

Minutes\*

**Faculty Consultative Committee**  
**Thursday, February 3, 2000**  
**1:00 – 2:15**  
**Room 238 Morrill Hall**

Present: Fred Morrison (chair), Linda Brady, Susan Brorson, Richard Goldstein, Stephen Gudeman, David Hamilton, Roberta Humphreys, Mary Jo Kane, Leonard Kuhl, Joseph Massey, Marvin Marshak, Judith Martin, V. Rama Murthy, Paula Rabinowitz, Jeff Ratliff-Crain

Absent: Mary Dempsey, Les Drewes

Guests: Executive Vice President and Provost Robert Bruininks; Professor Kent Bales

Other: Deborah Cran, Florence Funk (Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost); Katherine Stuckert (Office of the Chief of Staff)

[In these minutes: discussion with Executive Vice President Bruininks on a variety of topics]

**1. Discussion with Executive Vice President Bruininks**

Professor Morrison convened the meeting at 1:10 and welcomed Dr. Bruininks. Professor Hamilton asked if could make "an announcement of joy" concerning the University's removal from exceptional status by NIH. He commended the work between the faculty and the administration over the last two years and thanked the administration. He said there are a lot of little things left to do, but the University should be free and clear of restrictions before September.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

"The FCC expresses its grateful appreciation for the work of the many individuals who have made today's announcement of the NIH action possible, and recognizes the intense cooperation between faculty and administration that produced it. We especially want to thank David Hamilton and Christine Maziar for their extraordinary effort."

Professor Morrison then accepted a motion to close the meeting; the motion was approved unanimously.

The Committee discussed with Dr. Bruininks the following issues:

-- The "Distance Learning Workshop" and the Midwest Higher Education Consortium. After a number of exchanges, it was agreed that Professor Morrison and Dr. Bruininks would identify faculty who were involved in distance education and would work with Professors Martin and

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Peterson, chairs of the committees on Educational Policy and Information Technology to identify a lead group to evaluate the proposal.

- Reorganization of parts of central administration (the Controller's Office and the Office of Student Development).
- Academic appointments and the report of the Working Group on Academic Appointments, chaired by Dean John Brandl. It was agreed following the discussion that Professor Morrison would work with Dr. Bruininks before the meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> to identify the next steps to be taken. It was agreed that Dean Brandl would also be consulted.
- The capital request and the political situation in the state.

Professor Morrison adjourned the meeting at 2:25.

-- Gary Engstrand

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