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Senate Committee on Educational Policy
Minutes
May 9, 1986

Members Present: Susan Collison, Mary Young, Michael Root, Lawrence Goodman, Gretchen Kreuter (ex officio), Van Gooch, Marvin Mattson, Vernon Cardwell, Andrew Collins, Patricia Thomas (staff), William Hanson (chair), Brenda Ellingboe, Thomas Daniels.

Members Excused: Sheila Corcoran, Ian Maitland

Guests: June Tapp, Howard Young

Minutes: The minutes were approved as written.

Hot Line

June Tapp, Chair, Extension and Community Programs Committee, explained the Hot Line proposal and said her committee was seeking SCEP support of the proposal in principle only at this time since no dollar figures were available. She stated that how the University is perceived is a big problem for ECPC, and ECPC wanted to do something simple to solve the problem. The answer is an informational system or hot line which will provide a better public image and access to the University. A joint committee would work out the details, and boundaries and limitations would be set by the faculty. There is movement toward an 800 number at the University, and with the new phone system, this might be possible. The hot line staff would attempt to answer questions initially; if they were unable to do so, they would forward the question to the appropriate department or faculty member. Thus, the service would have both informational and referral functions.

William Hanson said there were three concerns which were not sufficiently addressed in the document: 1. cost, 2. who controls it, and 3. scope of faculty participation.

June Tapp answered that although the cost was not yet known, the committee estimates it will cost about \$50,000 per year and will be funded by the administration. She said control of the hot line would be a joint concern of the faculty and the public relations department because of its academic concern and service image problem. A new three-pronged committee, consisting of representatives from Academic Affairs, ECPC, and Information Systems, would be formed to determine the nature of faculty involvement.

William Hanson said the committee could be formed without SCEP endorsement. Vernon Cardwell stated the objectives in the proposal were laudable and moved for support of the concept and further investigation by an appropriate committee. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

Indirect Cost Recovery

The Senate Consultative Committee would like SCEP to consider a friendly amendment to the resolution on indirect cost recovery submitted to the Senate by SCEP and the Senate Research Committee. The motion, with SCC's proposed amendment underlined, would read as follows:

That Indirect Cost Recovery Funds retained by the University should be distributed as follows: 50% should be retained by central administration to support research activities, to be allocated by the graduate school and by central administration, and the remaining 50% should be distributed on a proportionate basis to the colleges that generated these funds. Should extraordinary budgetary circumstances warrant consideration of less than 50% distribution to the colleges, the consent of the Senate Finance Committee is required. In no case however will the distribution to the colleges be less than 1/3. Colleges should then allocate their share of these funds as follows: 1/3 retained by the college for centralized allocation to support research activities, 1/3 allocated on a proportionate basis to the departments that generated the funds, and 1/3 to the faculty who generated the funds, unless the proportionate share amounts to less than \$100, in which case it should revert to the department. In colleges where the faculty so votes, however, the collegiate distribution may differ from that prescribed by this formula.

It passed unanimously.

Lower Division Committee Final Report and Resolution

As William Hanson is chair of the Special Committee on Coordinating Lower-Division Education on the Twin Cities Campus, Andrew Collins acted as chair of SCEP for this portion of the meeting.

William Hanson explained that the recommendations in the report were divided into five substantive areas (curriculum, quality of teaching and learning, academic student services, creation of intellectual communities, and the role of the General College) and one recommendation concerning implementation. He stated that those recommendations which require the most striking changes will be part of the resolution.

Michael Root commended William Hanson and his committee on its excellent report. He suggested that the report have a reporting

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requirement by which the Academic Affairs office should report regularly to SCEP. Andrew Collins said he would add this to the resolution.

Michael Root also suggested that step three of the resolution, as written, did not convey the full intent of report on this issue. He suggested that additional wording, taken from page nine of the final report, be inserted to more completely convey the committee's intention. Members of SCEP agreed, and William Hanson said he would add the necessary language.

It was then moved and seconded that the resolution as amended to include the insertion in part 3 and the reporting requirement at the end be approved by SCEP. It passed unanimously.

Andrew Collins and William Hanson will make the recommended additions to the resolution.

There will be no SCEP meeting May 23. The next meeting will be Friday, May 30, 1986, 3:15 p.m., in room 624 of the Campus Club. Agenda items will include John Wallace's report on liberal education requirements and the School of Management's response to Commitment to Focus.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.



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