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# MEETINGS OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

Thursday, March 29, 1979

3:15 p.m.

**Nicholson Auditorium — Twin Cities Campus**  
**520 Administration Building — Duluth Campus**  
**Behmler Hall Conference Rm — Morris Campus**  
**305 Selvig Hall — Crookston Campus**  
**Learning Resources Center — Waseca Campus**

The voting membership of the University Senate totals 246, including the President, 165 members of the faculty (including the Faculty Consultative Committee), 80 students (including the Student Consultative Committee). For a quorum, a majority of the voting membership (124) must be present. Amendments to the Constitution require advance notice and 164 affirmative votes at one meeting or 124 affirmative votes at each of two meetings, the second of which must be the next regular meeting. Amendments to the Bylaws require advance publication and 124 affirmative votes. Other actions require only a simple majority of the members present and voting. The members of the Council of Academic Officers are ex officio non-voting members of the University Senate.

Any member of the faculty and any student eligible to vote for senators may be admitted to meetings of the University Senate and shall be entitled to speak at the discretion of the University Senate. Only elected members of the University Senate, the members of the Senate Consultative Committee, and, in case of a tie, the chairman, shall be entitled to vote.

Representatives may designate eligible alternates from their college, school, or student constituency as the alternate to serve in their place and stand by written notice to the clerk of the Senate prior to the commencement of any meeting of the University Senate. Each college or school may either elect a pool of alternate representatives or define the pool to be those eligible to vote for senators.

### ATTENDANCE RECORDS

A role of elected and ex officio members will be available at each door of the auditorium. Members, please check your name to indicate your presence.

A summary of the attendance of members elected for the current academic year will be included in the minutes for the last meeting of the year.

### RULES GOVERNING THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

Rules are available at each door of the auditorium. Please leave rules at the door after the meeting for future use.

### I. MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 15, 1979

Action (5 minutes)

### II. SENATE AND UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES, 1978-1979

Action (5 minutes)

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY: Add Julie Sellgren, UMD student.

COUNCIL ON LIBERAL EDUCATION: Add Joseph Bonyata, student.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE ASSEMBLY: Add Perry Blackshear, Roger T. Johnson, Roger Jones, Joseph Mestenhauer, Donald Ross, John Webb, Roger Young.

### III. SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY

#### EVALUATION OF TEACHING (30 minutes)

#### MOTION:

Be it resolved that the University Senate adopts the following section as elaboration and clarification of the 1974 Senate Policy on the Evaluation of University Teaching:

A new course-teacher evaluation document is authorized which will be available to students and faculty for guidance in course selection. To implement this authorization:

1. A board shall be established through the Office of Academic Affairs and Student Government, consisting of students, faculty, and administration. The purpose of this board shall be to:
  - a) set the specific goals and purposes of the above authorized project.
  - b) implement and oversee the project and represent the interests of all individuals affected by the project.
  - c) establish and supervise the funding and management and dissemination of the results of the project.
2. Inclusion of results on particular courses and teachers will be at the voluntary discretion of the teachers involved.
3. A course-teacher evaluation vehicle designed for student advisement of course selection may be inappropriate for promotion, tenure, and merit considerations, and any such use should be very carefully considered. Therefore, approval by a college's faculty operating via its normal governance procedures is required before inclusion of results of the board-administered evaluation may be permitted in a faculty member's file for the purposes of promotion, tenure, and merit decisions.
4. The costs involved in the project will be borne jointly by the Office of Academic Affairs and by the Student Government.
5. Progress of the evaluation project shall be accomplished by annual reports from the board to SCEP.

#### INFORMATION:

In the process of a major review of progress toward fulfilling the recommendations of the 1974 Senate Policy on the Evaluation of University Teaching, SCEP has become convinced that one aspect of the policy should receive additional support now. There has long been concern at the University of Minnesota for providing students better information that will enable them to make informed decisions about course selection. Both in the past and recently students have repeatedly expressed a need for a course-teacher evaluation for the specific purpose of advisement on course selection. While such a vehicle—a course-teacher evaluation—is but one of a large number of guides that can exist in a complex university, SCEP is convinced that a properly designed properly safeguarded published evaluation would provide major benefits to advisement on all campuses of the University of Minnesota—both to students individually, and to faculty advisors of students. To gain general acceptance, such a vehicle will have to have built into its function means for timeliness, continuity, and validity of purpose and expertise. In short, it must be the product of a sustained, cooperative venture—a truly collegial enterprise of students, faculty, and academic administration. As stated at the outset, SCEP is presently attempting an

ongoing, comprehensive progress report on the 1974 policy, and the report and SCEP's recommendations on it will follow later. In order to promote one specific of that report in a timely fashion, however, SCEP recommends for action the foregoing resolution.

**DONALD R. BROWNE**  
Chairman

### IV. UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & RULES

#### CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP (15 minutes)

#### MOTION:

To amend Senate Bylaws regarding membership of the Senate Consultative Committee, Article III, Section 4, by addition of Subsection 3 as follows:

The campuses of Crookston and Waseca will be afforded membership in the following manner:

1. One student member from Crookston in even numbered years.
2. One faculty member from Crookston in odd numbered years.
3. One student member from Waseca in odd numbered years.
4. One faculty member from Waseca in even numbered years.
5. The term for members from Crookston and Waseca shall be one year; elections shall be held each year to determine membership.
6. Election procedures shall be determined by the faculty and student bodies respectively.

**JOSEF ALTHOLZ**  
Chairman

### V. UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & RULES

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT, STUDENT MEMBERSHIP (25 minutes)

#### MOTION:

That the University Senate Constitution, Article III, Section 4c, be amended by adding, "plus ten students elected at large from the Twin Cities campus, two as representatives of each of the following groups: (1) Black Americans, (2) American Indians, (3) Chicanos, (4) Asian-Americans and (5) international students," to the second sentence.

#### INFORMATION:

A motion was made at the November Senate meeting by Steve Carlson, on behalf of the Twin Cities Student Assembly, to amend the Constitution by adding the words: "plus ten students from the Twin Cities campus elected as representative of the following ethnic minorities (1) Black Americans, (2) American Indians, (3) Chicanos, (4) Asian-Americans and of international students."

The motion was referred to the University Committee on Business and Rules for recommendations as to both form and content.

#### COMMENT:

See agenda or Minutes of February 15 University Senate meeting.

**JOSEF ALTHOLZ**  
Chairman

### VI. REPORT OF THE SENATE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

#### SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE REPORT (1 hour)

Discussion and action

### VIII. QUESTIONS TO THE PRESIDENT

(15 minutes)

### IX. OLD BUSINESS

### X. NEW BUSINESS

(15 minutes)

Please feel free to use this agenda item to comment on a topic you believe is of general interest to the Senate. It is not to be confused with the "Questions to the President." This entry in the agenda may be used to raise specific issues, concerns, and/or ideas of general interest. A motion is not required. In this way, the Business and Rules Committee wishes to remind the Senate that all ideas presented to the body need not flow from a committee.

### XI. TRIBUTE TO DECEASED FACULTY MEMBERS

HELMUT HEINRICH  
1910-1979

STEPHEN KEELER  
1916-1979

ALLEN TATE  
1899-1979

WALTER VIVRETT  
1915-1979

### XII. ADJOURNMENT