

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES

The third meeting of the Student Senate for 1990-91 was convened in 25 Law Center, Minneapolis campus, on Thursday, April 11, 1991. Coordinate campuses were linked by telephone. Aric Nissen, chair presided.

- I. Call to order
- II. Agenda—approved
- III. Reports and questions—none
- IV. Discussion of University Senate docket item: Services for the handicapped policies revision
- V. Bylaws proposal: Structure of the Student Lobbying Advisory Committee One each from student associations of Morris, Crookston, Waseca, Duluth, MSA, and GAPSA, one from St. Paul campus, a representative to the Student Advisory Council selected by the SLAC committee, the chair of the Student Senate (who chairs SLAC), and one ex officio member, the legislative director.

After a short discussion, a quorum count was requested; there was not a quorum, and the meeting was adjourned.

ABSTRACT

The Student Senate was called to order by Aric Nissen, chair, at 6:00 p.m. on April 11 in 25 Law Building, Minneapolis campus, with coordinate campuses linked by phone.

Mr. Nissen reviewed the agenda, which was then approved. He requested that no one ask for a quorum count, as the business could not then be completed, and he expressed appreciation to those who had made the effort to attend. He noted that the legislative battles were still being waged—that they had not stopped with Lobby Day. He cited a so-called “nightmare” bill that was still on the floor of the legislature. It would increase instructional costs up to 66 percent from 33 percent and raise tuition approximately 122 percent. He

urged that senators be alert to such developments. He said a phone link would keep coordinate campus student senators informed, and Twin Cities senators could be briefed in the MSA office.

Kristine Velure, in the absence of the Student Senate Consultative Committee chair, Darby Laing, reported on the committee's activities which included the University's budget proposal, recycling (in the hope of developing a University-wide policy), a search committee booklet outline procedures, and support for proposed structural changes for the Student Lobbying Advisory Committee (SLAC). She announced that students are eligible to run for the office of vice chair of the University Senate. She also reported that a very moving tape depicting the reaction of Waseca students on the anticipated closing of their campus was being made available to all campuses, and she expressed appreciation to those students for their hospitality during a recent visit to their campus.

Mr. Nissen reported that a proposed revision of the policies for services for the handicapped would appear on the next University Senate docket. Ms. Velure said the Senate Consultative Committee had gone over those changes and urged support for them.

Mr. Nissen presented the following resolution to restructure SLAC as follows: There would be nine representatives—one from each student association (Morris, Crookston, Waseca, Duluth, MSA, and GAPSA), one from the St. Paul campus, a representative to the Student Advisory Council selected by the SLAC committee, the chair of the Student Senate (who chairs SLAC), and an ex officio member, the legislative director. He hoped that SLAC would be a truly representative body that could develop a comprehensive legislative agenda. He was asked about the current makeup of the committee. He explained that it was informal, with one representative from each campus. A Morris senator was concerned that the structure would result in a preponderance of Twin Cities members.

At this point, Shawn Towle called for a quorum count. There was not a quorum and the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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