

Minutes*

**Senate Consultative Committee
Thursday, December 2, 1999
3:30 – 4:00
Room 1 Law School**

Present: Fred Morrison (chair), Sabeen Altaf, Susan Brorson, Mary Dempsey, Meggan Ellingboe, David Hamilton, Roberta Humphreys, Jed Ipsen, Judith Martin, Joseph Massey, Jeff Ratliff-Crain, Jason Reed, Chaz Rice, Aaron Street

Absent: Linda Brady, Les Drewes, Stephen Gudeman, Mary Jo Kane, Leonard Kuhi, Reid LeBeau, V. Rama Murthy, Paula Rabinowitz, Tiffany Stedman, Kerstin Trimble, Mark Uszenski

Guests: none

Others: none

[In these minutes: athletic matters]

Professor Morrison convened the meeting following the Senate meeting and turned to the question of how to proceed with proposed bylaw amendments dealing with athletics. He distributed copies of a revised draft of the proposal, but observed that it is necessary to speak with the President about what he will support. There will need to be a conversation with him soon on this subject.

He also reported that he has spoken with some of the people associated with the governance of athletics (Professors Amram and Snyder) who have expressed the view that it would be a mistake to split governance responsibility for athletics into two committees. This is something the Committee will have to think hard about. One committee could be retained, along the lines of the existing Assembly Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics, but in his view the system is broken and needs fixing. Most institutions have structured their athletic governance in a fashion similar to what the University has had, and all have problems.

Next week there will be meetings with small groups of FCC members, one student member of SCC, and groups of coaches. The week after that, Professor Morrison said, he would like to have meetings with the team captains and small groups of students on SCC, along with one faculty member. On December 16, there will need to be a long SCC meeting, at which time it can hear from the two athletic directors and the President's Chief of Staff, and then take up the bylaws for, it is hoped, the final time. Professor Morrison said that although the bylaws themselves are a Twin

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Cities matter, the coordinate campus representatives on the Committee are welcome to attend, because some of these issues can go beyond the Twin Cities.

Professor Morrison then adjourned the meeting at 4:00.

-- Gary Engstrand

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