

Minutes\*

**Joint Meeting  
Faculty Consultative Committee  
Senate Committee on Finance and Planning  
Monday, August 3, 1998  
9:00 - 11:00  
Room 238 Morrill Hall**

- Present: (FCC) Sara Evans (chair), Kent Bales, Carole Bland, Linda Brady, Gary Gardner, David Hamilton, M. Janice Hogan, Laura Coffin Koch, Marvin Marshak, Fred Morrison, V. Rama Murthy
- Present: (SCFP) Fred Morrison (chair), Jean Bauer, Catherine French, Gerald Klement, Terrence O'Connor, J. Peter Zetterberg
- Absent: none for a summer meeting
- Guests: Executive Vice President Robert Bruininks; Vice President Carol Carrier; John Dahler (Campus Club Executive Committee); Donna Peterson (Director of State Relations); President Mark Yudof
- Other: Thomas Cook (Office of the Provost); Martha Kvanbeck (University Senate)

[In these minutes: The biennial request, the capital campaign, the Campus Club, health care, institutional governance, community relations, misc.]

Professor Evans convened the meeting at 9:00, welcomed Drs. Bruininks and Yudof, and called for a round of introductions. By agreement with the Committee and its guests, the minutes for the meeting were to be a brief summary only.

**1. The Biennial Request**

The outline of the request is as has been outlined to the Committees earlier; there are several faculty-administration task forces working on priorities. The major items will be compensation, technological infrastructure, freshmen seminars (along the lines of whatever advice the faculty provide), and a few other items. Campus discussion can go until about October 1; the Regents must review the request in October, approve it in November, after which it goes to the State.

**2. The Capital Campaign**

Extensive work has been done; no goal has been set, and announcement of the campaign is a year away. The focus of the campaign will be the core academic missions; the campaign should be integrated with the college compacts. Discussion of the campaign elicited suggestions for campaign foci, including

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faculty salary supplements, research leaves, summer stipends, and faculty lines. The question of where (i.e., to which units) the capital campaign funds will be directed internally was also discussed.

Committee members inquired after the compacts; they will be available in September. They are to identify short-term goals -- what the college will do in the next 1-2 years -- will be subject to iteration, and will have supporting documents. It is important that faculty see the compacts, and that the administration ensure that the colleges involve the faculty in the development of the compacts.

### **3. The Campus Club**

Negotiations with the Campus Club board are in process. Coffman Union is in the middle of the south mall renovation, and will be refurbished (the source of funds will be usage fees and other non-state funds). Part of the remodeling of Coffman will include a renovated Campus Club, and there will likely need to be continued central administrative subsidy. Various suggestions were made for increasing the volume of business in the Club.

### **4. Health Care**

The health care issue will be deferred; there is a task force at work which will likely have a report ready for the August 31 meeting of these two committees. IF the faculty conclude the Senate should urge the University to break away from the state plan, such a recommendation must be made at an October meeting of the Senate. At present, however, it may be that such a recommendation will be unnecessary. It was suggested that the committees be provided the information necessary to make an informed judgment about whether to make a recommendation (i.e., the costs and risks).

### **5. Report from the Association of Governing Boards**

Professor Evans drew to the attention of Committee members a recent draft report from the Association of Governing Boards addressing basic principles of institutional governance; it appears that the notion of "shared governance" is largely absent. This will be an agenda item at the August 31 meeting, at which time the committees will need to decide if they wish to make a statement to AGB, to the administration, or to anyone else.

### **6. Community Relations**

The Committees held an off-the-record discussion of issues raised in connection with the women's soccer stadium and relationships with groups involved in the matter.

### **7. Legal Issues**

Professor Morrison noted a recent case in Minnesota which could be interpreted to hold that there is no contract between the University and its employees, which could in turn have implications for the faculty and for tenure. He cautioned that the issue should not be blown out of proportion. The President responded that he was not in favor of eviscerating contracts, and that he, Professors Evans and Morrison, and General Counsel Mark Rotenberg would review the matter.

## **8. Retreat and Other Matters**

Professor Evans noted that the FCC will have a retreat on the Morris campus in September, at which time it will plan for the year and try to identify how FCC can have more substantive discussions about the intellectual future of the University, a subject that arises in connection with many other issues (the capital campaign, the legislative request, etc.).

Professor Bales agreed to clarify for Dr. Zetterberg the starting date for faculty appointments (August 26) once the change to semesters has been made.

A policy on a community service award is being developed.

The administration is following up on the suggestions of the SSAB on changes to the academic misconduct policy.

The overall Academic Health Center capital plan should be reviewed with an eye to getting faculty out of space that is currently being rented; it might make sense to think about redirecting the money paid for rent into bonds for capital facilities in order to bring those faculty/units back on campus.

Hearing no more business, Professor Evans adjourned the meeting at 10:45.

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