

Minutes

Senate Consultative Committee April 6, 1989 University of Minnesota, Morris

Present: Mark Brenner (chair), Warren Ibele, Lynnette Mullins, Jim Schoon, Burton Shapiro, Michael Steffes, Bruce Vandal (representing Carrie Simenson)

Guests: Several Morris faculty and administrators

1. Reports of the Chairs

Student Senate Consultative Committee Mr. Vandal reported that SSCC has set up its committees for next year and they have taken steps to enhance the position of chair of the Student Senate. He also reported that one of the two positions (chair and vice chair) will probably be held by a coordinate campus representative.

Senate Finance Committee Professor Ibele reported on the discussion held by the committee on the budget strategy and principles.

Faculty Consultative Committee Professor Brenner reported that the Senate meeting had been moved to April 27, that Associate Vice President Cross was asking for nominees to serve on a task force or advisory council for minority affairs and that SCC would need to provide names in early May, that FCC had recommended Professor Steffes for renomination as vice chair of the Senate, that the Committee should consider scheduling its coordinate campus visit during Fall Quarter rather than Spring, and that FCC had recommended a change in the 1990-91 calendar which would entail pushing everything back one week in order to permit a full week-long spring break. Mr. Vandal said he could not speak for the students and said he would check with them, although he did not expect any substantial opposition to the recommendation.

2. Approval of Schedules

The Committee unanimously approved the dates proposed for the Senate and Twin Cities Campus Assembly for 1989-90; it also approved the draft meeting schedule for SCC.

3. Revision of ACIA by-laws

Professor Brenner distributed copies of a minor modification in the proposed changes; the intent of all of the revisions, he said, was housekeeping; they were to clarify or add items which had been left undone with the previous amendments.

A question was asked why any review of ACIA actions were to go to the Faculty Assembly rather than the Campus Assembly; it was explained that this language paralleled that which had been adopted in the general committee restructuring last Spring, whereby all challenges to ACIA decisions were to be made to the Faculty Assembly. It was suggested that perhaps Professor Stuthman and ACIA would accept as a friendly amendment a provision for students to participate in any Faculty Assembly discussion of ACIA matters but not vote so there would be a student voice.

It was voted to place the by-law revisions on the agenda of the April 27 Twin Cities Campus Assembly meeting; the student members of the Committee abstained.

4. Morse-Alumni Teaching Awards

Professor Brenner noted that both the Senate Committee on Educational Policy and the Senate Finance Committee had approved the plan to enhance the teaching awards and said the change would provide more positive attention to faculty recognized for their teaching abilities.

With one abstention, the Committee voted to send the proposal to the Senate for approval.

5. Teaching at Morris

The student representatives from Morris raised with the Committee a question about whether or not the teaching evaluations used on the campus were actually used by the faculty. Asked whether this meant used in promotion and salary or in improvement of teaching, the students replied that it was the latter. It seems that student judgments have no effect on the quality of teaching.

The Committee adjourned at 4:00.

-- Gary Engstrand