbying and observing.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50.