

Minutes*

**Senate Consultative Committee
Thursday, September 29, 1994
12:30 - 3:00
Nolte Library**

- Present: John Adams (chair), Carl Adams, Thomas Burk, Sheila Corcoran-Perry, Love Goel, Virginia Gray, James Gremmels, Kenneth Heller, Robert Jones, Donald Ness, Harvey Peterson, Linda Pham, Michael Steffes, Rabun Taylor, Barbara Thompson
- Regrets: Gerhard Weiss
- Absent: Lester Drewes, Roberta Humphreys, Derek Jensen, Geoffrey Maruyama, Jason Mork, Chad Reichwald, Tim Stanislawski
- Guests: none
- Others: Bob Rahm (MSA Advisor; Student Affairs)

[In these minutes: Grievance Advisory Committee chair; academic freedom policy]

1. Welcome and Introductions

Professor Adams convened the meeting at 12:30 and called for members of the Committee to introduce themselves. He noted that Mr. Goel will no longer serve on the Committee and expressed thanks for Mr. Goel's active service in the last year. He asked Mr. Goel to itemize those issues that he believed, from a student perspective, should be thought about and that the faculty should know about.

Mr. Goel reported that the issues discussed at the students' meeting earlier included governance structures that are being proposed and the reorganization of central administration, resource reallocation and its affect on students, the need to contact legislators about support for the University. Other issues included: a lack of resources to challenge administrative decisions and a failure to be provided accurate information and straight answers; the lack of connection between issues discussed at governance meetings and the decisions made by administrators.

Mr. Goel introduced the new offices of the Student Senate Consultative Committee: Mr. Taylor will be chair and Mr. Ness will be vice chair. Mr. Taylor said he looked forward to working with the faculty during this critical year.

2. Chair, Grievance Advisory Committee

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Professor Adams then reported that it is the duty of the Committee to elect the chair of the Grievance Advisory Committee. The first chair, Professor Bognanno, resigned when he was appointed Associate to the President; the second, John Imholte, resigned when appointed Acting Vice President for Student Affairs. The Committee discussed the role of the advisory committee, noting that it is to superintend the operation of the new grievance system; the individual is not actually involved in the grievance system.

On vote taken, the Committee unanimously elected Ms. Harriet Haynes as the new chair.

3. Statement on Academic Freedom

Professor Adams next asked that Committee members turn to the draft rewrite of the Regents Policy on Academic Freedom. This is a matter of profound importance for the University, present and future; it is the basic governing document about how the faculty and students do their work. He reviewed the three different statements that have been adopted by the Regents, beginning in 1938.

The Committee spent the remainder of the meeting deliberating the wording of the several clauses and phrases in the draft prepared by Professor Adams.

Following this discussion, Professor Adams agreed to prepare a revised version for consideration in the future. [It was subsequently agreed that the statement should be discussed by the Faculty Senate.]

Professor Adams then adjourned the meeting at 2:30.

-- Gary Engstrand

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