

AGENDA

SCC Meeting  
March 1, 1979  
Regents Room, 1:00-4:00

- 1:00-1:15 1. Approval of the minutes, 2/1/79
- 1:15-3:00 2. CLA Presentation - Dean Lukerman and colleagues.
- 3:00-3:15 3. Subcommittee report on the Athletic Task Force - Professor Schletzer. Report already distributed. Guest: Vice President Stein.
- 3:15-3:25 4. Minutes of the Senate Committee on Social Concerns, dated 11/27/78 concerning the Subcommittee on Social Responsibility in Investments reporting directly to the Regents.
- 3:25-3:35 5. Professor Grace W. Grays' Letter of 2/12/79 to Vice President Koffler concerning the recommendation of the University Committee on Animal Care to close the Stone Lab. Animal Housing Facility--Professor Purple.
- 3:35-3:45 6. Professor Louis Toth's letter to Professor Zaidi dated 2/20/79.
- 3:45-4:00 7. Chairman's Report
- a. Update Grievance Procedure
  - b. Update on University Outreach Report
  - c. Professor Thomas Clayton's letter, 2/5/79
  - d. Vice President Stein's letter of 2/12/79 to Professor Watson concerning the Select Committee Report.
  - e. Mr. Jim Clark's letter of 2/6/79 to the members of the Board of Regents giving summary statements for the legislative program of the University Student Senate.
  - f. Ms. Colleen Kelley's letter of 2/9/79 to student leaders concerning the University Biennial and Capital Request.
  - g. Professor James Werntz's memo of 2/7/79 reporting the actions of the Curriculum Advisory Committee of the MHECB.
  - h. Faculty Union Activity in Higher Education-1978: Joseph W. Garbarino and John Lawler.
8. Old Business
9. New Business



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MINUTES OF THE SENATE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Meeting of March 1, 1979

Approved 4/5/79

The All University Senate Consultative Committee convened its eleventh meeting of the 1978-79 academic year on Thursday, March 1, 1979, in the Regents Room.

Members present included Professor George Blake, Mr. Steve Carlson, Mr. Dick Cooke, Mr. Pat Eckman, Professor Wendell Glick, Professor Fred Morrison, Professor Rick Purple, Ms. Liz Sands, Professor Vera Schletzer, Professor Don Spring, and Mr. Doug Watson.

The Meeting was called to order at 1:00.

1. The minutes for February 1, 1979 were approved.
2. Professor Zaidi introduced Dean Fred Lukermann who gave a presentation for CLA to the SCC. Dean Lukermann distributed a packet of data which he used as a basis for discussion and presentation. The data has three purposes: explanation of the budget, staff, and student enrollment patterns. Dean Lukerman explained that comparative data is available to all CLA deans and department heads.

Because budget matters are central, Dean Lukermann presented an extensive discussion of budget and budget related matters which included review of retrenchments back to '72-'73 (check graph pg. 77), and staff comparison '70-'71 and '78-'79. Dean Lukermann stressed that the general trend has been slightly up in numbers for the higher ranks, and instructors have been virtually eliminated - i.e., no hiring at the instructor level and the number of Teaching Assistants slots has been declining significantly with retrenchment.

He also stressed that the number of F.T.E. staff have declined but this may not mean fewer bodies because more part-time TAs are involved. As regard students (17,000 undergraduate, 2,600 graduate), Dean Lukerman pointed out that half of the Twin City graduate students are in CLA depts, and, moreover, about 30 CLA departments do as much graduate training as the professional schools. He indicated that he feels the number of graduate students in CLA are never taken into consideration to the level of the work load.

Student credit hours have shown a substantial decline although this is a feature of the University not just CLA. This is the result of an increasing number of part-time students or students taking less than a full load.

Dean Lukermann indicated that while enrollment has increased recently, this should not be taken as an indication enrollment will rise. The increase is noticeable in sophomore and junior categories and shows that more than half of the final baccalaureate degrees are awarded to transfer students.

Dean Lukermann spoke extensively concerning soft money programs - units of Women Studies, Urban Studies, and Religious Studies are growing. Their funding at present must come from soft money which is basically dependent on leaves, grants and contracts. Departments having grant money or unfilled positions are generally "advantaged" departments, and CLA taxes these monies (unfilled positions and grants) so, in effect, a limited number of select departments support the more numerous "disadvantaged" ones. Dean Lukermann was asked if soft money stays in CLA, that is, is the University discriminating against CLA? He indicated that indirect costs do not come directly back to people who generate them, but CLA is not discriminated against. Other than that, CLA keeps its soft money except for what the University takes from grant money. Dean Lukermann also stressed that CLA had shown recent strong gains in getting grants, and an increased percentage of awards relative to requests since 1976.

In conclusion, Dean Lukermann went through the graph data he had distributed and stressed a number of points:

- 1) Last year there were only 12 new faculty members appointed where previously the average had been 25-30. CLA is stable or retreating in minority and women appointments as a result. In recent years vacancies have been used to pay-off central retrenchments.

2) The crisis in CLA is the crisis in the University and is apparent in the reallocation of our programs. We must be able to respond to the needs of the society which depend on two or three times as many program/curricular units as budgetary and faculty units. He stressed that the major problem at the University is in the quality of faculty and that this is the student's concern as well.

3) Summer/night courses should be treated as equal units to day courses and the curriculum should offer courses when they can be taken. In-loading as a principle is a good thing because of improved quality and similar student populations.

Dean Lukermann concluded his remarks by indicating that he appreciated the opportunity to discuss CLA with the SCC and would be pleased to answer any questions in the future. Professor Zaidi thanked Dean Lukermann and moved to the regular order of business.

3. Discussion of the Subcommittee Report on Intercollegiate Athletics was introduced by Professor Schletzer. Vice President Stein, who met with the Committee to discuss the report, presented his position on the Subcommittee report. He expressed concern that the report suggested a hardened position and that there would be unwillingness to reexamine the points made in the Task Force Report in the future. He indicated that because of inflation, there may well be some need to seek a legislative request to meet athletic program needs in the future; the alternative may be to cut back the program and drop to a lower level of competition. If we would drop to a lower level, this would probably increase the need for legislative funding because it would reduce gate receipts, which are the sole support for the men's program at the present time. He stressed that he is not suggesting that legislative support be sought but only that the option be kept open.

Vice President Stein was emphatic that he supported much of the Subcommittee report but that he feared hardened positions, as outlined in the SCC resolution on athletics, that would limit the possibility of seeking a legislative request, in other words, he suggested that the report be kept as is but that the statement on legislative request for athletics not be so strong. Professors Morrison and Spring indicated they would not want to alter or drop the SCC resolution because

this was a faculty response to a Task Force conducted primarily by administrators.

Following this discussion the SCC postponed completion of discussion on the Athletic Subcommittee report until the next meeting. It will be presented for adoption and discussion on March 6, 1979.

4. The Committee discussed the statement in the November 27, 1978 minutes of the Senate Committee on Social Concerns relating to the manner by which the Subcommittee on Social Responsibility in Investments reports to the Regents. According to the minutes, the Subcommittee is to have direct access to the Regents without reporting through the full Senate Committee or except in those instances where the Subcommittee intends to bring an issue to the Senate. The Committee instructed the Chairman to write to the Senate Committee on Social Concerns and request documentation which shows the above as the appropriate reporting procedure; Social Concerns Committee refer to page U33 of the Senate Handbook concerning this request.

5. Professor Grace Gray's letter to Vice President (2/12/79) concerning the recommendation of the University Committee on Animal Care to close the Stove Lab. Animal Housing facility was referred to Professor Morrison as Chairman of UCBRBR to indicate budgeting implications, if any.

6. Old Business--none

7. New Business--none

The meeting adjourned at 4:00