

SENATE MEETING

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Thursday, April 19, 1973
2:30 p.m.
100 SMITH HALL

The voting membership of the University Senate totals 215, including the president, 146 members of the faculty, and 68 students. For a quorum, a majority of the voting membership (108) must be present. Amendments to the constitution require advance notice and 144 affirmative votes. Amendments to the bylaws require advance publication and 108 affirmative votes. Other actions require only a simple majority of the members present and voting. The members of the all-University Administrative Committee 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 elected alternate from his institute, college, school, or student constituency as the alternate to serve in his place and stand by written notice to the clerk of the Senate prior to the commencement of any meeting of the University Senate.

ATTENDANCE RECORD

A roll of elected and ex officio members will be circulated during the meeting. Members will please check their names to indicate their presence. If the list misses you, please stop after the meeting to check your name. The roll, after adjournment, will be at the rostrum.

An attendance record for nonmembers will also be circulated and will be on the rostrum after the meeting.

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

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UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA THE SENATE DOCKET April 19, 1973

Your committee on Business and Rules respectfully presents the following matters for consideration.

I. MINUTES OF JANUARY 18, 1973 AND MARCH 8, 1973 Reported for Action

II. SENATE AND UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES, 1972-73 Reported for Action

University Committee on Tenure: Fred Morrison replaces Carl Auerbach as chairman. Students: Gary Engstrand, Janet Salomonson.

III. REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND RULES Reported for Action

The Constitution provides (Article III, 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 shall be eligible for re-election. Nominations will be received and an election conducted.

FRANK J. SORAUF
Chairman

IV. REPORT OF THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON THE CONFERENCE WITH THE PRESIDENT Reported for Information

SAMUEL KRISLOV
Chairman

V. REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON COMPUTING FACILITIES Reported for Action

It is requested that the following consensus be transmitted to the Board of Regents.

"The University Committee on Computing Facilities has reviewed in detail the plans for the Minnesota Educational Computing Consortium (MECC), the Joint Powers Agreement, and the draft of the Specific Services Agreement. We recommend cautious consideration by the Board of Regents. In our earlier report to the University Senate we recommended that if MECC existed, the University should be part of it. We recognize that political considerations continue to support this view. Our remaining caution, as academicians, stems from the following:

1. The report dated February 15, 1973, prepared by the MECC Task Force, which report is summarized by the Joint Powers Agreement, still fails to include consideration of the computing facilities and programs at UMD.
2. The MECC administrative structure is set up to support instructional and administrative computing. Concern is expressed that this might hamper certain research and public service activities of the faculty members.
3. When specific MECC Services Agreements are drawn up, it would seem desirable to have these reviewed by a faculty committee such as the Council of Computer Center Directors, which might then report to the UCCF."

EUGENE ACKERMAN
Chairman

VI. REPORT OF THE STUDENT SENATE Reported for Action

Tenure Revisions

The tenure document is a very complex packet of materials, delineating the methods to grant or deny tenure, but it deals only briefly with the qualifications and achievements needed to secure tenure. The criteria for obtaining continuous tenure, listed in the document under section 13.2 may be adequate, but they are not fully elaborated upon. It is unfair to ask an academic unit to meet to determine whether a candidate be approved without a policy stating what, indeed, a "qualified" professor is. The University Senate should take this opportunity to see to it that such a policy is written and included in the tenure document. Be it resolved that:

The University Senate create a task force that would draw up a policy enumerating the qualifications of a professor entitled to receive tenure at the University of Minnesota. This policy, upon endorsement of the University Senate, would be attached to section 13.2 of the tenure document and sent to the Faculty Senate for consideration. The task force would consist of 3 tenured faculty members, 3 non-tenured faculty members, 2 graduate students and 2 undergraduate students.

SANDRA SCHANFIELD
Student Senator, Education

VII. REPORT OF THE SENATE JUDICIAL COMMITTEE Reported for Information

During the past two years there have been changes in the structure and procedures of the Judicial Committee. Although the committee has been in existence since the early 1940's, few cases were brought before it in the past; most of those that were brought were mediated rather than litigated. In the past three years many more cases have been brought and most of them have been litigated.

To cope with these changes, the Judicial Committee requested and the Senate authorized an increase in members from five to "at least nine." At the present moment (March, 1973), there are 11 members, one of whom is in Duluth, another in Morris, and a third on leave.

Experience shows that each litigated case takes the equivalent of two or three weeks' full-time (40 hours) spread over a year. The panels consist of at least three and, preferably four (in case one member becomes unavailable during the year) members. Three litigated cases thus absorb 80 to 120 hours each of the time of 9 to 12 faculty members. Since the spring of 1972, the Judicial Committee has heard and settled two cases; a third case is in suspension; a fourth case is pending. Most new cases arise in the spring of the year so we do not yet know what the total 1972-73 load will be.

Other changes have been recommended for inclusion in the proposed new tenure regulations. Chief among these are the selection of committee members entirely by the faculty and the use of a paid Hearing Officer.

For the past two years, the procedures of the committee have been in constant revision, and we have never been able to meet our problems satisfactorily. We are supposed to settle disputes within the University yet meet the standards and procedures of a court. The court has the power to subpoena witnesses and material and the power to administer oaths and punish perjury. The Judicial Committee must depend upon volunteers and persuasion. As a result a public hearing is not feasible. Few people are willing to testify voluntarily and publicly against peers and superiors.

To give an example of our problems: major hearings of the Judicial Committee are now recorded on tape and then placed, along with supporting material, in the University archives. This has not been done before, so the question of who should have access to these materials did not arise. The Tenure Regulations require that the Judicial Committee treat its hearings confidentially. Who then should have access to the tapes, under what circumstances, and where should we go to get advice on this matter?

Hopefully, continued experience will enable future Judicial Committees to solve these and other problems. The Senate should be aware, however, that there are many difficult current questions.

CAROLINE B. ROSE
Chairwoman

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

PROPOSALS OF THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND RULES ON REFORM OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

IX. NEW BUSINESS

X. NECROLOGY

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