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**MEETING OF THE
UNIVERSITY SENATE
Thursday, April 15, 1976
3:15 p.m.**

**Nicholson Auditorium—Twin Cities Campus
520 Administration Building—Duluth Campus
13 Camden Hall—Morris Campus
305 Selvig Hall—Crookston Campus
R-17 Basement Learning Resource Center—Waseca Campus**

The voting membership of the University Senate totals 239, including the President, 162 members of the faculty, 76 students including the members of the Consultative Committee. For a quorum, a majority of the voting membership (120) must be present. Amendments to the Constitution require advance notice and 159 affirmative votes at one meeting or 120 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 120 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.

Any representative may designate any eligible alternate from his/her institute, college, school, or student constituency as the alternate to serve in his/her place and stand by written notice to the clerk of the Senate prior to the commencement of any meeting of the University Senate. In accordance with a newly enacted constitutional amendment, each institute, college or school may either elect a pool of alternate representatives or define the pool to be those eligible to vote for senators.

Documents to be handed out at the Senate meeting should be given to the Clerk of the Senate by 1:00 p.m., two days before the meeting, to allow them to be sent to the coordinate campuses. A document that is less than one page long can be accepted by the Clerk before 10 a.m. the day of the meeting for transmission by computer; however, this practice is discouraged if the earlier deadline can be met. If any coordinate campus is linked to the meeting by telephone and the document is not in its hands, the Senate will not consider the document.

ATTENDANCE RECORD

A roll 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
(These may be changed by a majority vote at any meeting)**

- A. Any member of the Senate, upon being recognized by the chair, may yield ~~time in debate to a nonmember of the Senate.~~
- B. Senators and non-Senators will be limited to a maximum of 3 minutes time on each occasion they are recognized for participation in debate.

Interpretations and Understandings

- 1. The traditional practice of alternating speakers pro and con a proposal will continue.
- 2. The traditional practice of not recognizing members who have already participated so long as there are would-be speakers who have not will also continue.
- 3. The usual rules of germaneness and decorum will apply both to Senators and non-Senators.
- 4. In the event a Senator yields time in debate to a non-Senator, both shall be considered to have participated in the debate.
- C. Time limits (as specified on the agenda) will govern the maximum amount of time for debate of items for action.

Interpretations and Understandings

- 1. The time limits set only a maximum time for debate; a call for the question is in order before the expiration of the time limit.
- 2. At the expiration of the maximum time for debate, the chairman will put the question to a vote.
- D. No amendment of an item on the printed docket shall be in order unless it has been submitted in writing to the Clerk of the Senate and to the chairperson of the committee submitting the report at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting at which the report is to be considered. This rule may be suspended by majority vote.
- E. Items of new business presented at a meeting of the Senate by individual members shall be referred to the Committee on Business and Rules for consideration and presentation at the next regular meeting of the Senate; but such items of business may be considered and voted on at the meeting at which they are introduced by a two-thirds majority vote of the members of the Senate present and voting on a proposal for immediate consideration. An item on the agenda for information may be sent back to the committee reporting it, for presentation as an item for action at a later meeting, by a simple majority vote; it may be considered for action at the meeting at which it is reported for information by a two-thirds majority vote of the members of the Senate present and voting on a proposal for immediate consideration as an item for action.

**I. SENATE AND UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES, 1975-76
Reported for Action (5 minutes)**

- SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC STANDING AND RELATIONS: Add: James Wernitz (ex officio).
- UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON COMPUTING FACILITIES: Add: Peter Roll (ex officio).
- SENATE LIBRARY COMMITTEE: Add: Peter Roll (ex officio).
- COUNCIL ON INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION: Norton Hintz replaces Eugene Fabes who has resigned.
- SENATE COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH: Students: Kevin Hays replaces John Bulger who has resigned.
- SENATE COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES AND PLANNING: Students: Murray Walton replaces Dennis Cooper who has resigned.

Reported for Information

Betty W. Robinett and Mahmood A. Zaidi have been elected to the Senate Consultative Committee for a three-year term (1976-79).

II. REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND RULES

**1. Reported for Action (15 minutes)
Election of Vice Chairman**

The Constitution provides (Article II, Section 5) that a vice chairman shall be elected by the Senate at its first meeting in the spring of the academic year from among its members for a term of one (1) year. He/she shall be eligible for reelection.

2. Reported for Action (10 minutes)

Social Concerns Committee

The Senate Committee on Committees recommends amendment of the Bylaws by adding the following to Article III:

11. Social Concerns

There shall be a Committee on Social Concerns which shall be composed of 7 members of the faculty, 7 representatives of the student body, and such ex officio representation as may be specified in the Rules of the Senate. The Committee shall make recommendations for the University's response to social problems. It shall coordinate its activities with those of other Senate and University committees. It may also serve as an advisory body to central administrative officers.

**RUSSELL K. HOBBIE
Chairman**

III. SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY

Reported for Action (15 minutes)

Agreement of Cooperation between the University of Besançon (France) and the University of Minnesota (United States)

With the goal of encouraging a profitable collaboration for the two parties involved, the following two institutions:

- 1. the University of Besançon, France, and
- 2. the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota, United States of America,

declare that they are entering into this agreement in order to realize their objectives by means of the procedures outlined in the articles below:

ARTICLE 1: The object of the agreement is to establish cooperation between the University of Besançon and the University of Minnesota in the areas of scholarship and research.

ARTICLE 2: The University of Minnesota and the University of Besançon mutually affirm intention to work together in the following ways in those areas in which they have particular competence:

A. Faculty: The University of Minnesota agrees to make its facilities available to the faculty of the University of Besançon, as conditions determine appropriateness and possibility, in order to offer them opportunity for improvement of competence in teaching or research. The University of Besançon in like manner agrees to make its facilities available to the faculty of the University of Minnesota, as conditions determine appropriateness and possibility, in order to offer them opportunity to improve competence in teaching or research. The faculty of the two institutions may agree to exchanges either during the academic year or during the summer.

B. Students: The University of Besançon agrees to accept the registration of qualified students at any level from the University of Minnesota and to facilitate the completion of their specific program of studies. The University of Minnesota agrees to the same conditions.

C. Other Areas: The two Universities will encourage and facilitate the exchange of students and faculty as much as it is possible. Furthermore, the two Universities will exchange information on programs and materials used in those programs, as well as research methods and projects.

ARTICLE 3: Representatives of the University of Minnesota and the University of Besançon will meet periodically in order to make any necessary future changes in this agreement. The goal of such meetings is to make the agreement more useful.

ARTICLE 4: The present agreement is established for a three-year period and may be extended for a new period. If one of the two parties wishes to terminate the agreement, it must inform the other party at least 90 days in advance.

The present agreement takes effect as soon as the two University presidents have officially signed the document.

President
University of Minnesota

Président de l'Université
de Besançon

RECOMMENDATION: The Council on International Education has recommended that the University Senate approve the proposed agreement with the University of Besançon. The Senate Committee on Educational Policy concurs in this recommendation.

Note of Explanation: The Council on International Education has recommended approval of the agreement with the University of Besançon in order to maintain a strong exchange program which exists between our College of Education and a language institute in the University of Besançon. The agreement is required (by the French government) for continuation of this program. The Council wishes it to be understood that this agreement and other such agreements now in existence will be reviewed next year in connection with the establishment of a general policy on agreements with foreign universities. At that time, the Council will also consider a proposed agreement with the Universidad Austral de Chile.

**PAT SWAN
Chairman**

IV. SENATE COMMITTEE ON FACULTY AFFAIRS

Reported for Action (15 minutes)

Extension of OASDI Coverage for all non-student academic appointments

The Committee asks the Senate to approve the following recommendations concerning this issue:

Recommendation 1: SCFA reaffirms its position that OASDI coverage be extended to all non-student academic appointments.

Recommendation 2: SCFA recommends that if it is a feasible category (in terms of OASDI categories), OASDI coverage be extended to all non-student academic appointees who are *not* receiving *full* OASDI coverage elsewhere.

Recommendation 3: SCFA agrees with the President's recommendation that a separate line item request be made to the Legislature to cover costs of coverage.

COMMENT: SCFA's recommendation that OASDI coverage be extended to all non-student academic personnel was approved by the Faculty Senate on May 30, 1974. It is SCFA's understanding that OASDI is the main route of access for an individual to such Federal Government benefits as Federal Disability Benefits, Medicare, Widow's and Survivor's Insurance, Retirement Pension (Social Security).

Reported for Information

Progress report of the SCFA Ad Hoc Committee on Faculty Retirement Funds

Under the chairmanship of Professor Craig Swan, the SCFA Ad Hoc Committee on Faculty Retirement Funds has met nine times since mid-January. In addition to the meetings of the Committee itself, there have been several meetings with members of the Central Administration as well as an important series of meetings with Professor Irwin Friend of the University of Pennsylvania. Professor Friend's visit was made possible by the Economics Department, the Business School, and the Central Administration. Professor Friend met with the members of

the Ad Hoc Committee in a very valuable working session to discuss measurement of the performance of the retirement funds as well as a detailed list of questions concerning options within the retirement system. Professor Friend also participated in a subsequent open meeting with interested members of the faculty at large.

The Ad Hoc Committee is now finishing the drafting of a questionnaire to measure faculty interest in new investment options in the retirement system. The Committee is also drafting appropriate material to aid in evaluating the proposed options. The Ad Hoc Committee hopes to be able to distribute the questionnaire and background material to the faculty by mid April. *It is extremely important that the SCFA Ad Hoc Committee receive a prompt and conscientious reply from the faculty.* The results of the survey will be presented to the Senate. They will also be used in subsequent discussions with the Central Administration and present insurance companies regarding the possible implementation of new options.

MAHMOOD A. ZAIDI
Chairperson

V. QUESTIONS TO ADMINISTRATORS

VI. OLD BUSINESS

VII. NEW BUSINESS

VIII. TRIBUTE TO DECEASED FACULTY MEMBERS

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