

Minutes*

**Senate Consultative Committee
Thursday, September 6, 2001
3:30 – 4:00
Room 238A Morrill Hall**

Present: Joseph Massey (chair), Wilbert Ahern, Muriel Bebeau, Judy Berning, Susan Brorson, David Buechler, Khaled Dajani, Les Drewes, Arthur Erdman, Trevor Ewanochko, Candace Kruttschnitt, Shawn Lavelle, Kari Lindeman, Judith Martin, Matt McBlair, Ryan Osero, Paula Rabinowitz, Jeff Ratliff-Crain, Charles Speaks, Billie Wahlstrom, Matt Wohlman

Regrets: none

Absent: Ryan Brux

Guests: none

Others: none

[In these minutes: (1) Senate docket items; (2) a statement on the possible strike by state employees; (3) social event; (4) items from the Student Senate Consultative Committee]

1. Senate/Assembly Docket Items

Professor Massey convened the meeting at 3:30, called for a round of introductions, and then drew the attention of Committee members to a number of items for the September 20 docket. The Committee approved unanimously and with dispatch the following items:

- a bylaw amendment re-creating the Senate Tenure Committee as a standing committee of the (Faculty) Senate
- a Rules amendment defining the terms of office of the Clerk and the Parliamentarian
- a Rules amendment making the Academic Health Center Faculty Consultative Committee chair an ex officio member of the Faculty Consultative Committee
- an amendment to the Rules changing slightly the rules governing attendance at meetings of Senate committees (anyone missing three consecutive meetings, no matter the reason, will be considered to have vacated the seat unless a majority of the committee in question votes that the person retain membership)

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-- adopted a statement chartering its Committee on Business and Rules to set the Senate and Assembly dockets

-- Amended the Senate Rules to remove the representative of Asset Management as an ex officio member of the Committee on Faculty Affairs (at the request of Asset Management) and removing the chair of the Equal Employment Opportunity for Women Committee from ex officio membership on SCFA (because the EEOWC Committee no longer exists).

2. Statement on a Strike

Mr. Dajani reported that the Student Senate Consultative Committee, and via it the Senate Consultative Committee, had been asked if it would adopt a statement supporting state employees going on strike. Committee members discussed the proposal for some while; some Committee members expressed support for making such a statement (in support of the bargaining unit process, not what the outcome of the bargaining process should be) while others opposed it. It was agreed that Mr. Dajani would draft a statement that could be considered at the next meeting.

3. Social Event

Professor Feeney suggested that there be a social event associated with the next SCC meeting, because without it the faculty would never get to know the student members of the Committee (and vice-versa). It was agreed that there would be a social function for the first part of the next meeting and that both President Yudof and Executive Vice President Bruininks would be invited.

4. Items on the Student Senate Consultative Committee Agenda

Professor Massey asked Mr. Dajani, chair of SSCC, what issues the students were taking up this year. Mr. Dajani itemized several:

- Light rail transit, which affects students (it was suggested that SSCC meet with Ms. Morlock in Institutional Relations, who represents the University on transit issues)
- the stadium issue, on which the students want to have some say (students have a mixed view: a stadium on campus is acceptable if it does not affect tuition, cause an increase in parking costs or loss of availability, does not cause an increase in crime or in traffic, and if the Vikings pay the entire cost)
- housing
- food service (the major reason students leave the residence halls; the quality of housing is fine but "to be charged \$1000 per semester to eat crap" is unacceptable, and the meal times are horrible)

Mr. Dajani also reported that there is a meeting of Big Ten student leaders on this campus October 5-6; he said the SSCC would appreciate it if some faculty could attend.

Professor Massey thanked everyone for coming and adjourned the meeting at 4:00.

-- Gary Engstrand