

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
TWIN CITIES CAMPUS ASSEMBLY
MINUTES

February 1, 1979

The second meeting of the Twin Cities Campus Assembly was convened in Nicholson Hall auditorium, Minneapolis campus, on Thursday, February 1, 1979. Checking or signing the roll as present were 101 voting members of the faculty, 26 voting members of the student body, 1 member of the Council of Academic Officers, and 21 nonmembers.

Professor Kenneth Keller presided.

The following items were considered, and action was taken as indicated.

I. MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 16, 1978
Action (5 minutes)

Approved

II. ASSEMBLY AND CAMPUS COMMITTEES, 1978-79
Action (5 minutes)

CAMPUS COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS: Ray Wakefield to replace Gilberto Lopez y Rivas, resigned.

INFORMATION:

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES: Add Mike Frey, student.

Approved

**III. REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR THE TWIN
CITIES ASSEMBLY STEERING COMMITTEE**
Action by the Faculty Assembly
(10 minutes)

MOTION:

That the Faculty Assembly approve the following slate: Robert Brasted, Marcia Eaton, Willard Hartup, and Nils Hasselmo.

INFORMATION:

The special nominating committee (approved by the Assembly Nov. 16, 1978) to fill 1979-82 faculty membership terms on the Assembly Steering Committee presents the following 4 names, from which 2 are to be elected:

ROBERT BRASTED: 1947*; Professor of Chemistry, Director, General Chemistry Program, Institute of Technology; member, University Senate, 1952-54, 1963-64, 1973-79; Senate Committee on Educational Policy, 1976-78 (Chr. 1977-78); University Committee on Summer Sessions, 1975- ; Senate Task Force on Developing & Encouraging Excellence in Teaching, Chr., 1976-78; University Committee on Biennial Request & Budget Review, SCEP liaison, 1978; Select Committee of the Senate, 1978-79.

MARCIA EATON: 1972*; Associate Professor of Philosophy, CLA; member, University Senate, 1973-74, 1975-77; University Appeals Committee for Academic Freedom & Responsibility, 1975-77(Chr. 1976-77); Board of Directors, Student Legal Services, 1976-77; CLA Educational Policy Committee, 1975-77; Director, Cross Disciplinary Studies, 1974-77; University College Review Committee, 1975-76.

WILLARD HARTUP: 1961*; Professor of Child Psychology, Director, Institute of Child Development, College of Education; member, University Senate, 1974-77; Senate Committee on Educational Policy, 1972-78 (Chr. 1973-75); University Committee on Biennial Request & Budget Review, 1975-77; Planning Council, 1976-78.

NILS HASSELMO: 1965*; Professor of Scandinavian, CLA; Graduate School — Unit Committee F (Chr.) 1971-73, Languages & Literature Policy & Review Committee 1971-73, Dean Search Committee 1972; member, University Senate, 1972-75; University Committee on Summer Sessions, 1972-75 (Chr. 1974-75); Council on Liberal Education, 1972-75; Task Force on Chicano Concerns, 1976-77.

The Assembly Steering Committee is also the Assembly Executive Committee and forms the Twin Cities membership of the Senate Consultative Committee. Additional nominations, certified as available, may be made by (1) petition of 12 voting members of the faculties, provided that the petition is in the hands of the Clerk of the Twin Cities Assembly the day before the Twin Cities Assembly meeting; (2) nominations on the floor of the Assembly. The faculty representatives of the Twin Cities Assembly shall reduce by vote the slate to twice the number to be elected.

Currently serving: George Blake, College of Agriculture
 Fred Morrison, Law School
 Richard Purple, Medical School
 Vera Schletzer, Continuing Education & Extension
 L. E. Scriven, Institute of Technology

The terms of Betty Robinett, College of Liberal Arts, and Mahmood Zaidi, College of Business Administration, expire at the end of this academic year.

DONALD RASMUSSEN, Chr.
MARIO BOGNANNO
VICTORIA COIFMAN
RAYMOND COLLIER
JOHN GANDER

Approved

*Date of initial appointment at the University.

**IV. PROPOSED CAMPUS ASSEMBLY POLICY RE
INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS
(20 minutes)**

MOTION:

That it shall be the policy of the Twin Cities Campus Assembly (TCCA), that where student violations of National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Rules are alleged, the Assembly Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics (ACIA) shall not conduct investigations or take any action, nor shall reports concerning the allegations be disseminated to Big Ten or NCAA officials or the public, until guilt or non-guilt has been established by the Campus Committee on Student Behavior (CCSB).

COMMENT:

Whereas the authority of the ACIA exists "under the authority of the Twin Cities Assembly and subject to specific limitations which may be imposed by the Twin Cities Assembly" (Rules and Operational Procedures of TCCA as revised May 26, 1977) and; Whereas the University has a responsibility to provide due process of law where the life, liberty or happiness of a student may be at stake (as is the case where eligibility for competition, scholarship money or reputation which might influence a student's professional future might be affected);

Therefore it shall be the policy, etc. (as stated above in the MOTION).

**STEVE CARLSON
Member, TCCA**

The proposed policy was referred to a special task force, to be appointed by the chairman of the Assembly, to report to Assembly at the spring meeting.

**V. PROPOSED RESOLUTION RE COURSE OUTLINES
(20 minutes)**

MOTION:

That the Twin Cities Campus Assembly require that a course outline or syllabus be provided within the first two weeks of the quarter or semester for every University of Minnesota class on the Twin Cities campus.

COMMENT:

Whereas it is the goal of the University of Minnesota to provide its students with the best possible education, and,

Whereas, although most University colleges strongly recommend that a course outline be provided for each class, in many cases this practice is not adhered to, Therefore, be it resolved, etc. (as stated above in the MOTION).

**TIMARA G. KULZER-UNDERBAKKE
Member, TCCA**

The proposed resolution was referred to the Assembly Committee on Educational Policy to report to the Assembly.

VI. SPECIAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Action by the Faculty Assembly (15 minutes)

MOTION:

That the Faculty Assembly approve the following membership of a committee to nominate candidates to fill, by the election procedure, 1979-82 faculty vacancies on the Assembly Committee on Committees: Richard Skaggs (chairman), Frank Braun, John Dahler, Madelon Gohlke, Irwin Rubenstein.

INFORMATION:

The chairman of the Assembly appoints the above slate in accordance with Assembly Bylaws. There will be 3 vacancies to fill.

Approved

VII. ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON STUDENT AFFAIRS ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

The ACSA met regularly every two weeks throughout fall, winter, and spring quarters with a full quorum. In addition to hearing two cases concerning problems of student behavior, the committee reviewed and made suggestions for the Procedures for Disciplinary Proceedings, Twin Cities campus. A major undertaking was to review and update the policies for registered student organizations. The following policies were updated:

1. Policies Governing Finances of Registered Student Organizations and Student Organization Finance Division
2. Campus Fund Raising, Sales, Raffles, and Solicitation
3. Basic Policy on Student Activities
4. Directory of Student Organizations and Student Activities Center Reporting Procedures
5. Policy on Business Enterprises
6. Antidisruption Policy
7. Policy on Human Rights/Relations
8. Regents' Policy on Registration of Student Organizations
9. Policy on Eligibility for Student Organization Activity Participation and Leadership
10. Guidelines Implementing the Open Meeting Policy for Twin Cities Campus Student Organizations
11. Guidelines for the Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages at the University of Minnesota
12. Policy on the Responsibility of Student Organizations for the Conduct of Members (Conduct Control Policy)
13. Conduct Code
14. Absence From Class for Participation in University-Approved Noncurricular Activities
15. Policies Governing Use of University Facilities by Registered Student Organizations

Due to the need for more time, the following policies were deferred:

1. Absence From Class for Participation in University-Approved Extracurricular Activities

2. Policies and Proceedings Regarding Use of Facilities by Non-University Organizations, Registered Student Organizations, and Department-Sponsored Organizations

The directors of the Student Activities Center and the Student Organization Finance Division will present annual reports to ACSA during 1978-79. In addition, ACSA will continue to provide an avenue for filing complaints and holding hearings, if warranted. Upon completion of the review of *Policies for Registered Student Organizations*, a new handbook will be published and distributed to student organizations, student personnel workers, and interested faculty members.

NATALIE GALLAGHER
Chairperson

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

None.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

(15 minutes)

Please feel free to use this agenda item to comment on a topic you believe is of general interest to the Assembly. It is not to be confused with the University Senate's "Questions to the President." This entry in the agenda may be used to raise specific issues, concerns and/or ideas of general interest. A motion is not required. In this way, the Business & Rules Committee wishes to remind the Assembly that all ideas presented to the body need not flow from a committee.

See the abstract for a summary of the discussion.

X. ADJOURNMENT

MARILEE WARD
Clerk

Appendix

ABSTRACT OF DISCUSSION

The meeting was called to order promptly at 3:15 p.m. by Kenneth Keller, professor of chemical engineering and materials science and vice chairman of the Assembly, in Nicholson Hall auditorium. The minutes of the last meeting and committee membership changes were approved.

Steering Committee Nominating Committee — Donald Rasmusson, professor of agronomy and plant genetics, who chaired a committee to nominate candidates to fill next year's vacancies on the Steering Committee, presented his committee's slate. It was approved without debate. (All Twin Cities campus faculty members will vote to elect two from the slate of four.)

Intercollegiate Athletics Policy — Steve Carlson, student, presented a proposal for a policy that would preclude the Assembly Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics from conducting investigations, taking action, or reporting allegations of student violations of National Collegiate Athletic Association rules before the Campus Committee on Student Behavior had rendered a verdict. He said the intent was to ensure due process for student athletes. Mahmood Zaidi, professor of industrial relations and chairman of the Steering Committee, indicated that his committee recommended that the chairman of the Assembly appoint a task force to study the issue and to report back to the Assembly at its spring meeting. His motion was approved.

Course Outline Policy — Timara Kulzer-Underbakke, student, proposed that it be required that a course outline or syllabus be provided within the first two weeks of all University classes. She said students had complained about lack of guidance and the relatively brief period in which they were permitted to cancel or add. Currently, no colleges require course outlines, she said, but her survey showed that about 80 percent did provide some kind of outline. Mr. Zaidi, speaking once again on behalf of the Steering Committee, moved to refer the recommendation to the Educational Policy Committee.

Marcia Pankake, assistant professor, libraries, contended that education was about ideas, and should not be complicated by the imposition of bureaucratic exercises that in time could multiply to the point where the excitement generated in the classroom would be a thing of the past. Pat Eckman, student, disagreed, saying that excitement was frequently offset by the student's disappointment that a class did not offer what was expected. He pointed out that course descriptions were inadequate and that the only other source of information about course content was other students. He felt it was not unreasonable to ask for a syllabus that would show course direction, purpose, and requirements to be made of the student.

John Turner, regents' professor of political science, wanted to know how serious the problem was and how many instances there were where a course outline was needed and not supplied. He noted the impracticality of syllabuses for seminars and other courses where he could conceive that they would be inappropriate. He cited a course in mysticism as an instance in which a syllabus would defeat the entire purpose of the course. Steve Carlson said the issue was one of organization and planning, calling an outline a "first step" in good teaching methods. Joseph Altholz, professor of history, maintained that use of a syllabus was one of a number of teaching techniques and that the Assembly should consider that becoming involved in legislating in the area of teaching would be a question of precedence. Thus, it was entirely appropriate that the matter be taken up by the Educational Policy Committee. At this point the Assembly approved the Zaidi motion.

Committee on Committees Nominating Committee — The membership of the nominating committee to fill next year's vacancies on the Committee on Committees was approved. Louis Toth, professor of chemical engineering, asked how the nominating committee was selected. Mr. Keller indicated that the president, as chairman of the Assembly, named its members. Mr. Toth felt the Assembly was giving up a lot of its power and that the Assembly should discuss the procedure. Mr. Keller reminded him that nominations were subject to the approval of the Assembly, and that additions to the slates could be made when the nominations came up for vote. Mr. Zaidi added that nominating committees seek names from as wide a range and from as many sources as possible. Peggy House, associate professor of curriculum and instruction, said it was very difficult to learn about nominating procedures and suggested that copies of the Constitution be sent to individuals when they became members of the Assembly. The clerk said she would do so.

Biennial Request, OMSSA — Mr. Carlson reported that he had just gotten news about a serious oversight in the governor's response to the University's biennial request, namely, the omission of support for the Office of Minority and Special Student Affairs. He said that the University itself had assigned it a low priority. He then moved that the Assembly request the governor to reconsider his decision. Mr. Keller announced that the Assembly would have to vote to suspend its rules to consider the proposal, since it was not on the agenda. Robert Holt, professor of political science, said the governor's message had contained a host of problems and that it would be a mistake to single out one item and ask him to restore it — if one item were to be considered, then all others should be discussed. Mr. Eckman felt that Mr. Holt was suggesting that the Assembly solve all the problems and that, if it tried to do so, the OMSSA request would be lost in the shuffle. The formal motion to consider the subject was defeated in a voice vote by what appeared to be a substantial majority.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

MARILEE WARD
Abstractor