

**UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA**

**TWIN CITIES CAMPUS ASSEMBLY MINUTES**

**November 16, 1989**

The first meeting of the Twin Cities Campus Assembly for 1989-90 was convened in 25 Law Center on Thursday, November 16, 1989, at 3:15 p.m. Checking or signing the roll as present were 116 voting members of the faculty/academic professionals, 35 voting members of the student body, 2 ex officio, and 13 nonmembers. Vice Chair Michael Steffes presided.

**I. MINUTES FOR APRIL 27 AND MAY 18**

**Action (2 minutes)**

*Approved*

**II. MEETING SCHEDULE**

**Information**

Other 1989-90 meetings of the Assembly are scheduled as follows: Thursday, February 15; Thursday, April 19; and Thursday, May 17.

*Accepted*

**III. ASSEMBLY OFFICERS**

**Action (2 minutes)**

The Chairman of the Twin Cities Campus Assembly has designated the following officers for 1989-90:

Parliamentarian—Josef L. Altholz  
Abstractor and Clerk—Marilee Ward

*Approved*

**IV. COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES**

**COMMITTEES OF THE ASSEMBLY, 1989-90**

**Action (2 minutes)**

**EDUCATIONAL POLICY**—Faculty/AP: John Clark (chair), John Clausen, Jean Congdon, Robert Jones, Karen Karni, Timothy Mazzoni, Kim Munholland, Gary Nelsestuen. Students: Laura Bobick, Carol Crishen, Gary Parnes, Julie Peterson, Aron Pilhofer (winter and spring qtrs), Jennifer Wesson (fall qtr). Ex Officio: Robert Kvakik.

**INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS**—Faculty/AP: Jack Merwin (chair), Jo-Ida Hansen, Laura Koch, Ted LaBuza, Carol Pazandak, Geneva Southall, Robert Stein, Charles Williams. Civil Service: Vickie Roberts. Alumni: Steven Eriksson, Anita Macias-Howard, James Swenson. Students: Kevin Hansen, Melissa Mills, Chris Nelson. Ex Officio: Rick Bay, Elayne Donahue, Kathy O'Brien, Chris Volez.

**STUDENT BEHAVIOR**—Faculty/AP: Florence Ruhland (chair), Thomas Beaumont, Rose Brewer, Doyle Britton, Rene Dawis, L. Sunny Hansen, Jim Holte, Roger Jones, Dario Menanteau, Edward Savage, Geneva Southall, Beverly Stewart, Nobuya Tsuchida, Kent

Warren, Gloria Williams. Students: Iyad Alsamsam, Douglas Biggs, Julianne Dahlsgaard, Tamara Grunenwald, Christine Kristyniak, Terry Otremba, Earl Pahr, Aron Pilhofer, Erin Sutter, Jennifer Wesson, Ex Officio: Betty Hackett.

SUPPORT SERVICES—Faculty/AP: Larry Bowers (chair), Edward Farmer, Richard Goodrich, Dorothy Loeffler, Matthew Tirrell. Civil Service: Robert Silvagni. Students: Jack Judy, Dana Klipsch, Jeffery Topor, Carrie Rowell. Ex Officio: Nick LaFontaine, Charles Lawrence.

*Approved*

### **INFORMATION**

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES—Faculty/AP: Thomas Scott (chair), Ellen Berscheid, Mario Bognanno, George Sell, Thomas Soulen, Barbara Stuhler. Students: Adam Stenberg, 3 to be elected.

STEERING—Faculty: Warren Ibele (chair), W. Andrew Collins, Norman Kerr, Bruce Overmier, Ronald Phillips, Kathleen Price, Michael Steffes, Charlotte Striebel. Students: Karin Alexander, Steve Ebel, Eric Huang, Matt Kirkwood, Tim Wolf. Ex Officio: Burton Shapiro.

**THOMAS SCOTT**  
Chair

*Accepted*

## **V. COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES**

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE, FACULTY STEERING COMMITTEE**

#### **Action by Faculty Assembly (3 minutes)**

The Committee on Committees recommends the following to serve as the Nominating Committee to name candidates to fill, by the election process, two 1990-93 vacancies on the Faculty Assembly Steering Committee: Rutherford Aris, Larry Bowers, William Boylan, Shirley Clark, W. Phillips Shively (chair).

The Faculty Assembly Steering Committee forms the Twin Cities membership of the Senate Consultative Committee. The Nominating Committee must be ratified by the Faculty Assembly.

**THOMAS SCOTT**  
Chair

*Approved*

## **VI. INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS COMMITTEE**

### **Information (10 minutes)**

#### **A. ATHLETIC EVENTS LOCATION**

The committee chair will make a report with respect to the April 27 Assembly charge to the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee to examine the advantages and disadvantages of keeping athletics on the Twin Cities campus.

#### **B. GRADING POLICY**

The committee chair will report on the grade change policy.

**JACK C. MERWIN**  
Chair

*Accepted*

**VII. STEERING COMMITTEE**  
**ASSEMBLY STEERING COMMITTEE AUTHORITY**  
**Action (5 minutes)**

**MOTION:**

That Article III, Section 4, Assembly bylaws, be amended to insert a new Item b (and re-letter the remaining items) to the duties and responsibilities of the Assembly Steering Committee, Executive, as follows:

- b. To act on behalf of the Assembly when a decision is required prior to the next scheduled meeting of the Assembly and when a decision is required when it would not be possible to convene a special meeting of the Assembly in a timely fashion; such actions will be reported to the Assembly at its next meeting and the Assembly may then overrule the Steering Committee.

**COMMENT:**

There are times when Assembly action is required but it is not possible to convene a meeting (such as in the summer) or it is not possible to convene a meeting quickly enough. It is not clear from the present language of the bylaws whether the Steering Committee has the authority to take these actions. This amendment would formalize the authority of the Steering Committee to make such decisions on behalf of the Assembly, subject to subsequent review by the entire body.

**WARREN IBELE**  
**Chair**

*Approved, 122-0*

**VIII. STEERING COMMITTEE**  
**INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS COMMITTEE**  
**Action (5 minutes)**

**MOTION:**

That Article III, Section 3, Assembly bylaws be amended to add to the duties and responsibilities of the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee as follows:

**POLICY SETTING**

To initiate, review, and vote on all legislative matters affecting changes in pertaining to rules and regulations; policies and procedures controlling the eligibility of students for participation in intercollegiate athletics; and such other policies and procedures as it deems necessary and appropriate to govern affecting the conduct of intercollegiate athletics on the Twin Cities campus.

New section following ADMINISTRATIVE:

JUDICIAL

- a. To determine the eligibility for participation in intercollegiate athletics of student-athletes who are alleged to have violated any rules of athletic governing organizations, and to determine, within the limits permitted by those rules, the appropriate sanction if it is determined that the violation(s) occurred.
- b. To retain final authority over the determination of eligibility of a student for participation in intercollegiate athletics irrespective of the cause or locus of any dispute which casts doubt on his or her eligibility.

Add new Section c to REPORTING:

- c. To report all policy adoptions and changes to the Assembly Steering Committee.

Add new section following REPORTING:

### GENERAL

Notwithstanding any other provisions to the contrary in these bylaws, to promulgate any such policies and to take any such actions that it deems necessary and appropriate to ensure that intercollegiate athletics are conducted in a fashion suitable for the students, faculty, and staff of the University of Minnesota, for the University of Minnesota generally, and for the people of the State of Minnesota; it is to be understood that this is a plenary grant of authority subject only to review by the Faculty Assembly and to the final responsibility of the president and the regents for the governance of the University.

**WARREN IBELE**  
Chair

*Defeated, 93 to 20; 101 affirmative required*

## **IX. CALENDAR COMMITTEE**

### **ANNUAL REPORT, 1988-89**

The Calendar Committee was charged with developing the 1990-91 Twin Cities Campus calendar and dealing with two issues held over from last year.

The first of the issues dealt with a proposed change to the 1989-90 calendar at the request of Civil Service staff members. When possible in future calendars Civil Service staff would like to get one of the floating holidays in the summer. This was possible to do in the 1989-90 calendar year without affecting the existing summer session class schedule by utilizing the Friday before Labor Day in exchange for December 22, 1989. The second issue was the question of whether Extension classes are to be cancelled on precinct caucus nights, and, if so, at what time. This was easily settled by the existence of a state law which states that the University of Minnesota may not schedule an event which will take place after 6:00 p.m. on the day of a major political party precinct caucus unless permission to do so has been received from the Board of Regents (202A.19).

The controversial 1990-91 calendar raised several issues that will have a happier outcome in future calendar years when the issue of shortened spring breaks comes around again. Research was done into the actual impact of the State Fair on St. Paul campus classes and it was found that the actual number of people affected has dropped significantly over the past few years. Other options such as scheduling a more intensive, four-week second session, or moving certain classes to the Minneapolis campus have been suggested for the next time this calendar cycle appears (in seven years). The amended 1990-91 calendar which is essentially the same as the 1989-90 calendar was passed at the May Assembly meeting.

The final goal of the committee was to get further than two years ahead in calendar planning. The Assembly also passed the 1991-92 Calendar.

**JEAN A. MONTGOMERY**  
Chair

*Accepted*

## **X. PLACEMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE**

### **ANNUAL REPORT, 1988-89**

During the 1988-89 academic year the Placement Services Committee responded to inquiries from employers and the secretary of the Board of Regents.

The committee considered the cost/benefit to students of University placement policy in reference to agency and company recruiting on campus.

At its final meeting the committee developed a list of suggestions for the committee which supersedes the Placement Services Committee:

Identify a member of the new committee to serve as liaison person for the Placement Officers Operating Group. The liaison person will bring placement policy concerns to the new committee. Convener of the Operating Group is Jean Underwood in the College of Agriculture.

Support placement activities.

Support career exploration, career days, and similar activities.

Respond to policy questions regarding on-campus recruiting.

Identify placement policies in the several collegiate units to demonstrate that University placement activities are in compliance with state and federal guidelines.

Monitor University placement policy in regard to placement activities so that, in so far as possible, major elements are similar across collegiate units: eligibility for placement services, maintenance of files, handicapped accessibility, fees charged, availability of resources such as books, catalogs, on-campus interviews, mailing out of job-vacancy notices, etc.

**M. BARBARA KILLEN**  
Chair

*Accepted*

## **XI. STUDENT BEHAVIOR COMMITTEE**

### **ANNUAL REPORT, 1988-89**

Even without the weight of recent years' protestor hearings, the Campus Committee on Student Behavior (CCSB) had an especially heavy caseload in 1988-89. In total, ten full due process hearings were scheduled during the year for the committee. Eight of the cases were original complaint resolutions and two were appellate hearings, both from Housing Services. Charges against students accused of student conduct code violations included academic dishonesty, departmental regulations, disorderly conduct, required compliance, and persistent violations. Appeals were entered in response to two of the CCSB original complaint determinations. One appeal was reviewed and denied by the President's Student Behavior Review Panel and the other awaits review in the fall.

Fifteen of the faculty committee members sat hearings during the year with a few faculty members sitting two and three hearings each. Nearly all of the eleven student committee members were also active hearing participants. While there was no "typical" hearing, most hearings required minimally a commitment of 4 hours from committee members to hear the case and meet in deliberation. An early fall orientation session was held to acquaint committee members to their role and responsibilities within the University student discipline system. Serving a second year, the chair remained continuously involved in committee work throughout the year due to the number of cases handled, including efforts to reach pre-hearing resolutions and in appeals matters.

**DAVID HEIBERG**  
Chair

*Accepted*

## **XII. UNIVERSITY HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE**

### **ANNUAL REPORT, 1988-89**

The University Health Services Committee met each month between October, 1988, and June, 1989. Attendance at meetings was consistent among faculty, staff, student, civil service, and ex officio members. The student members should be commended for their continued dedication to the committee and especially for their extended involvement with the student health services fee request.

The issues reviewed and actions taken during the year include the following:

- Review, comment, and support of the altered model of care and service within the Boynton Health Service (BHS) Eye Department. The major changes of the altered model were retaining services of an ophthalmologist for medical eye problems, using an optometrist for refractions and related service, and eliminating the \$25.00 student copayment for eye care. A recommendation was made to prepare a health education brochure that describes the differences between optometry and ophthalmology and their respective contributions/role in the provision of eye care. The brochure has been developed. A review of the Eye Department services after a year under the new model was suggested.
- Discussed the impact upon BHS of premium increases and copayments required of employees if they continue health insurance with Blue Cross Aware Gold program. Group Health appeared to be a provider many employees were selecting. Discussions were held with Group Health representatives to explore the possibility of BHS becoming an affiliate of Group Health, enabling University employees who selected the Group Health insurance plan to utilize BHS as their health care provider. The board of Group Health declined to participate but periodic discussions will continue.
- Received information on the appointment of the Health Education Director, Kathleen Matthews, and the subsequent restructuring of the Health Education Department to include the chemical awareness and counseling programs and staff and the Nutritional Department.
- Reviewed, commented, advised, and supported the recommended Student Health Service proposed fee of \$56.50 with a reduction in the partial exemption. Various adjustments to the initial recommendation were made as the review process evolved. The amount of \$54.00 per student per quarter with elimination of the partial exemption was approved by the Student Fees Committee and subsequently adopted by the Board of Regents at their May 12 meeting. Some level of deficit is anticipated primarily due to the decreased revenue resulting from declining student enrollment.
- Reviewed and supported the BHS Director's recommendation to central administration that the health service fee be included as part of the total student service fee on the student's fee statement. The current policy of listing the health service fee separately is confusing to some students in that they erroneously believe this is a fee for hospitalization insurance. This misconception has major financial implications for those uninsured individuals when hospitalized. This separate listing of the fee also creates problems for international students on scholarships from their country of origin.
- Reviewed and supported the recommendation of the HIV task force that student requesting HIV testing be offered the opportunity to visit with a counselor to consider a risk assessment to determine need for the testing. If testing is completed, the results would be placed in the chart as any other routine laboratory report, rather than as a special reporting form.
- Received reports on the Center for Disease Control HIV Seroprevalence Survey Among College and University Populations. The Director, Mr. Peters, reported that the University of Minnesota will consent to participate in the anonymous HIV seroprevalence survey on residual serum or plasma, drawn for routine and medical purposes, under the condition that students are notified in the official University newspaper that the survey is ongoing. Students indicating a desire not to participate will have their decision respected.
- Reviewed and supported the plan for placing condoms in regular vending machines to increase accessibility. BHS will insure quality of product. Distribution and sales will be done by transportation and administrative services.
- Considered a request for more nutritious foods in vending machines that are accessible to evening students and staff when restaurants and cafeterias are closed. Report from Dick Otterness (Manager of Vending Services) indicated foods in vending machine are determined by sales and potential for spoilage. Use of refrigerated vending machines are costly and the expenditure is only justified if evidence exists that the food requiring refrigeration will sell.

- Given the restructuring of Senate committees that places the duties and responsibilities of the current Health Services Committee with the Student Affairs Committee of the Senate, several committee members expressed a concern that the needs of Boynton Health Service may not be met in a timely manner. Thus the following resolution was discussed and unanimously approved for consideration by the Director of the Boynton Health Service:

WHEREAS: the responsibilities of the University Health Services Committee will be assigned to the Student Affairs Committee;

WHEREAS: the new Student Affairs Committee will have responsibility for formulating and recommending to the Senate policies pertaining to all student affairs and all University-registered student organizations that are not within the control or supervision of any other committee;

WHEREAS: University Health Services Committee believes that the new committee will not be able to provide the required level of service in acting as an advisory committee to provide input on program and service management issues as currently being performed;

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Vice President for Student Development in concert with the Director of Boynton Health Service appoint a committee of users and others to act in an ongoing advisory capacity.

**BERNADINE FELDMAN**  
Chairperson

*Accepted*

### **XIII. OLD BUSINESS**

none

### **XIV. NEW BUSINESS**

**(15 minutes)**

none

### **XV. ADJOURNMENT**

## **ABSTRACT**

The November 16 meeting of the Twin Cities Campus Assembly was called to order by Vice Chair Michael Steffes, professor of laboratory medicine and pathology, at 3:15 p.m. in 25 Law Center. Minutes of the last two meetings, Assembly officers, and committee memberships for the year were approved.

*Nominating Committee.* Membership of the Steering Committee nominating committee was approved by the Faculty Assembly.

*Athletics events location.* Jack Merwin, professor of educational psychology and chair of the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee, presented a report in response to an April Assembly request to examine the advantages and disadvantages of keeping athletics on the Twin Cities campus. His committee had met with Vice President Gus Donhowe to discuss a feasibility study that is being conducted by his office. The committee was particularly concerned that academic considerations as well as financial considerations be taken into account. At the meeting a number of problems associated with going off campus were discussed: that the UM would not be the primary user and thus its scheduling would have to take into account other users; that travel time would shorten for athletes the time in class and meetings with faculty and counselors, as well as evening time for extension classes and tutoring; that daily road travel would increase the probability of accidents; that there would be reduced control over boosters, on-site donors, and fans; and that costs associated with

daily team travel would increase. He cited the tennis team which now cannot enroll in courses ending after 1:00 p.m. He said attention was given to the use of facilities built for athletic events on campus that could be used for academic events. If the two sports being considered were moved to off-campus locations, there would still be inadequate facilities for women's athletics and for eight of the non-revenue sports in men's athletics.

*Athletics grade policy change.* Mr. Merwin went on to describe a recent grade policy rule which forbids student athletes from maintaining or regaining athletic eligibility through the use of unearned grade changes; they should have available to them the opportunities available to students generally for raising or correcting assigned grades but are not entitled to special privileges based on their status as athletes. He defined an unearned grade change as one based on work not yet completed or not at the standard used normally by the instructor.

*Assembly Steering Committee authority.* Warren Ibele, professor of mechanical engineering and chair of the Steering Committee, presented a bylaws amendment to enable his committee to act on behalf of the Assembly where a decision is desired before an Assembly meeting can be held, with the understanding that such a decision would be reported at the next Assembly, at which time it could be rescinded if need be. Without further discussion the proposal was approved 122 to 0.

*Intercollegiate Athletics Committee duties.* Professor Ibele introduced a bylaws amendment which he described as a correction of an omission in the list of powers and policies to guide the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee. First, it involves the judicial function of determining the eligibility for participation in intercollegiate athletics of student athletes who are alleged violators of any rules governing athletic organizations, and it would retain to the committee the final authority of the determination of eligibility to participate. Second, the committee would report to the Assembly all policy adoptions and changes, and finally, he said, the added general statement refers to where the power resides in determining such matters as eligibility and describes the scope of the committee's powers.

Hans Weinberger, professor of mathematics, described the proposal as one more step in the wrong direction, indicating that it is foolish to pretend to manage and control something when no such thing is possible. The more committees are empowered to control athletics the more the Assembly is helping the smoke screen, he contended, maintaining that it is not the business of the Assembly and in fact the Assembly should start withdrawing in this area. Sooner or later the UM is going to have to inform other universities that athletics is not an academic matter and that the people involved are not genuine students and the faculty involved not genuine faculty. He concluded by urging defeat of the motion as a first step. Mr. Ibele replied that the objections were of a longer range nature and any decision would have to be at a different level. He said that whether the UM could choose in the future to alter the set of circumstances under which it finds itself is another issue that should be debated at another time. He described the amendments as a careful way of exercising authority that sometimes in the past may not have been authorized or been executed conscientiously or with an even hand.

Solomon Deressa, associate academic administrator, General College, suggested an amendment to call for someone or some committee to look at what had been alleged with regard to "real" faculty and students in the athletics area. Because the amendment was being proposed from the floor, the parliamentarian ruled that it must be referred to the Steering Committee for a response by the next meeting. The motion was then defeated 93 to 20, with 101 required for a bylaws amendment.

Norman Kerr, professor of genetics and cell biology and Steering Committee member, said he sensed that there were a number of people who would like to see the Weinberger-Deressa faculty-student concern investigated and the situation reformed if necessary for only a small number of teams. He was confident that the President shared the concern and wondered whether there was some appropriate way to direct Assembly committees to investigate. He called it an opportunity to stand behind the President and help him reform the situation or else tell him that the Assembly wants to get out of the business.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

**MARILEE WARD**  
**Abstractor**