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SENATE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

October 1, 1987
12:00 - 3:00
626 Coffman Memorial Union

AGENDA

Approx. time

12:00-12:45 1. INTRODUCTIONS, SOCIAL LUNCH.

12:45-1:00 2. HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS.

FOR INFORMATION:

1:00-1:15 3. The administration's planning timetable and plan for public discussion. Guest: Acting Associate Provost Ed Foster.

FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION:

1:15-2:15 4. Planning Twin Cities Campus discussion of the academic planning documents. (Attached: [a] 9/23 and 9/24 Shively memos to SCC; [b] draft copy of "Preparing for the Twenty-First Century."*)

FOR ACTION:

2:15-3:00 5. Old business: Motions submitted for Fall Quarter Senate and Assembly meeting dockets. (Note: Please bring documents mailed for the 9/21 meeting.)

- A. Adjusting student memberships on Committee on Committees
- B. Twin Cities grading policy
- C. Academic professional staff membership for EOWC.

*Copies of the final report will be distributed at our meeting. FCC members received their draft copies the week of 9/21.



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Members present: Tim Allison, Sonia Arreaza, Joan Bannister, Ellen Berscheid, Mark Brenner, Charles Campbell, Shirley Clark, Steve Kohlmeyer, Bill Kukowski, Lynnette Mullins, Ronald Phillips, Kathleen Price, W. Phillips Shively (chair), Bruce Vandal, James VanAlstine, Mark Umland, Valentine Zweber.

Guests: Judy Grew (MSA president), Mark Fischenich (Minnesota Daily), June Perkins (SSCC adviser), Maureen Smith (University Relations), Gloria Williams (co-chair, EOWC), Paul Wilson (Morris Campus SSCC alternate).

Professor Shively modified the agenda sequence to accommodate members' schedules.

1. Motions submitted for the Fall Quarter Senate meeting.

A. Changing student membership on Committee on Committees from 3 Twin Cities and 4 coordinate campus to 4 Twin Cities and 2 coordinate campus (on an alternating basis). Mr. Allison argued in favor of preserving a student place for each of the coordinate campuses since coordinate campus students are eligible for membership on Senate committees. The motion will in any case appear in the docket for the Senate's consideration. Professor Shively was to inquire if Committee on Committees would accept as a friendly amendment removing the phrase "on an alternating basis," to permit more flexibility.

(Note: The request from the Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity for Women and the Committee on Committees to take steps to add two academic professional members to EOWC was an item on SCC's agenda. Professor Gloria Williams, EOWC co-chair, joined the meeting for this item. Time constraints forced postponing discussion to the October 15 meeting, at which time it was hoped Vice President Dunham could also attend to discuss possible consequences of such an effort to modify the consent decree.)

2. Housekeeping items.

The executive assistant briefly took up three matters with the members: travel arrangements for the Crookston Campus meeting, meals for all-day meetings, and the membership roster.

3. Chair's announcements to the Faculty Consultative Committee.

A. The October 15 meeting will start at 9:30 instead of 10:15.

B. Richard Purple is stepping down as faculty legislative liaison; the chair and the nominating committee will begin the search for a replacement; they invite their FCC colleagues' suggestions.

D. FCC's quarterly dinner meeting with the Regents will be November 12 at the Radisson University Hotel.

E. Committee on Committees must name a faculty representative to the Board of Student Publications to replace Pat Swan; FCC's suggestions are invited.

4. Schedule for consideration of and recommendations on Twin Cities Campus academic planning. Guest: Acting Associate Vice Provost Edward Foster.

(Note: SCC members had previously received draft copies of "Preparing for the Twenty-First Century," and received in this meeting copies of the final form of the report.)

Dr. Foster outlined the schedule as follows. Deans and the academic vice presidents will be meeting in the same period as the Assembly. By early December the Provost will make recommendations to the President both on broad issues of organization and on specific college issues and budgets. A period will follow for comment on the Provost's recommendations. The Board of Regents' January meeting is expected to include a session open for members of the public to address the Regents, President, and Provost. In February, President Keller will present his recommendations to the Board; the Regents will act on them in March.

SCC members affirmed a need for the public throughout the state -- especially people who stand to be affected by changes -- to have the opportunity to make contributions to the discussion. They suggested written comment be solicited with a deadline prior to the Provost's recommendations.

The SCC reminded Dr. Foster that it believes collegiate involvement of faculty and students is important as well as Campus Assembly involvement, because of the effects changes would have on individual academic units.

Dr. Foster left the meeting at this point and the SCC addressed the FCC's outline for Campus Assembly attention to the planning documents (9/24/87 Shively memorandum). The Steering Committee recognizes that any Assembly resolutions on planning must reach the Provost before he prepares his recommendations to the President.

Ms. Grew summarized MSA's plans to make students aware of the background before the forums, and to hold student forums. In response to her question of where any resulting MSA resolutions should be addressed, Professor Shively asked that they go to the Provost with a copy to the Assembly Steering Committee.

Ms. Arreaza reported that the Council of Graduate Students is both planning discussions of its own and integrating planning with MSA.

Further SCC/Steering Committee discussion refined topic titles, enunciated some of the sub-topics, and added as a topic the role of the professional schools.

In response to a question, Professor Shively recommended that the coordinate campuses originate discussions on those aspects of the proposals which affect them, and report their comments to the Steering Committee.

Alerting the campus. Professor Shively reported FCC's recommendation that letters go to all faculty informing them of the schedule and nature of the special Assembly meetings; FCC encourages the students to do something comparable to alert the student body. After the special meetings, the Faculty Assembly should meet and vote on any resolutions; the Student Assembly may wish to do the same.

Presiding officer. Following further discussion, the SCC/ASC reached a very clear consensus that Professor Shively should chair the special meetings.

There was an SCC consensus that the special meetings should be Campus Assembly meetings (at which a senator -- or substituting alternate -- may speak and may yield speaking time to a colleague), and that they should be held in room large enough for numerous observers and equipped with many microphones. Because the activity has to be completed in a brief span of time the Steering Committee will investigate whether the discussion series, during which no action will be taken, could be "forums" instead of "meetings," and whether the public notice timeline could then legitimately be shortened out the rules retained regarding speakers.

Discussion then addressed how best to define and contain the content of each special meeting. The Steering Committee will attempt to publish in advance of the series the agenda for all five, six, or seven special meetings.

Added SCC/ASC meeting to complete preparations. An SCC meeting was set for Thursday, October 8, from 1:00 to 3:00, in the Campus Club. In anticipation of this, the Steering Committee's chair, associate chair, and student chair will meet with the Provost or Vice Provost to review plans for the series and determine the exact deadline for submitting Assembly recommendations to the Provost.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Poppele
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