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Minutes of the Senate Facilitative Committee
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SCC Chairman Richard Purple convened the meeting of the Facilitative Committee at 10:15 a.m. in the Dale Shephard Room at the Campus Club. Present also were Virginia Fredericks, Josef Altholz, Paul Grambsch, Isabel Harris, Bob Hexter, Russ Hobbie and Jim Terwilliger.

Assembly Committees. Rick Purple summarized the contents of annual reports from three Assembly committees: Student Affairs, Intercollegiate Athletics, and Parking and Transportation. The ACIA report listed five "policies" and one "procedure" it had developed and/or approved this year. All present at this meeting agreed that a committee can formulate and recommend policy but that only the parent body, in this case the Assembly, can make policy.

The Chair announced that an extra Assembly meeting has been scheduled for May 29. Agenda items will include the Assembly Committee on Student Affairs' recommendation on restructuring the Board of Student Publication (on April 24 TCCA agenda for information, and required to be reworked into a motion) and the ACIA policy recommendations (also presented for information at April 24 TCCA meeting).

There was some speculation as to the role of the Parking and Transportation Committee in setting parking rates. In practice, the University administration sets the rates and sends them to Parking and Transportation for approval, which appears merely perfunctory.

Marilee Ward has agreed to send out next fall to all new committee chairmen a written description of their charge, procedures and limitations.

Newsletter. There was discussion on the best affordable way for Senate committees to report to the University community between Senate meetings. Several of the chairmen said they had heard nothing this year to indicate whether people read the Senate Bulletins in the Daily. Senate committees have used a page of the Daily four times to date in 1979-80, at a cost to the Senate budget of a little over \$400 per page. There was some inclination in the group to try a "Brief" type communication. To print enough copies for faculty on all campuses would cost \$125 per issue. The secretary had no figures yet on labeling and distribution. The Daily is available to everyone on the Twin Cities campus, while outstate campuses receive one copy per department. A news sheet on the order of "Brief" might be more visible to faculty, and would go to all faculty on all campuses, but not to students.

Senate meeting of May 15. The agenda does not look overly long. The Chair explained that the motion of the Reorganization Subcommittee will be for approval in principle of its proposal, with Committee on Committees and Business and Rules to formalize the changes required in the constitution and handbook and report out to the Senate for action at the winter quarter meeting in 1981.

SCEP. Jim Terwilliger reported that the studies upon which the Senate made conditional the implementation of the Outreach report are not even on the drawing boards. There will be, therefore, no results and no recommendations to report to the Senate at its fall, 1980 meeting and the timetable will have to be changed. It was the opinion of the chair that the sanctions the Senate placed on implementation last fall will be continued because SCEP's status report will indicate there are no studies and no results yet. Recommendation for such a continuation would be an action item at that fall meeting.

Terwilliger expressed his own skepticism about the one-year experiment of inloading in Summer Session. There is the appearance that the University is pretending to hold off implementation while really phasing it in. Josef Altholz noted that CLA had initiated the Summer Session inloading for its own purposes prior to the Senate's vote last fall requiring a pilot study. CLA will, he said, continue in this plan. (Summer Session is paying the CLA departments, not the individual faculty members.) Paul Grambsch reminded the group that inloading started at the University 20 years ago and has continued to occur, informally, since then. Terwilliger, while acknowledging this, reiterated the widely felt concern that generalized inloading might produce some educationally disadvantageous consequences.

Business and Rules. Altholz did not know at this time whether there would be an action item for the Senate on the Hurwicz motion requesting departmental referenda on the question of headships vs. chairships. He remarked that it is time for a follow-up inquiry to find out how many colleges have Regentially-approved constitutions as is nominally required of all colleges.

The Facilitative Committee. Virginia Fredericks asked where the Facilitative Committee exists in the Senate structure and whether it should appear in the revised constitution. In fact, it is officially nowhere. Purple recalled that upon the demise of the executive committee of the deans, it was recommended to the Senate that a steering committee be formed consisting of Senate committee chairmen. Altholz said the Facilitative Committee can be treated as an expanded subcommittee of the SCC. Purple asked if it would not be desirable to include in Facilitative also the chairmen of Tenure and certain of the Assembly committees. He gave his opinion that the SCC is so constituted that it could gradually accrue power and take over most Senate business. The Watson report implied that other Senate committees resented the SCC taking to themselves subjects that seemed appropriately the business of other committees. This complaint can pertain especially to important policy matters, such as the Access Report and other task force reports that come before the Senate for information only. Purple feels it is helpful in moving business through the Senate to have the prior support of all the Senate committees. Fredericks and Isabel Harris said they found the Facilitative Committee helpful. Grambsch said its existence made faculty governance mean something to him this year, whereas last year SCRAP worked in relative isolation.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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