

Minutes*

Faculty Consultative Committee
Thursday, March 14, 2002
1:15 – 3:00
238A Morrill Hall

Present: Joseph Massey (chair), Muriel Bebeau, Susan Brorson, Arthur Erdman, Daniel Feeney, Richard Goldstein, Marti Hope Gonzales, Candace Kruttschnitt, Leonard Kuhl, Judith Martin, Paula Rabinowitz, Jeff Ratliff-Crain, Charles Speaks

Absent: Wilbert Ahern, Les Drewes, Marc Jenkins, Scott McConnell

Guests: none

Other: none

[In these minutes: a lot of appointments and committee matters, including eliminating two moribund provostal faculty consultative committees, faculty appointments at Crookston, faculty legislative liaison, P&A on committees, and events for new faculty]

1. Nominating Committee

Professor Massey convened the meeting at 1:20 and asked for a vote to close the meeting to discuss personnel matters. The Committee voted unanimously to close the meeting.

The first item was identifying individuals to fill vacancies on the Nominating Committee; Professor Massey agreed to contact the candidates selected by the Twin Cities members of the Committee.

2. Faculty Academic Oversight Committee for Intercollegiate Athletics

The Twin Cities members of the Committee identified individuals who would be asked to serve as chair and as members of the Faculty Academic Oversight Committee for Intercollegiate Athletics. Professor Massey agreed to call the individuals.

3. Advisory Committee on Athletics

The Twin Cities members of the Committee agreed on the names it would recommend to the President for appointment to the Advisory Committee on Athletics.

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4. Academic Health Center Faculty Consultative Committee

The Twin Cities members of the Committee, acting on behalf of the Twin Cities Faculty Assembly, approved the slate of candidates for the Academic Health Center Faculty Consultative Committee that had been prepared by the Nominating Committee. The Committee took action on behalf of the Faculty Assembly in order that the ballots could be distributed before the March 28 meeting of the Twin Cities Campus Assembly.

5. Faculty Consultative Committee

The Twin Cities members of the Committee, again acting on behalf of the Twin Cities Faculty Assembly, approved the slate of candidates for the Faculty Consultative Committee that had been prepared by the Nominating Committee, for the same reason it approved the slate for the AHC FCC.

The Committee also recommended that the ballot NOT be split, calling for votes for St. Paul candidates separate from Minneapolis candidates. The recommendation will be forwarded to the Nominating Committee.

6. Provostal Faculty Consultative Committees

The Twin Cities members of the Committee also decided that a bylaw amendment should be introduced which would eliminate the two provostal faculty consultative committees for the Arts, Sciences, and Engineering and for the professional schools. These two committees, established when the Twin Cities campus had three provosts, have not met since President Yudof took office and replaced the three provosts with the Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost. Professor Feeney asked if the decision should wait on the appointment of a new provost; Professor Martin maintained that, given one provost and not three, THIS Committee should meet with the provost, not another group or groups representing subsets of colleges.

The Academic Health Center Faculty and Student Consultative Committees, established at the same time as the other two, would be unaffected by this change and would continue to function as it has.

7. Academic Progress of Undergraduates

The Committee agreed that inasmuch as the Assembly Committee on Educational Policy had decided to send a letter to the Council of Undergraduate Deans advising them on issues surrounding adoption and implementation of a 13-credit rule for Twin Cities undergraduate students, it would not propose introducing any motion on the Twin Cities Campus Assembly docket. The majority of Committee members had concluded before the meeting that the administration had the authority to adopt such a rule pursuant to the policy adopted in 1999 calling for measures to improve graduation rates.

8. Appointments at Crookston

As a result of discussion earlier in the week at the Senate Research Committee, the Committee discussed the qualifications being required of individuals being hired at the Crookston campus. The Committee agreed it would raise questions with Executive Vice President Bruininks via a letter that Professor Massey would send him.

9. Faculty Legislative Liaison

Professor Massey announced that Professor Mary McEvoy had accepted the offer of the Committee to become the faculty legislative liaison. The Committee congratulated Professor Massey on successfully bringing the appointment process to a successful conclusion.

10. P&A Staff on Senate Committees

Professor Feeney quickly reviewed the proposal to add P&A staff to Senate committees. He noted that in some cases, eligibility for a committee will be restricted to those P&A staff also eligible for Senate membership (that is, they must have faculty-like responsibilities). In the original proposal, the committees on Educational Policy, Library, and Student Academic Integrity had this restriction; he said that the same restriction should apply as well to the Senate Research Committee. In the case of Assembly committees, the restriction should apply to the Educational Policy and Student Behavior committees.

The Committee concurred that the bylaw proposal should be amended as Professor Feeney suggested.

11. Events for New Faculty

Professor Rabinowitz reminded the Committee that three events had been scheduled to introduce new faculty to the governance system and to inquire of them what they want from the system, since those who participate in the governance system are the advocates for the faculty. She urged that Committee members try to attend.

Professor Ratliff-Crain asked if this event could also go "on the road" and be brought to the other campuses. Professor Rabinowitz said that it could, although they simply had not gotten that far in their thinking.

Professor Massey adjourned the meeting at 2:15.

-- Gary Engstrand