

Minutes*

Senate Consultative Committee
Thursday, May 4, 2000
2:30 – 3:00
Room 238 Morrill Hall

- Present: Fred Morrison (chair), Sabeen Altaf, Linda Brady, Susan Brorson, Mary Dempsey, Meggan Ellingboe, Stephen Gudeman, David Hamilton, Roberta Humphreys, Jed Ipsen, Leonard Kuhi, Adam Lyche, Joseph Massey, Paula Rabinowitz, Jeff Ratliff-Crain, Jason Reed
- Regrets: Amber Benning, Percy Chaby, Tim Dunn, Reid LeBeau, Judith Martin, Chaz Rice, Chris Shulstad, Mark Uszenski
- Absent: Les Drewes, Paul Enever, Mary Jo Kane, V. Rama Murthy
- Others: Maureen Smith (Institutional Relations)

[In these minutes:

1. Sesquicentennial

Professor Morrison convened the meeting at 2:40 and began by reporting that Regents' Professor Berscheid could not attend the meeting to report on the Sesquicentennial. The Sesquicentennial events start next month and there will be a lot of events. Professors Berscheid and Robert Jones will join the Committee in September and lay out the plans but in the meantime Committee members should not be surprised to see events.

2. Constitutional Amendment

Professor Morrison next drew the attention of Committee members to a proposed constitutional amendment concerning the terms of faculty and P&A staff in the Senate. At present they have three-year terms but are limited to four consecutive years of service. The amendment provides that faculty and P&A senators will be limited to two consecutive terms (or six years). The proposed amendment passed unanimously.

3. Report from the Committee on Finance and Planning

Professor Gudeman recalled that Dr. Bruininks had talked about salaries with the Faculty Consultative Committee. They are a major problem, he said, and the committees are not receiving the kind of reports they want. Salaries must be a joint effort of Finance and Planning, Faculty Affairs, and the Consultative Committee next year.

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There are other issues that the Committee has dealt with or will deal with. The costs of technology and information are getting larger and larger and the University must try to get on top of them. The reorganization of the Controller's organization has been reported on. The joint advisory subcommittee on classrooms has been appointed. The Committee will look at the biennial budget planning process as well as the capital request.

Asked what the Committee was doing about Aramark, Professor Gudeman reported that there is a reorganization going on and there will be a report to Finance and Planning in the near future. The issues have not been resolved. The relationship between the Committee and the food service task force is also in limbo, pending a reorganization.

4. Other Matters

Mr. Reed reported that on the issue of the diversity committee that had been proposed to the Senate, the students are concerned about recruitment of faculty of color and will talk with Dr. Jones in the Executive Vice President's office about the subject.

Professor Morrison said that there may be a proposal to leave the Disabilities Issues Committee standing but to enlarge the charge to the Equal Employment Opportunity for Women Committee so that it becomes a diversity committee. Professor Rabinowitz urged that the phrase "affirmative action" be included in the title of the new committee.

Professor Morrison adjourned the meeting at 3:00.

-- Gary Engstrand

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