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MEETING OF THE STUDENT SENATE

THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2008

11:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.

**Studio C, Rarig Center--Twin Cities Campus
106 Sahlstrom Conference Center--Crookston Campus
173 Kirby Plaza--Duluth Campus
7 Humanities and Fine Arts--Morris Campus**

This is a meeting of the Student Senate. There are 30 voting members of the Student Senate. A simple majority must be present for a quorum. Most actions require only a simple majority for approval. Actions requiring special majorities for approval are noted under each of those items.

**1. ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSES TO SENATE ACTIONS
Information**

Resolution on Fair Trade Coffee

Approved by the: Student Senate November 29, 2007

Approved by the: Administration February 25, 2008*

Approved by the: Board of Regents – no response required

* The University of Minnesota supports offering fair trade coffee to campus customers where reasonable, including University residential, retail, and catering operations. In fact, since 2001, University Dining Service (UDS) has achieved a 48% increase in the availability of fair trade coffee to its campus customers, and offers at least one fair trade coffee choice at all locations, and in some venues offers it exclusively. The possibility of offering fair trade coffee exclusively is now automatically a part of the evaluation process when the University considers a new retail location on campus.

As part of their evaluation process, UDS balances social responsibility with customer demand. In response to customer satisfaction surveys, UDS has provided a broader range of coffee options to meet varied customer brand preferences and cost (for example, fair trade coffee can cost anywhere from 12-35% more than non-certified coffees, depending upon the roast and flavor profile). Also as a result of customer surveys, UDS has incorporated national brands like Starbucks, Dunn Bros, and Einstein's Bros - which all offer a fair trade coffee selection, but do not exclusively offer fair trade coffee - into campus offerings. UDS will continue to seek input from its campus customers on a regular basis to assess ongoing customer needs and demand for fair trade coffee.

Resolution on a Designated Suppliers Program

Approved by the: Student Senate November 29, 2007

Approved by the: Administration February 25, 2008*

Approved by the: Board of Regents – no response required

* The University of Minnesota supports the underlying goals and principles of the Designated Suppliers Program (DSP) and has for many years been an advocate for safe, decent working conditions for those who manufacture University-licensed apparel. Through the Trademark Licensee Code of Conduct, the University expresses its commitment to conducting its business affairs in a socially responsible and ethical manner.

The Workers Right Consortium (WRC) submitted the DSP to the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) for an opinion regarding the legality of the DSP under the U.S. antitrust law. It is the University's understanding that the DOJ has informed the WRC that it has concerns about the legality of the DSP. It is also the University's understanding that there is considerable debate among a large constituency of WRC members regarding particular terms and provisions of the DSP. Consequently, the University has charged an internal working group (including students, faculty, administrators, and other members of the campus community) to:

- review and assess the proposed Designated Suppliers Program in light of the Department of Justice finding;
- identify and assess other options for addressing issues of policy enforcement with the WRC Code of Conduct;
- advise on the adoption of a broader University Vendor Code of Conduct that would apply to all vendors;
- review the University's existing Trademark Licensee Code of Conduct and recommend any necessary changes or updates; and
- recommend how the University should move forward in each of these areas.

The University anticipates, and looks forward to, receiving the working group recommendations in fall.

Resolution on System-wide Course Book Cost Reform

Approved by the: Student Senate November 29, 2007

Approved by the: Administration February 25, 2008*

Approved by the: Board of Regents – no response required

* The University of Minnesota supports efforts to help reduce textbook costs for students. Consequently, the recommendations in this resolution are being referred to the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost and the Vice President for University Services or their delegates for consideration and possible implementation.

2. STUDENT SENATE CONSULTATIVE REPORT

Resolution on Light Rail for the University Information for the Student Senate

FOR INFORMATION:

According to the charge to the Student Consultative Committee, it has the authority "[t]o act on behalf of the Student Senate when a decision is required prior to the next scheduled meeting of the Student Senate and when a decision is required when it would not be possible to convene a special meeting of the Student Senate in a timely fashion; such actions will be reported to the Student Senate at its next meeting and the Student Senate may then overrule the Student Senate Consultative Committee." The following amendment was approved by the Student Senate Consultative Committee on February 25, 2008.

Resolution on Light Rail through the University

As it has become necessary to trim the overall cost of the Central Corridor Light Rail budget, the tunnel under Washington Avenue for the Central Corridor has been deemed too expensive to include in the final proposal.

The remaining options include 1) at-grade light rail on Washington Avenue sharing the roadway with vehicular and pedestrian traffic, 2) at-grade light rail on Washington Avenue with the roadway being recreated as a pedestrian plaza, or 3) a Northern alignment utilizing the current railroad infrastructure.

The Student Senate Consultative Committee has discussed the three possible options with the following outcome:

- Option 1 should not be considered due to the safety concerns associated with merging light rail, vehicular traffic, and pedestrians in a limited amount of space
- Option 2 should not be considered due to the impact on the surrounding areas when traffic from Washington Avenue is funneled onto side streets
- Option 3 should be considered as it does not have the same safety concerns or remove vehicular traffic from a main campus artery

Therefore, the Student Senate Consultative Committee on behalf of the Twin Cities Student Delegation feels that if a tunnel cannot be built, then the next best option is the Northern alignment.

**RONALD MILLER, CHAIR
STUDENT SENATE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

**3. COUNCIL OF ACADEMIC PROFESSIONALS AND ADMINISTRATORS UPDATE
(5 minutes)**

**4. CIVIL SERVICE COMMITTEE UPDATE
(5 minutes)**

**5. STUDENT SENATE/ STUDENT SENATE
CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT
(5 minutes)**

**6. ASSEMBLY/ASSOCIATION UPDATES
(5 minutes)**

**7. STUDENT TUITION
Discussion with Peter Zetterberg
(25 minutes)**

**8. STUDENT RELEASE QUESTIONS
Action
(5 minutes)**

Text for this item will be emailed to senators prior to the meeting and paper copies will be available at the meeting.

9. STUDENT SENATE STIPENDS

**Action
(5 minutes)**

FOR INFORMATION:

The Student Consultative Committee, less its stipend-receiving members, shall review the performance of duties of all stipend-receiving members and vote on the approval, reduction, or withholding of the portion of their stipends allocated for spring semester. A two-thirds affirmative vote by the Student Consultative Committee is required for modification of stipend disbursement.

The Student Consultative Committee recommendation shall be presented to the Student Senate for approval at or before the Student Senate's last regular meeting of spring semester. Stipend receiving persons have a right to answer questions about or speak regarding the Student Consultative Committee's findings at this meeting if they so chose. A two-thirds vote of the Student Senate is required to modify the Student Consultative Committee recommendation.

MOTION:

The Student Senate Stipend Review Committee has reviewed the performance of the following stipend-receiving students: Ronald Miller, SSCC/Student Senate Chair; and, Kris Schwebler, SSCC/Student Senate Vice Chair. The recommendation from the committee is that:

- Ronald Miller receive \$500.00 of the \$500.00 spring semester portion of his stipend
- Kris Schwebler receive \$250.00 of the \$250.00 spring semester portion of her stipend

COMMENT:

The Review Committee felt that both students fulfilled the duties associated with their positions and therefore should receive the full spring semester portion of their respective stipends.

**ALICIA SMITH, CHAIR
STUDENT SENATE STIPEND REVIEW COMMITTEE**

10. OLD BUSINESS

11. NEW BUSINESS

12. ADJOURNMENT

CONSECUTIVE MEETINGS OF:

**THE UNIVERSITY SENATE
THE FACULTY SENATE**

THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2007

2:30 - 5:00 P.M.

**Mayo Auditorium--Twin Cities Campus
220 Dowell Hall--Crookston Campus
410 Library--Duluth Campus
Science Auditorium--Morris Campus
Room 397—Rochester
4 Magrath Library—St. Paul Campus**

This is a consecutive meeting of the University Senate and Faculty Senate. There are 240 voting members of the University Senate and 163 voting members of the Faculty Senate. A simple majority must be present for a quorum. Most actions require only a simple majority for approval. Actions requiring special majorities for approval are noted under each of those items.

**1. ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSES TO SENATE ACTIONS
Information**

University Senate

Resolution on Retiree Benefits

Approved by the: University Senate November 29, 2007

Approved by the: Administration PENDING

Approved by the: Board of Regents – no action required

Faculty Senate

Revisions to the Policy and Protocol on the Student Rating and Peer Evaluation of Teaching

Approved by the: Faculty Senate November 29, 2007

Approved by the: Administration February 25, 2008

Approved by the: Board of Regents – no response required

**2. SENATE CONSULTATIVE REPORT
Editorial Amendments to the University Senate Rules
Information for the University Senate**

FOR INFORMATION:

According to the charge to the Senate Consultative Committee, it has the authority "[t]o make editorial changes in University Senate policies and documents (including the constitution, bylaws, and rules) to reflect changes in titles of administrative offices or officers; the changes will be reported to the University Senate for information." The following amendments were approved by the Senate Consultative Committee on January 24, 2008 (language to be deleted is ~~struck-out~~; language to be added is underlined).

ARTICLE II. RULES FOR COMMITTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE (Changes to this article are subject to vote only by the University Senate)

1. Ex Officio Members of University Senate Committees

Ex officio representation is accorded because of, or by virtue of, a specified office. An ex officio member has rights of full participation except voting privileges unless otherwise indicated. Ex officio administrative members shall be appointed from each of the offices as specified in the following provisions and shall have the authority to designate someone to attend meetings in their place. Committee chairs who serve ex officio on other committees may designate a representative from their committees to attend in their place. The University Senate vice chair may not designate an alternative representative to the Senate Consultative Committee.

- **Advisory Committee on Athletics**--Director of intercollegiate athletics; Director of Academic Counseling; Director of Athletic Compliance

- **All-University Honors**--Office of the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost; Office of the Vice President for University Relations (three representatives, including one from Alumni Relations and one from the University Development Office); Office of the Chancellor – Duluth; Office of the Chancellor - Crookston

- **Disabilities Issues**--Office of the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost (the University ADA coordinator); Office of the ~~Senior~~-Vice President for ~~System Administration~~ Equity and Diversity (Disability Services Office)

- **Equity, Access, and Diversity**-- Office of the ~~Senior~~-Vice President for ~~System Administration~~ Equity and Diversity (four representatives, including one from the Office of Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action, ~~one from the Office for Multicultural and Academic Affairs~~, one from the Office of for University Women, and one from the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Ally Programs Office)

- **Finance and Planning**--reports to both the University Senate and the Faculty Senate; ex officio members are listed under Faculty Senate committees

- **Information Technologies**--Office of the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost (~~two representatives, including the chief information officer~~); Chief Information Officer; University Librarian, Twin Cities Campus; Chair of the Library Committee

- **Library**--Office of the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost; University Librarian, Twin Cities campus; Director of Library Services, Crookston campus; Director of Libraries, Duluth campus; Library Director, Morris campus; Director of the Law Library, Twin Cities Campus; Chair of the Information Technologies Committee

- **Senate Consultative**--Vice chair of the University Senate (voting); past chair of the Faculty Consultative Committee (voting if not otherwise a voting member); Chair of the Finance and Planning Committee; elected representative from the Duluth faculty eligible to vote in Senate elections

- **Social Concerns**--Office of the Vice President for Budget and Finance (~~Asset Management Office of Investments and Banking~~); Office of the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost (Office of Student Affairs); Office of the ~~Senior~~-Vice President for ~~System Administration~~ Equity and Diversity (Office of Equal ~~Employment~~ Opportunity and Affirmative Action)

- **Student Academic Integrity**--Office of the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost (two representatives, including the ~~Academic Integrity Officer~~ Director of the Office for Student Conduct and Academic Integrity)

- **Student Behavior**--Office of the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost (Director, ~~Student Judicial Affairs~~ of the Office for Student Conduct and Academic Integrity)

GARY BALAS, CHAIR
SENATE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

3. FACULTY CONSULTATIVE REPORT
Editorial Amendments to the Faculty Senate Rules
Information for the Faculty Senate

FOR INFORMATION:

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ARTICLE IV. RULES FOR COMMITTEES OF THE FACULTY SENATE (Changes to this article are subject to vote only by the Faculty Senate)

1. Ex Officio Members of Faculty Senate Committees

Ex officio representation is accorded because of, or by virtue of, a specified office. An ex officio member has rights of full participation except voting privileges unless otherwise indicated. Ex officio administrative members shall be appointed from each of the offices as specified in the following provisions and shall have the authority to designate someone to attend meetings in their place. Committee chairs who serve ex officio on other committees may designate a representative from their committees to attend in their place. The Faculty Senate vice chair may not designate an alternative representative to the Faculty Consultative Committee.

- **Academic Freedom and Tenure**--Chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee; Office of the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost; ~~Office of the Vice President for Human Resources~~; Chair of the Judicial Committee

- **Educational Policy**--Office of the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost (Vice Provost and Dean for Undergraduate Education); Dean of the Graduate School

- **Faculty Academic Oversight Committee for Intercollegiate Athletics**--Director of Academic Counseling; Director of Athletic Compliance

- **Faculty Affairs**--Office of the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost; ~~representative of the~~ University of Minnesota Retirees Association; Office of the Vice President for Human Resources (two representatives, including one from Employee Benefits); Chair of the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee

- **Faculty Consultative**--Vice chair of the Faculty Senate (voting), past chair, Faculty Consultative Committee (voting, if not otherwise a voting member); Chairs of the Academic

Health Center Faculty Consultative ~~Committee~~, Educational Policy, Faculty Affairs, Finance and Planning, and Research Committees; elected representative from the Duluth faculty eligible to vote in Senate elections; Faculty Legislative Liaison(s)

- **Finance and Planning**--Office of the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost (two representatives); Office of the Vice President for Budget and Finance (two representatives, including one from the Controller's ~~Organization Office~~); Office of the Vice President for University Services; Chair of the Academic Health Center Finance and Planning Subcommittee

- **Research**--Office of the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost (two representatives, including the Director of the Agricultural Experiment Stations); Office of the Vice President for Budget and Finance; Office of the Senior Vice President for Health Sciences; Vice President for Research (two representatives, including the Associate Vice President for Regulatory Affairs); University Librarian; Director of Institutional Compliance; ~~Assistant Vice President for Regulatory Affairs~~

**GARY BALAS, CHAIR
FACULTY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

4. FACULTY CONSULTATIVE REPORT Editorial Amendment to the Faculty Senate Bylaws Information for the Faculty Senate

FOR INFORMATION:

According to the charge to the Faculty Consultative Committee, it has the authority "[t]o act on behalf of the Faculty Senate when a decision is required prior to the next scheduled meeting of the Faculty Senate and when a decision is required when it would not be possible to convene a special meeting of the Faculty Senate in a timely fashion; such actions will be reported to the Faculty Senate at its next meeting and the Faculty Senate may then overrule the Faculty Consultative Committee." The following amendment was approved by the Faculty Consultative Committee on January 24, 2008 (language to be deleted is ~~struck out~~).

H. FACULTY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

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Membership

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The ex officio members of the Faculty Consultative Committee are:

- The vice chair of the Faculty Senate (ex officio voting).
- The chairs of the Academic Health Center Faculty Consultative, Educational Policy, Faculty Affairs, Finance and Planning, and Research Committees (ex officio nonvoting).
- The past chair of the Faculty Consultative Committee for the year following his or her service as chair, irrespective of the term to which that individual was originally elected (ex officio ~~non-~~voting).
- One representative of the faculty on the Duluth campus eligible to vote in Senate elections (ex officio non-voting). This representative shall be elected in accord with procedures established by the eligible Duluth faculty. The ex officio Duluth representative may send an alternate to Faculty Consultative Committee meetings.
- The faculty legislative liaison(s) (ex officio non-voting).

COMMENT:

When the Senate constitution and bylaws were revised a few years ago to extend representation to the P&A and Civil Service staff, and to review and update all committee charges, there ended up being an inadvertent conflict between the Faculty Senate bylaws and the Faculty Senate rules. The bylaws provide that the past FCC chair is an ex-officio non-voting member of FCC. The rules provide that the past chair is an ex-officio voting member of FCC. Those who were involved in the discussions and drafting recall that the clear intent was that the past chair would be ex-officio voting (which intent was embodied in the rules). The current members of FCC voted unanimously to recommend to the Faculty Senate a change in the bylaws to eliminate the conflict with the rules and to carry out the intent of the original bylaws revisions. (The past FCC chair is a voting member of the Senate Consultative Committee, or SCC; there is no conflict in any provisions on that score.)

In practice, the FCC past chair has been counted as a voting member since the constitution and bylaw were revised. The conflict between the bylaws and rules was only recently discovered by accident. FCC voted to act on behalf of the Faculty Senate to adopt this change, simply to continue its own long-standing practice, but wishes the Faculty Senate to know, as is usual when FCC acts between meetings on behalf of the Faculty Senate, that its actions can be reversed by vote of the Faculty Senate.

**GARY BALAS, CHAIR
SENATE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

**5. SENATE CONSULTATIVE REPORT
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A. ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS

The Advisory Committee on Athletics provides consultation and advice to the President, the senior administrator responsible for athletics, and the ~~d~~Departments of ~~i~~Intercollegiate ~~a~~Athletics on policies and other major decisions. All policies formulated by the Advisory Committee on Athletics will be reported to the Twin Cities members of the Senate Consultative Committee for action and to the Twin Cities Delegation ~~University Senate~~ for information after the Twin Cities members of the Senate Consultative Committee ~~has~~ have acted. The Twin Cities Delegation ~~University Senate~~ has the authority to reverse or modify a decision by the Twin Cities members of the Senate Consultative Committee.

Membership

The Advisory Committee on Athletics shall consist of the following voting members:

- (1) a Chair, who must be a tenured Twin Cities faculty member, who holds no administrative appointment higher than department chair or head, appointed by the President after consultation with the Faculty Committee on Committees, for a term of one year;
- (2) four (4) Twin Cities members of the faculty or academic staff (at least two of whom shall be members of the tenured faculty), appointed by the President after consultation with the faculty members of the Faculty Committee on Committees, for terms of three (3) years;
- (3) the Faculty Representatives to the NCAA;
- (4) the chair of the Faculty Academic Oversight Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics, or a member designated by that committee;
- (5) a Twin Cities dean, appointed by the President after consultation with the Twin Cities' deans, for a term of three (3) years, or another member of the tenured faculty;
- (6) four (4) Twin Cities students, two of whom will be appointed by the President after consultation with the Student Committee on Committees, for terms of one year, and two of whom will be selected by the representatives of students in the intercollegiate athletic programs for terms of one year;
- (7) two graduates of the University, appointed by the President after appropriate consultation for terms of three (3) years;
- (8) one University Twin Cities civil service employee, appointed by the Civil Service Committee for a term of three (3) years.

The appointments are subject to approval by the Twin Cities Delegation. No one, other than the faculty representatives, may serve more than six (6) consecutive years on this committee.

The ~~d~~Director of ~~intercollegiate a~~ Athletics, the director of academic counseling and the director of compliance shall serve as non-voting ex officio members.

Duties

The Advisory Committee on Athletics will advise and consult with the President, the responsible senior administrators, and the ~~athletic directors~~ Director of Athletics on policies and major decisions relating to intercollegiate athletics at the University. Regents' policy delegates immediate administration of the athletics departments to the President, the central administration, and the ~~athletic directors~~ Director of Athletics; this committee has no direct role in the day-to-day management of the departments. These by-laws delegate responsibility for academic and compliance issues to the Faculty Oversight Committee; this committee has no involvement in those issues.

The committee has the following responsibilities:

- (A) The committee will advise the ~~athletic directors~~ Director of Athletics regarding policies and major decisions relating to their programs and operations, except for matters within the authority of the Faculty Academic Oversight Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics.

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(G) The committee (or its representative) will participate in searches for the ~~directors of intercollegiate athletics~~Director of Athletics and for major coaching appointments and for directors of academic counseling and compliance and will participate in any periodic comprehensive performance reviews of those positions.

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(J) The committee will perform such other functions as the Twin Cities Delegation may assign.

The committee reports to the Twin Cities members of the Faculty Consultative Committee at least once each semester, this report may be in writing or presented in person by the Chair and a suitable delegation.

At least once a year, the voting members of the Committee will meet privately with the President to give their candid evaluation of the management of the departments. The voting members of the committee may also request a private meeting with the President and/or with the Twin Cities member of the Faculty Consultative Committee to discuss any matters of concern to them. The ex officio members shall not attend such meetings, unless requested to do so by vote of the committee.

**GARY BALAS, CHAIR
SENATE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

**6. FACULTY CONSULTATIVE REPORT
Editorial Amendments to the Faculty Senate Bylaws
Information for the Faculty Senate**

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E. FACULTY ACADEMIC OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE FOR INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

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Duties and Responsibilities

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(C) With the assistance of the office of the Provost, the committee will conduct regular reviews of the grade average and progress of each student. It will also regularly evaluate the performance of each team in achieving the academic goals of student participants, and will advise the ~~directors of athletics~~Director of Athletics concerning the performance of coaches in support of these goals. It will also advise the senior administrator responsible for athletics, the Provost, the President, and the Twin Cities members of the Faculty Consultative Committee regarding the support for academic achievement shown by each of the teams and departments.

(D) The committee may establish scheduling standards limiting the days in any term that a student may be absent to participate in athletic events. It will review every schedule for conformity to these standards. In unusual cases, the committee may grant exceptions to that rule. All violations of these rules and all exceptions granted to them shall be reported immediately to the senior administrator, the Provost, the President, and the Assembly Steering Committee Twin Cities members of the Faculty Consultative Committee.

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(F) The committee will receive a report from the Director of Compliance at least once each semester regarding significant compliance concerns coming to the attention of that office. It will also refer any compliance matters that come to its attention to the Director of Compliance. It will report any concerns about compliance issues to the relevant athletic director, the senior administrator supervising compliance, the President, and the Assembly Steering Committee Twin Cities members of the Faculty Consultative Committee. It will advise the Director of Compliance regarding matters within the authority of that office.

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(J) The committee will perform such other functions as the Twin Cities Faculty Delegation may assign.

In evaluating individual or team records, the committee may act as a whole or by subcommittee.

Because the committee primarily considers matters that are private or personal data under the laws governing data privacy, its meetings are closed unless it otherwise directs.

The committee reports to the Twin Cities members of the Faculty Consultative Committee at least once each semester; this report may be in writing or in person by the Chair and an appropriate delegation.

At least once a year, the voting members of the Committee will meet privately with the President to give their candid evaluation of the performance of the departments and teams in achieving academic performance and rules compliance. The voting members of the committee may also at any time request a private meeting with the President and/or with the Twin Cities members of the Faculty Consultative Committee to discuss any matters of concern to them. The ex officio members shall not attend such meetings, unless requested to do so by vote of the committee.

The Senate Office will provide staff assistance for the committee. The Provost will, in consultation with the Committee, provide adequate staff assistance drawn from the office of the Registrar, the advising offices of colleges, and other administrative offices and assist in the preparation, presentation and evaluation of student records. The athletics departments and academic counseling and compliance offices will provide information requested by the committee.

No appointed member of the committee may accept any tickets, team travel, or other benefit or favor from the athletics departments except as specifically authorized by the President and the Twin Cities members of the Faculty Consultative Committee.

The committee deals with eligibility and compliance issues established by the University and by the NCAA and external organizations. It does not review the decisions of coaches imposing sanctions on athletes for violating team rules.

1. FACULTY ATHLETICS REPRESENTATIVES

The Faculty Athletics Representatives will serve as the University's delegates to NCAA, Big 10, WCHA and other external organizations. The representatives also will perform certain functions prescribed in the rules of those organizations, in these by-laws, and as delegated by the President or the Twin Cities Delegation of the Faculty Senate Assembly. The authority of the representatives does not displace any of the authority granted to the two committees above. The Faculty Athletic Representatives are appointed by the President in consultation with the Twin Cities members of the Faculty Consultative Committee Assembly Steering Committee. Before making an appointment the President will give an opportunity for interested faculty members to apply. The President will also solicit nominations from the Faculty Academic Oversight Committee and the Advisory Committee on Athletics.

A faculty athletics representative must be a member of the regular faculty who holds permanent tenure, and may not hold an administrative office higher than that of a department head or chair. The faculty athletics representatives will serve at the pleasure of the President for a three (3) year term. Normally, individuals will not serve more than six (6) consecutive years in this office, but the President may, with approval of the Twin Cities members of the Faculty Consultative Committee, reappoint an individual as faculty athletics representative for additional terms of up to three years. So long as the University has two faculty athletics representatives from the Twin Cities campus, every effort should be made to ensure that their terms are staggered.

The President, in consultation with the Twin Cities members of the Faculty Consultative Committee Assembly Steering Committee, after receiving the view of the Faculty Academic Oversight Committee and the Advisory Committee on Athletics, will determine the position the University will take regarding proposed changes in NCAA and other external rules. The faculty representatives will faithfully represent this position.

The Faculty Academic Oversight Committee has primary responsibility for all eligibility and compliance issues. If the rules of any external organization require a faculty representative to make a decision or recommendation on any matter relating to eligibility or compliance, the representative will first refer the matter to the Faculty Academic Oversight Committee and will faithfully carry out its recommendation.

The faculty athletics representatives will report to the Twin Cities Faculty Delegation Assembly annually in writing. They report to the Twin Cities members of the Faculty Consultative Committee Assembly Steering Committee orally and in writing at least once each semester.

2. COORDINATION OF OVERSIGHT

The Chairs of the Faculty Academic Oversight Committee and the Advisory Committee on Athletics and the faculty representative(s) will meet periodically with the President, the Provost, the senior administrator responsible for athletics, and the Chair of the Faculty Consultative Committee Assembly Steering Committee to coordinate their activities.

**GARY BALAS, CHAIR
FACULTY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

7. SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE Resolution on Fair Trade Coffee Information for the University Senate

Resolution on Fair Trade Coffee

Whereas, coffee is the second-largest legally traded commodity in the world market only behind oil; and

Whereas, coffee is generally produced in developing countries where workers and farmers suffer from exploitative conditions as well as a lack of access to market information; and

Whereas, farmers are forced to sell their coffee below market value at less than the cost of production and subsequently pushing them into severe hardship or leaving no option but to sell and leave their land; and

Whereas, with Fair Trade Certified coffee farmers obtain prices of 100-200% higher in comparison to non-Fair Trade; and

Whereas, workers on Fair Trade farms have safe working conditions, equity for women, freedom of association, and strict prohibitions on child labor; and

Whereas, the Fair Trade system works within cooperatives where long-term trading partnerships are established allowing farmers to get advance credit on coffee purchases to ensure that farmers can avoid insecurity surrounding the next harvest; and

Whereas, Fair Trade cooperatives are committed to community development and democratically decide on how to invest Fair Trade revenues in infrastructure such as healthcare and education; and

Whereas, Fair Trade coffee uses sustainable production practices, and is often Organic and Shade Grown improving the health of the environment and consumers alike; and therefore be it

RESOLVED that the University of Minnesota require in all food service contracts it signs into with food service providers that all coffee sold on its campus' (Twin Cities, Morris, Duluth and Crookston) must be 100% Fair Trade Certified including all coffee retail locations, catering operations, and residence halls; and be it further

RESOLVED that whenever possible, this coffee be Organic, Shade Grown, and purchased from a local roaster

Approved by the Social Concerns Committee December 10, 2007

Approved by the Student Senate November 29, 2007

COMMENT:

This resolution will be on the April 3, 2007, University Senate agenda for action.

**KATHERINE FENNELLY, CHAIR
SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE**

8. TRIBUTE TO DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY

FACULTY/ACADEMIC PROFESSIONALS/STAFF

Ruth E. Aberwald
Professor
Boynton Health Services

1921 – 2008

Paul Bamford
Professor
History
1921 – 2007

James Boen
Professor
Public Health
1932 – 2007

Edward J. Drury
Professor
Center for Urban and Regional Affairs
1931 – 2007

Marvin D. Dunnette
Professor
Psychology
1926 – 2007

Richard W. Ferguson
Professor
Rhetoric
1931 – 2006

Charles E. Furman
Professor
Music
1954 – 2007

Theodor B. Grage
Professor
Surgery
1927 – 2007

Edwin W. Haller
Professor
Medicine – Duluth
1936 – 2007

Wayne J. Hansen
Professor
University of Minnesota Extension
1946 – 2007

William L. Hartwick
Professor
Dentistry
1917 – 2005

Fulton Holtby
Professor

Mechanical Engineering
1911 – 2007

Eloise Jaeger
Professor
Physical Education
1916 – 2007

René Jara
Professor
Spanish and Portuguese
1941 – 2007

Anne W. Lindgren
Professor
Social Work
1909 – 2007

Andrew Morstad
Professor
Dentistry
1922 – 2007

Gerhard Neubeck
Professor
Family Social Sciences
1918 – 2008

Erwin M. Schaffer
Professor
Preventive Sciences
1922 – 2007

Jean P. Swanson
Professor
Music – Duluth
1919 – 2007

Deane Turner
Professor
Agriculture
1919 – 2007

John E. Verrill
Professor
College of Education and Human Service Professions – Duluth
1916 – 2008

Carl W. Zanner
Professor
Soil, Water, and Climate
1948 – 2008

STUDENTS

Aleksandr I. Ablamunets
Carlson School of Management

Rachel A. Dow
College of Liberal Arts

Abdulatif I. Kalil
Center for Allied Health

Christopher M. Pomarico
College of Liberal Arts

Emily G. Rudolph
School of Nursing

9. MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 4, 2007 AND NOVEMBER 29, 2007

Action by the University Senate
(2 minutes)

MOTION:

To approve the University Senate and Faculty Senate minutes, which are available on the Web at the following URL. A simple majority is required for approval.

<http://www1.umn.edu/usenate/usen/071004sen.html>
<http://www1.umn.edu/usenate/usen/071129sen.html>

STUART GOLDSTEIN, CLERK
UNIVERSITY SENATE

10. FACULTY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE STUDENT SENATE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE Amendments to the Protocol for Senate Committee Involvement in Central Administrator Searches Action by the University Senate (2 minutes)

MOTION:

To amend the "Protocol for Senate Committee Involvement in Central Administrator Searches" as follows (language to be deleted is ~~struck out~~; language to be added is underlined):

Protocol for Senate Committee Involvement in Central Administrator Searches

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II. Committee Responsibility for Interviews

The following Senate*** committees will be given the opportunity to participate in nomination of search committee members and in interviews of candidates for the positions noted, in accord with the provisions of Section III of this protocol. Interviews with committees will be scheduled irrespective of the scope of the search (full, limited, or non-competitive appointment); in the case

of non-competitive appointments, the committee will be given the opportunity to interview the candidate before the position has been offered to the candidate.

- Faculty Consultative: President; all vice presidencies (executive, senior, and those without preceding adjective) ~~and~~; Provosts; Dean of the Graduate School; Dean and Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education; the General Counsel; Director of ~~EEO~~ Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action; Chancellors; Directors of Athletics [Twin Cities campus]; others as the President may request
- Student Senate Consultative: President; all vice presidencies (executive, senior, and those without preceding adjective) ~~an~~ Provosts; Dean of the Graduate School; Dean and Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education; the General Counsel; Director of ~~EEO~~ Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action; Chancellors; Directors of Athletics [Twin Cities campus]; others as the President may request
- Information Technologies: Chief Information Officer; University Librarian
- Educational Policy: ~~Executive Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost~~; provosts Dean and Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education; Dean of the Graduate School
- Faculty Affairs: Vice president for human resources
- Finance and Planning: ~~whomever serves as chief financial officer of the University Vice President for Finance~~; associate/assistant vice presidents in Budget and Finance and Operations; Controller
- Intercollegiate Advisory Committee on Athletics: Director of Athletics [Twin Cities campus]
- Faculty Academic Oversight Committee for Intercollegiate Athletics: Director of Athletics [Twin Cities campus]
- Judicial Committee: General Counsel
- Library: University Librarian; Chief Information Officer
- Research: Vice President for Research; Dean of the Graduate School; Assistant/associate vice president, Sponsored Projects Administration
- Student Affairs: ~~Vice President for Campus Life~~ Provost for Student Affairs

Note: The Faculty Consultative Committee may draw on former FCC members to participate in the interviewing process. The Student Senate Consultative Committee may designate student representatives (other than members of the SSCC) to participate in the interview process.

~~***And, for the Director of Intercollegiate Athletics (Twin Cities), the Advisory Committee on Athletics and the Faculty Academic Oversight Committee for Intercollegiate Athletics.~~

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COMMENT:

The Faculty Consultative Committee (FCC) and the Student Senate Consultative Committee (SSCC) recommend that the search protocol be expanded so that FCC, SSCC, and the Educational Policy Committee interview candidates for Dean and Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education. The position is an important one for both faculty and students and the leadership of the Faculty Senate and Student Senate should be involved in interviews with finalists.

The other changes reflect changes in titles of administrative officers.

**GARY BALAS, CHAIR
FACULTY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

**RONALD MILLER, CHAIR
STUDENT SENATE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

**11. UNIVERSITY SENATE BYLAW AMENDMENT
Library Committee Membership
Action by the University Senate
(2 minutes)**

MOTION:

To amend Article II, Section 5(G) of the University Senate Bylaws as follows (language to be deleted is ~~struck out~~; language to be added is underlined). As an amendment to the University Senate Bylaws, the motion requires either a majority of all voting members of the University Senate (121) at one regular or special meeting, or a majority of all voting members of the University Senate present and voting at each of two meetings. This is the first meeting at which this motion is being presented.

ARTICLE II. COMMITTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE (Changes to this article are subject to vote only by the University Senate)

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5. University Senate Committee Charges

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G. LIBRARY COMMITTEE

The Library Committee represents faculty, academic professional, civil service, and student interest in the University libraries.

Membership

The Library Committee shall be composed of 12 faculty/academic professional members, 1 civil service staff members, 4 students, and ex officio representation as specified by vote of the Senate. Members shall be nominated by the Committee on Committees with the approval of the Senate. Academic professionals members must also be eligible to serve in the Senate. The civil service member shall be appointed by the Civil Service Committee and shall not be a library employee.

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COMMENT:

**JAMES ORF, CHAIR
LIBRARY COMMITTEE**

12. UNIVERSITY SENATE OLD BUSINESS

13. UNIVERSITY SENATE NEW BUSINESS

14. UNIVERSITY SENATE RECESS

ITEMS 15. THROUGH 22. ARE FACULTY SENATE BUSINESS ONLY.

MEETING OF THE FACULTY SENATE

**15. FACULTY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT
(5 minutes)**

**16. FACULTY LEGISLATIVE LIAISON UPDATE
(5 minutes)**

**17. NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR THE TWIN CITIES MEMBERS OF THE
FACULTY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
Slate of Candidates
Action by the Twin Cities Faculty Delegation and UMD Faculty Senators
(2 minutes)**

MOTION:

To approve the following six names to stand for election to the Faculty Consultative Committee, from which one of each pair are to be elected by the Twin Cities and non-represented UMD faculty for a term of 2008-11. First pair: Professors Michael Cherlin and Michael Hancher; Second Pair: Professors Randy Moore and J. Michael Oakes; Third Pair: Shawn Curley and Samuel Myers. A simple majority is required for approval.

FIRST PAIR

MICHAEL CHERLIN: 1988*, Professor of Music, College of Liberal Arts. University Senate member: None. Committee participation (past and present): None

MICHAEL HANCHER: 1972*, Professor of English, College of Liberal Arts. University Senate member: 1986-89, 1991-92, 1993-96, 2001-02, 2003-04, 2007-10. Committee participation (past and present): Committee on Committees, 2007-10; Library, 1991-95.

SECOND PAIR

RANDY MOORE: 2000*, Professor of Post Secondary Teaching and Learning, College of Education and Human Development. University Senate member: None. Committee participation (past and present): Finance and Planning, 2003-06.

J. MICHAEL OAKES: 2001*, Associate Professor of Epidemiology, Housing and Apparel, School of Public Health. University Senate member: 1988-91, 2003-06. Committee participation (past and present): Student Academic Integrity, 2007-10.

THIRD PAIR

SHAWN CURLEY: 1986*, Professor of Information and Decision Sciences, Carlson School of Management. University Senate member: 2001-04. Committee participation (past and present): Consultative, 2007-08; Educational Policy, 2000-06, ROTC Subcommittee, 2007-10; Student Academic Integrity, 2001-07 (Chair, 2005-06); Student Affairs, 1988-90.

SAMUEL MYERS, JR.: 1992*, Professor of Public Affairs, HHH Institute of Public Affairs. University Senate member: None. Committee participation (past and present): Faculty Affairs, 1995-97.

*Date of initial appointment at the University.

FOR INFORMATION:

The Faculty Consultative Committee serves as the executive committee of the Faculty Senate and forms the faculty membership of the Senate Consultative Committee. Senate legislation has merged the Twin Cities faculty and non-represented UMD faculty for purposes of Faculty Consultative Committee elections. Should a non-represented UMD faculty member be elected, that individual will be a member of the Senate and Faculty Consultative Committees.

Additional nominations, certified as willing to stand for election, may be made by (1) petition of 12 voting members of the faculties, provided that the petition is in the hands of the Clerk of the Senate the day before the Senate meeting, and (2) nominations on the floor of the Senate. The faculty representatives of the Senate shall reduce by vote the slate to twice the number to be elected.

Currently serving with terms continuing at least through next year are:

William Durfee, Institute of Technology
Marti Hope Gonzales, College of Liberal Arts
Emily Hoover, College of Food, Agricultural, and Natural Resource Sciences
Jeffrey Kahn, School of Public Health
Nelson Rhodus, School of Dentistry
Becky Yust, College of Design

The terms of Gary Balas (Institute of Technology), Megan Gunnar (College of Education and Human Development), and Jennifer Windsor (College of Liberal Arts) expire at the end of the academic year. However, the current chair, Professor Gary Balas, will remain on the committee for one more year in a voting ex officio position as the past chair.

**CATHERINE FRENCH, CHAIR
NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

**18. EDUCATIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE
2012-13 Crookston and Duluth Calendars
Information for the Faculty Senate**

Crookston 2012-13

Fall Semester 2012 (74 class days)

August 29	Wednesday	Classes begin
September 3	Monday	Labor Day holiday
October 12	Friday	In-service (no classes)
November 22-23	Thurs.-Fri.	Thanksgiving holiday
December 14	Friday	Last day of instruction
December 17-20	Mon.-Thurs.	Final examinations
December 20	Thursday	End of the term

Spring Semester 2013 (74 class days)

January 14	Monday	Classes begin
January 21	Monday	MLK holiday
March 18-22	Mon.-Fri.	Spring Break
March 29	Friday	Floating holiday (no classes)

May 6	Monday	Last day of instruction
May 7-10	Tues.-Fri.	Final examinations
May 10	Friday	End of the term
May 11	Saturday	Commencement

May Session 2013 (14 class days)

May 13	Monday	May session begins
May 27	Monday	Memorial Day holiday
May 31	Friday	May session ends

Summer Session 2013 (39 class days)

June 10	Monday	Classes begin
July 4	Thursday	Independence Day holiday
August 2	Friday	8-wk summer session ends

Duluth 2012-13

Fall Semester 2012 (72 class days)

September 3	Monday	Labor Day holiday
September 4	Tuesday	Classes begin
November 22-23	Thurs.-Fri.	Thanksgiving holiday
December 14	Friday	Last day of instruction
December 17-21	Mon.-Fri.	Final examinations
December 21	Friday	End of the term

Spring Semester 2013 (74 class days)

January 21	Monday	MLK holiday
January 22	Tuesday	Classes begin
March 18-22	Mon.-Fri.	Spring Break
May 10	Friday	Last day of instruction
May 13-17	Mon.-Fri.	Final examinations
May 17	Friday	End of the term
May 18	Saturday	Commencement

May Session 2013 (14 class days)

May 20	Monday	May session begins
May 27	Monday	Memorial Day holiday
June 7	Friday	Final examinations; End of May session

Summer Session 2013 (38 class days)

June 10	Monday	Classes begin
July 4	Thursday	Independence Day holiday
July 5	Friday	Floating holiday
August 2	Friday	Final examinations; End of Summer Session

**CATHRINE WAMBACH, CHAIR
EDUCATIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE**

**19. EDUCATIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE
2012-13 Morris and Twin Cities Calendars**

**Action by the Faculty Senate
(5 minutes)**

MOTION:

To approve the 2012-13 Morris and Twin Cities calendars.

Morris 2012-13

Fall Semester 2012 (73 class days)

August 22	Wednesday	Classes begin
September 3	Monday	Labor Day holiday
October 15-16	Mon.-Tues.	Fall Break (no classes)
November 22-23	Thurs.-Fri.	Thanksgiving holiday
December 7	Friday	Last day of instruction
December 8	Saturday	Study day
December 10-13	Mon.-Thurs.	Final examinations

Spring Semester 2013 (74 class days)

January 14	Monday	Classes begin
January 21	Monday	MLK holiday
March 18-22	Mon.-Fri.	Spring Break
May 3	Friday	Last day of instruction
May 4	Saturday	Study day
May 6-9	Mon.-Thurs.	Final examinations
May 11	Saturday	Commencement

May Session 2013 (14 class days)

May 13	Monday	May session begins
May 27	Monday	Memorial Day holiday
May 31	Friday	May session ends

Summer Session 2013

May 20-June 21	Summer session I (24 class days)	
May 27	Monday	Memorial Day holiday
June 24-July 26	Summer session II (24 class days)	
July 4	Thursday	Independence Day holiday

Twin Cities 2012-13

Fall Semester 2012 (70 class days)

September 3	Monday	Labor Day holiday
September 4	Tuesday	Classes begin
November 22-23	Thurs.-Fri.	Thanksgiving holiday
December 12	Wednesday	Last day of instruction
December 13	Thursday	Study day
December 14-15, 17-20	Fri.-Sat., Mon.-Thurs.	Final examinations
December 16	Sunday	Study day
December 20	Thursday	End of the term

Spring Semester 2013 (74 class days)

January 21	Monday	MLK holiday
January 22	Tuesday	Classes begin

March 18-22	Mon.-Fri.	Spring Break
May 10	Friday	Last day of instruction
May 11-12	Sat.-Sun.	Study days
May 13-18	Mon.-Sat.	Final examinations
May 18	Saturday	End of the term

May Session 2013 (14 class days)

May 28	Tuesday	May session begins
June 14	Friday	May session ends

Summer Session 2013 (39 class days)

June 17	Monday	Classes begin
July 4	Thursday	Independence Day holiday
August 9	Friday	8-wk summer session ends

**CATHRINE WAMBACH, CHAIR
EDUCATIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE**

- 20. FACULTY SENATE OLD BUSINESS**
- 21. FACULTY SENATE NEW BUSINESS**
- 22. FACULTY SENATE ADJOURNMENT**
- 23. UNIVERSITY SENATE RECONVENE**
- 24. STATE OF THE UNIVERSITY ADDRESS
(40 minutes)**
- 25. QUESTIONS TO THE PRESIDENT
(20 minutes)**
- 26. UNIVERSITY SENATE ADJOURNMENT**

FACULTY SENATE APPROVED QUESTIONS

--The student rating form shall contain the following questions, with the verbal anchors as identified:

1. The instructor was well prepared for class.
2. The instructor presented the subject matter clearly.
3. The instructor provided feedback intended to improve my course performance.
4. The instructor treated me with respect.
5. I have a deeper understanding of the subject matter as a result of this course.
6. My interest in the subject matter was stimulated by this course.

--Each of the six questions will have the following scale attached to it on the form that is provided to students:

- 6-Strongly Agree
- 5-Agree
- 4-Somewhat Agree
- 3-Somewhat Disagree
- 2-Disagree
- 1-Strongly Disagree

Open Ended Questions

1. What did the instructor do that most helped your learning?
2. What could you have done to be a better learner?

Student Release Questions (Revised February 21, 2008 by SSSC)

1. Approximately how many hours per week do you spend working on homework, readings, and projects for this course

- 0-2 hours per week
- 3-5 hours per week
- 6-9 hours per week
- 10-14 hours per week
- 15 or more hours per week

2. Compared to other courses at this level, the amount I have learned in this course is

- less.
- about the same.
- more.
- I have not taken other courses at this level.

3. Compared to other courses at this level, the difficulty of this course is

- less.
- about the same.
- more.
- I have not taken other courses at this level.

4. I would recommend this course to other students.

- Yes
- No

5. I would recommend this instructor to other students.

- Yes
- No

6. Please rate your instructor in terms of the following characteristics.

Agree Somewhat Agree Somewhat Disagree Disagree Not applicable

- A. Is approachable
- B. Provides timely and constructive feedback
- C. Is prepared for class
- D. Makes effective use of course readings
- E. Creates worthwhile assignments
- F. Requires critical thinking
- G. Has a grading system that is reasonable

March 6, 2008

To: the Faculty Senate
 From: the Faculty Legislative Liaisons
 Re: Current issues at the legislature and Department of Finance information on
 Minnesota state debt management policy

U of M 2008 Capital Investment Request: Tracking Table in \$ millions

5 March 2008

	U Request ¹	Governor Proposal on 1/15/2008	House Higher Education and Workforce Committee	Capital Investment committee	Final House bill	Senate Final bill	Conference committee
HEAPR ²	100	40	100	40		40	
Science classroom, student services building, TC	72.5 State=48.3	yes	yes	yes		yes	
Civil Engineering Duluth	15 State=10.0	yes	yes	yes		yes	
Gateway Center Morris	7.5 State=5.0	yes	yes	yes		yes ³	
Bell Museum TC	36 State=24.0	no	yes	yes		yes	
Folwell Hall TC	39 State=26.0	yes	yes	no		no	
Classroom improvement	3 State=2.0	no	yes	yes		yes	
Lab renovations	10 State=6.7	no	yes	5.0 State=3.3		5.0 State=3.3	
Research and outreach Ctrs	5.3 State=3.5	no	yes	yes		2.0 State=1.3	
Total project cost	288.3	174	288.9⁴	184.3		181.0	
Total State share	225.5	129.3	225.9	136.166		133.99	

¹ Except for HEAPR, the University pays 1/3 of the cost of projects listed below; the state pays 2/3. Thus "state=" is 2/3 of the cost and is the money the U is requesting. For HEAPR the state pays 100%.

² HEAPR stands for Higher Education Asset Preservation and Replacement. Approximately 1/3 of the state buildings are on U of M campuses, and about 25% of those are more than 70 years old. These funds are for building repair and renovation..

³ Our earlier report erroneously said this is not in the Senate bill. It is.

⁴ Includes \$625,000 for Wildlife Rehabilitation Center the committee added to the U of M request

Biomedical science research program request.

The U is requesting \$233.6 million from the state for 80% of the cost of four new biomedical science buildings. The University, not the state, would issue bonds for these buildings. Over a number of years, the state would then pay \$233.6 million to the U. Total cost of the project would be \$292 million

This item is in addition to the U's capital investment request. It has some energetic support at the legislature as investment in a key part of the state's economic future.

Two issues:

1. Would bonds for this project count under the state's "3% policy" (which limits the state capital investment bill to 3% of non-dedicated revenues)? If so, the project is more than 20% of the value of the entire bonding bill, a staggering percentage.

Yes: the state will incur a significant financial obligation and it should count. The state Commissioner of Finance recently issued a letter to this effect.

No: the U is selling the bonds, not the state. The bonds the U sold for the stadium did not count under the 3% limit. Similarly, the bonds the St Paul Port Authority sold to pay for two new state government office buildings (Freeman and Anderson) in downtown St Paul did not count under the 3% limit. Ergo these should not count, either.

(The state's bonding policy and some very interesting charts can be found at the Department of Finance web page on this subject: <http://www.finance.state.mn.us/bonds/index.html>.)

2. How much should the state pay? The Senate supports the requested 80% share, which is \$233 million. The House Capital Investment Committee supports a 2/3 share, which is \$194.6 million.

Status

The Senate has endorsed this proposal; the House may act March 6. The House bill stipulates that the U pays 1/3, not 20% of the costs. It also stipulates that the Department of Finance is to treat the bonds the same way it treats the bonds for the stadium (i.e. they do not count against the 3% ceiling).

Debt Management Policy

State of Minnesota Department of Finance

Minnesota State Bonds Home Page

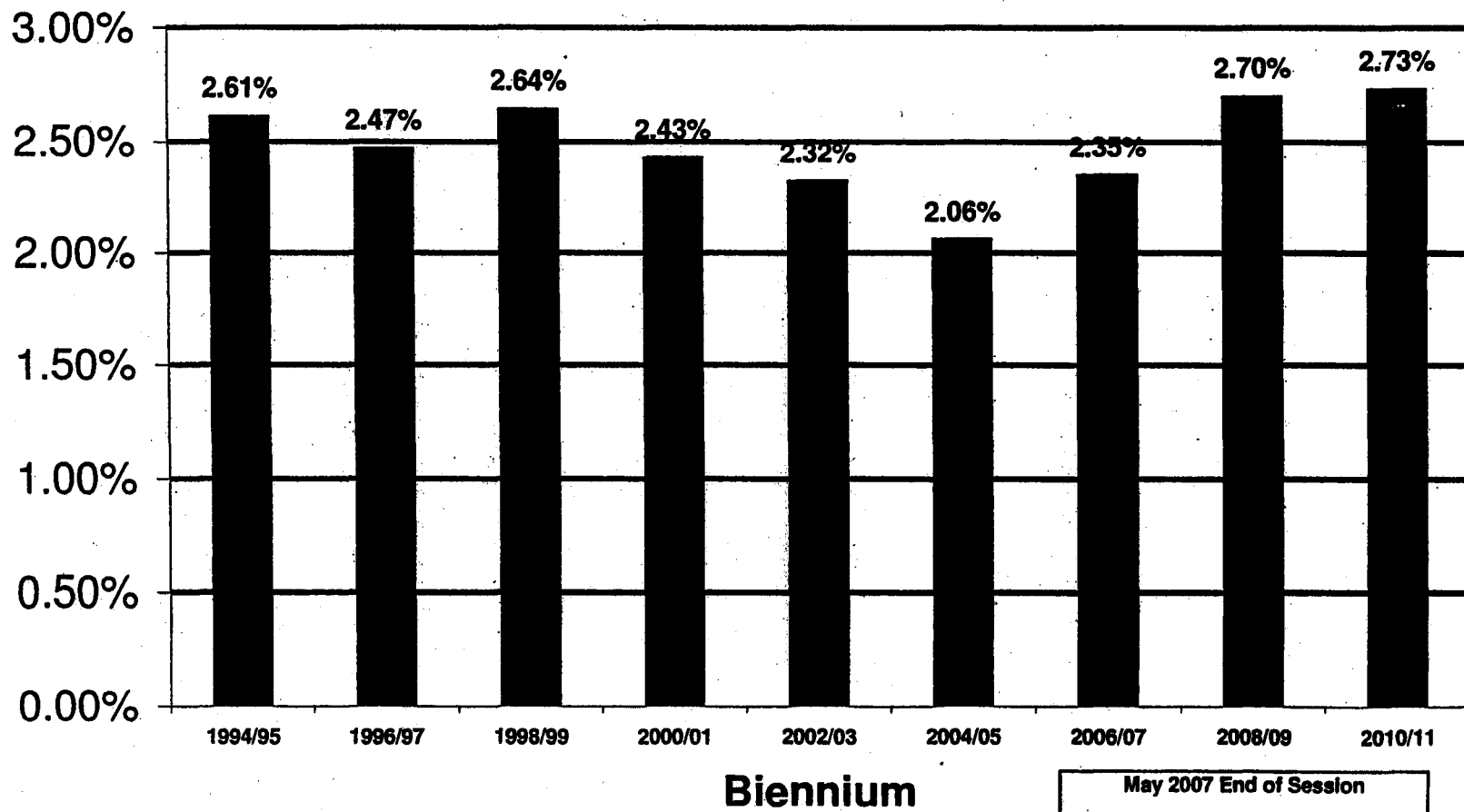
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The Debt Management Policy has five guidelines. They are:

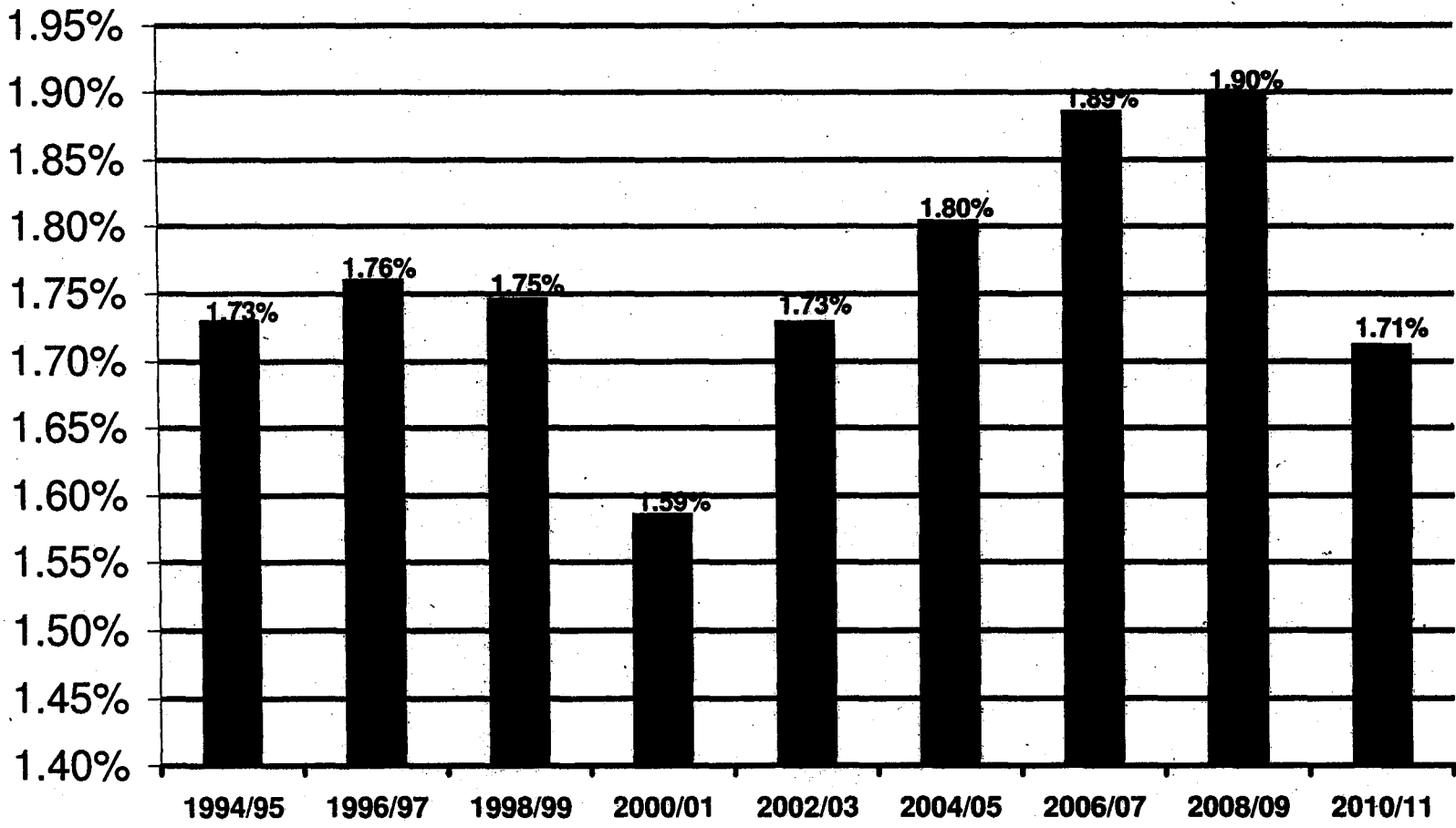
1. The general fund appropriation for debt service shall not exceed 3.0% of non-dedicated revenues. ([view graph](#))
2. General obligation debt shall not exceed 2.5% of state personal income. ([view graph](#))
3. State agency debt shall not exceed 3.5% of state personal income. ([view graph](#))
4. The total amount of state general obligation debt, moral obligation debt, state bond guarantees, equipment capital leases, and real estate leases are not to exceed 5.0% of state personal income. ([view graph](#))
5. 40% of general obligation debt shall be due within five years and 70% within ten years. ([View graph](#))

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General Fund Appropriation for Debt Service not to Exceed 3.0% of Non-Dedicated Revenues



General Obligation Debt not to Exceed 2.5% of State Personal Income

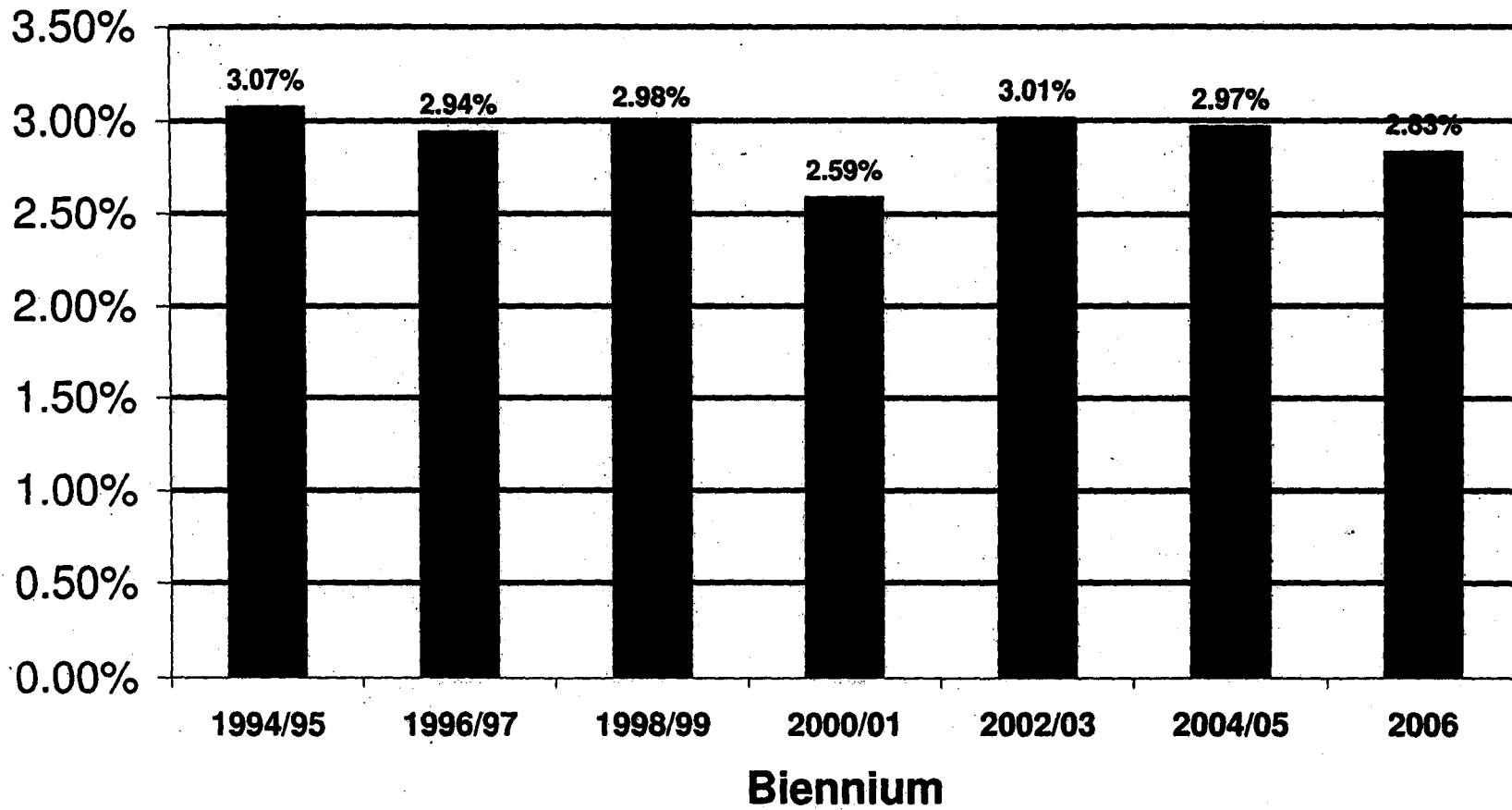


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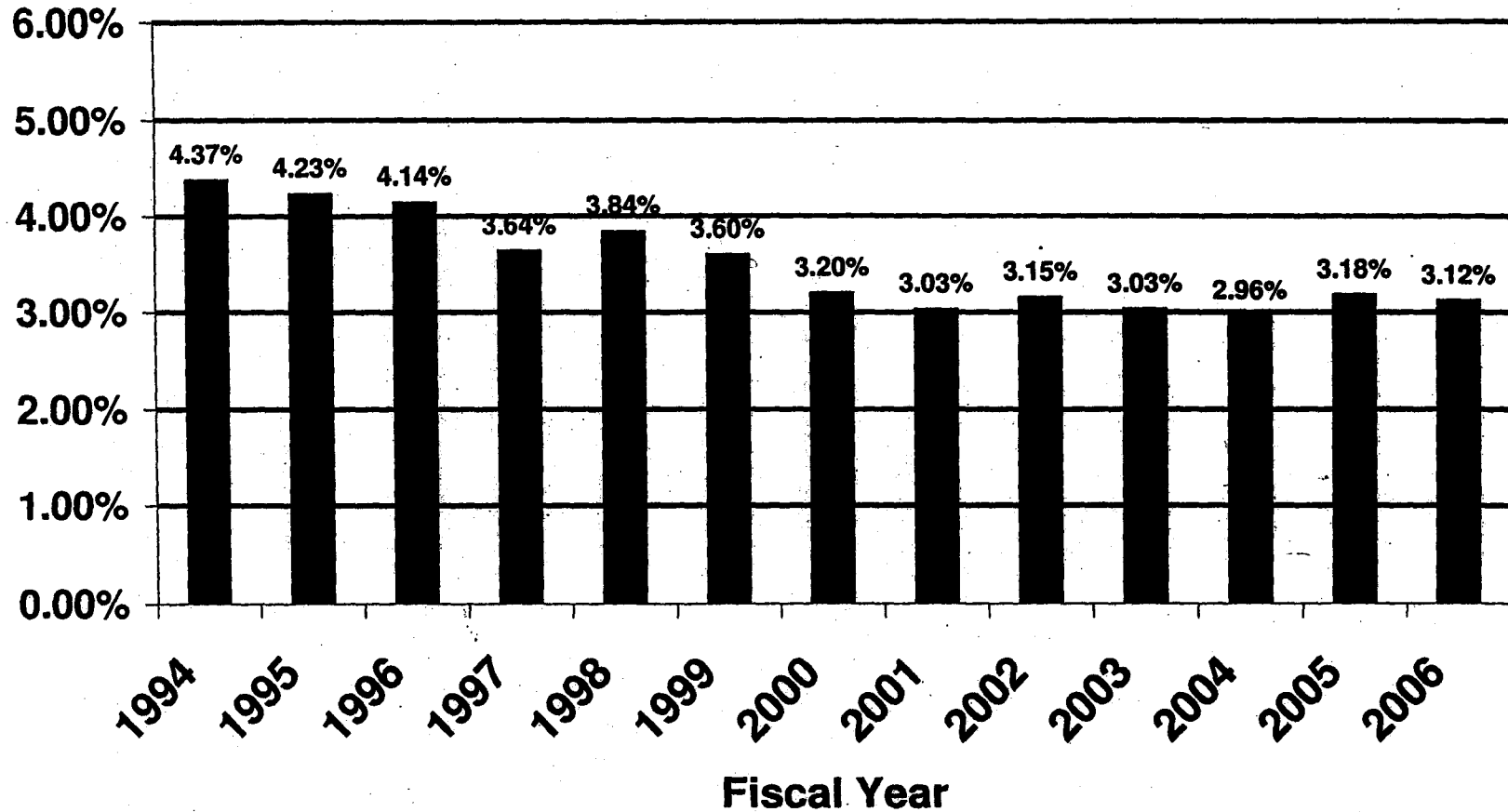
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State Agency Debt not to Exceed 3.5% of State Personal Income



**Total Amount of State General Obligation Debt, Moral
Obligation Debt, State Bond Guarantees, Equipment
Capital Leases, and Real Estate Leases not to Exceed 5.0%
of State Personal Income**



General Obligation Debt Outstanding June 30, 2007

