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SENATE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Monday, September 21, 1987
626 Campus Club
10:00-11:00 a.m.

AGENDA

1. For information and action:
 - A. Reports of Chair and Student Chair;
 - B. Approve remaining committee appointments.

2. For discussion and preliminary action: Business for the October 29 Senate and Assembly meetings:
 - A. Creation of a Senate Committee on Computers and Other Information Systems. (Attached: motion from SCEP and Committee on Committees; excerpt from SCEP minutes of 4/2/87.)
 - B. SCC, Assembly Steering, and Committee on Committees motion to change student representation on Committee on Committees. (Attached: June 11 correspondence, C. A. Williams to J. Fossum and W. P. Shively; text of two motions.)
 - C. Proposal to incorporate + into the Twin Cities Campus grading system. (Attached: August 7 correspondence, A. Collins to W. P. Shively; April 15 memo, R. Jones to E. Berscheid.)
 - D. Request from the Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity for Women to add to its membership two academic professionals: Should the Senate be asked this fall to authorize the University Attorney to pursue the necessary amendment to the consent decree? (Attached: June 11 correspondence, C. A. Williams to W. P. Shively; May 6 memo, S. Dunham to C. A. Williams.)

Additional attachment to SCC: Roster of SCC membership.

Additional attachment to SSCC: Meeting schedule.



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September 21, 1987

10:00-11:10

626 Coffman Memorial Union

Members present: Tim Allison, Mark Brenner, Charles Campbell, Shirley Clark, Richard Goldstein, Lynnette Mullins, Ronald Phillips, W. Phillips Shively (Chair), Mark Umland, James VanAlstine, Bruce Vandal.

Guest: Judy Grew, student body president.

1. Reports.

A. SCC Chair.

- The October 1 SCC meeting to work on the year's agenda and forums on planning will be preceded by an informal lunch time for SCC members to get better acquainted.

- Academic planning. The official group which worked this summer studying "Plan for Focus" and preparing responses included Professors Shively, Clark, and Brenner and Ms. Grew. Summer's work has reduced the scope of Plan's proposals. SCC on October 1 will attempt to finalize its plans about topical forums to be conducted for the Twin Cities Campus in October. The intent of the forums will be to inform the administration of University views before it prepares its recommendation to the Regents.

Central administration has invited the Senate structure to publicize and deal with the plans submitted by the support units.

Administration will not act on recommendations concerning either tenure or faculty development until the Faculty Senate and its committees have spoken.

-Support of Senate committees. The administration has agreed to provide an additional \$23,000 to the Senate budget for staff support for Senate committees. The Senate Budget Subcommittee will meet soon to answer committee requests and address principles of Senate budgeting.

- Central administration has approved a budget for a bi-weekly 4 page newsletter to be used half by Senate committees and half for administrative reporting, with FCC in charge of the Senate committee pages. Work on the first issue will begin as soon as an editor is hired.

- The Minnesota Campaign: faculty and staff participation: central matching will conclude with funds raised and pledged by December 31.

-Student contact hours: At the Steering Committee's request, the Educational Policy Committee is considering and consulting on the question of classroom time per credit hour, and plans a Winter Quarter report to the Assembly.

League of Women Voters' presidential debate (Twin Cities Campus, Fall 1988): SCC was receptive to Professor Phillips' call to support steps to assure an orderly event, and to Ms. Grew's recommendation that the University try to seat one representative on the panel to raise education-related questions. Professor Shively will inquire and report back to SCC.

B. Student SCC Chair.

- Early this fall, SCC and a larger student conference will address governance issues including representation to the Regents and "Who speaks for the students?".

- SSCC will monitor the Office of Students Affairs' information-gathering on student grievance procedures and will hope time permits related Campus Assembly action this year.

- Minnesota Student Campaign: the effort is to raise student funds and obtain matching funds to increase student study space by 18,000 square feet and improve existing study space.

2. Committee appointments: approval.

Professor Shively submitted the following nominations:
(A) Faculty on the Senate Finance Committee: Cleon Melsa, coordinate campus; Walter Weyhmann, at-large; Shirley Clark, chair; (B) Senate Planning Committee: Mark Brenner, chair.

Action: FCC voted without dissent to approve these nominations.

3. For discussion and preliminary action.

A. SCEP and Committee on Committees' motion to create a Senate Committee on Computers and Information Systems.

Action: SCC voted without dissent to approve submission of the motion to the Senate.

B. Motion from Committee on Committees to change its own student membership (presently 3 Twin Cities Campus students and 1 each from the Coordinate Campuses) to 4 Twin Cities Campus students and 2 on an alternating basis from coordinate campuses.

SCC discussion was inconclusive. It was understood that the motion addresses the problem of a shortage of people to work where the overwhelming number of student slots exist -- on the Twin Cities Campus. The chair agreed to get the full rationale from Committee on Committees.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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