

Minutes*

Faculty Consultative Committee
Thursday, November 1, 2001
1:15 – 3:30
238A Morrill Hall

Present: Joseph Massey (chair), Wilbert Ahern, Muriel Bebeau, Susan Brorson, Arthur Erdman, Marti Hope Gonzales, Candace Kruttschnitt, Judith Martin, Jeff Ratliff-Crain, Charles Speaks

Absent: Les Drewes, Daniel Feeney, Richard Goldstein, Marc Jenkins, Leonard Kuhi, Marvin Marshak, Scott McConnell, Paula Rabinowitz

Guests: Executive Vice President Robert Bruininks (informally)

Other: none

[In these minutes: (1) meeting with the deans; (2) legislative liaison; (3) talk with Dr. Bruininks; (4) names for the President's Student Behavior Review Panel]

Before turning to the business of the meeting, Professor Massey circulated a letter from Executive Vice President Bruininks in which Dr. Bruininks announced his resignation from the position of Executive Vice President, effective the end of the current academic year.

1. Meeting with Deans

Professor Massey reported that he and Dean Robert Elde, chair of the Council of Deans, have agreed that a subset of FCC and a subset of the deans should meet; FCC has been given the license to identify the issues that it would like to have discussed at the meeting. The ones he suggested to Dean Elde as possibilities were these: IMG, the compact process, common goods, civic engagement, and athletics.

Following discussion, the Committee agreed on common goods and IMG, two matters that are very closely linked. If there is time and the issue seems to warrant it, they will also take up the compact process.

Professor Massey asked FCC members to review their calendars to determine if they could attend the meeting.

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2. Selection of the Legislative Liaison

Professor Massey now noted that Professor Marshak's term as faculty legislative liaison would end on December 31, so FCC would have to nominate a successor. He distributed a proposal on how the individual might be chosen.

The position will be open to all tenured faculty; those who are interested or nominated will be screened by the Senate Personnel Committee (which consists of the FCC chair and vice chair, the Senate vice chair, and the Clerk of the Senate: Professors Joseph Massey, Daniel Feeney, Marti Gonzales, and Carol Wells).

Professor Martin noted that this is a very sensitive and very important position. Almost by definition, the individual must have knowledge of the governance process and of university administration. If someone has been functioned solely as a faculty member for their entire career, he or she will not have the needed connections or extensive experience that position requires. Professor Gonzales suggested that Professor Massey note minimum and preferred qualifications on the position description.

Professor Speaks suggested that Committee members send names to Professor Massey, who in turn should persuade individuals to be considered for the position. Professor Ahern agreed that it will be important to recruit someone.

The Committee approved the process.

3. A Chat with Dr. Bruininks

Executive Vice President Bruininks joined the meeting for an informal conversation. Dr. Bruininks talked about his reasons for deciding to return to the faculty and expressed his appreciation for the collegueship shown by FCC. Committee members in turn expressed their appreciation to him for his service as Executive Vice President, said they hoped the next person in the job would bring to it the same passion that he did, and gave him a round of applause as he left.

4. President's Student Behavior Review Panel

Professor Massey reported that the Committee had been asked to nominate individuals to serve on the President's Student Behavior Review Panel. Prior to the meeting Committee members had suggested several names; it was agreed that Professor Massey would contact them about serving.

Professor Massey adjourned the meeting at 3:00.

-- Gary Engstrand