

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

TWIN CITIES CAMPUS ASSEMBLY MINUTES

October 29, 1987

The first meeting of the Twin Cities Campus Assembly was convened in 25 Law Center on Thursday, October 29, 1987, at 3:15 p.m. Checking or signing the roll as present were 111 voting members of the faculty, 41 voting members of the student body, 2 ex-officio, and 12 nonmembers. Professor W. Phillips Shively presided.

I. MINUTES FOR APRIL 16 AND MAY 14

Action (2 minutes)

Approved

II. MEETING SCHEDULE

Information

1987-88 meetings of the Twin Cities Campus Assembly are scheduled as follows:

Thursday, Feb. 18

Thursday, April 14

Thursday, May 19

Accepted

III. ASSEMBLY OFFICERS

Action (2 minutes)

The Chairman of the Assembly has designated the following officers for 1987-88:

Parliamentarian—Josef L. Altholz

Abstractor and Clerk—Marilee Ward

Approved

IV. COMMITTEES OF THE ASSEMBLY, 1987-88

Action (3 minutes)

These nominations are in addition to those approved at the May 14, 1987, meeting.

CONVOCATIONS & THE ARTS Civil Service: M. Louise Shea. Students: Felice Amato, Kathleen Dielen, Anthony Hinds.

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS Faculty/AP: Sandra Flake, Carol Pazandak. Civil Service: Vickie Roberts, Elaine Will. Alumni: Steven Eriksson, Anita Macias-Howard, James Swenson. Students: Brad Carlson, Matt Evans, Kevin Hansen, Christian Nelson, Edward Seelandt.

STUDENT AFFAIRS Civil Service: Susan Treinen. Alumni: Arlene Stansfield. Students: Jay Alexander, William Massey, Khang Nguyen, Charles O'Brien, Eric Pederson, Geoff Pollack, Tracy Siegfried, Kristi Skjei, Sophie Ziegeweid.

STUDENT BEHAVIOR Faculty/AP: Doyle Britton, Vicki Coifman, Roger S. Jones, David Kittleson, Donald Kahn, Dario Menanteau, Beverly Stewart, Gertrude Strinden, Sita Tatini. Students: Ivad Alsamsam, Lori Anton, Keith Bredeson, Tracy Linn Jones, Chris Klein,

Stephanie Kravetz, Earl Pahr, Scott Pilate, Aron Pilhofer, John Scheffert, Tracy Sigfried, Liz Swanson, Amy Sweasy, Jason Talsness, Anthony Turk, Allison Vanstone, Bennett Williamson, Karen Zeff, Peter Zeller.

UNIVERSITY-ROTC RELATIONSHIPS Students: Stephen Cook.

UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION Faculty/AP: Thomas Brothen, M. Janice Hogan, Walter Johnson (Chr), Naomi Scheman, John Schneeweis, 2 to be named.

Approved

INFORMATION:

CALENDAR Faculty/AP: Caroline Czarnecki, Harlan Hansen, Robert Lambert, Jean Montgomery, William VanEssendelft (Chr). Civil Service: Roger Huss, Carol Ostrow. Students: Todd Christopherson, Angela LaSell, Kerry Uker.

COMMITTEES: Faculty/AP: Joseph Galaskiewicz, Douglas Pratt. Students: Kelly Alto, Brian Forss, Nancy Koetz.

HOUSING Faculty/AP: Evelyn Franklin, Roland Peterson (Chr), Donald Vesley. Students: Gabriel Gubash, Kristen Lemke, Eric Ostegaard, Kenneth Sortedahl, Nathan Walbert.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS Faculty/AP: Frank Braun (Chr), Vernon Cardwell, Amos Deinard, Floris King, Mary Jo Maynes. Civil Service: Jeff Schaub. Students: Leong Keat Cheah, Vivek Saxena, Linda Stukel.

PLACEMENT SERVICES Faculty/AP: Ross Azevedo, Lee Stauffer (Chr). Placement Officers: Frank Braun, Jeanne Exline, Kathleen Clinton.

STEERING Students: Sonia Arreaza, Dave Dahlgren, Steve Kohlmeyer, Bruce Vandal, Valentine Zweber.

TRANSPORTATION & PARKING Faculty/AP: Barbara Killen (Chr), Terry Roe, Lynda Young. Civil Service: Joyce Meerdink, Robert Silvagni. Students: Bruce Benke, Cindy LaVictoire, Michael Ouyang, Olayinka Sunday.

UNIVERSITY BOOKSTORES Faculty/AP: Edward Farmer (Chr), Jerry Fruin, Marty Roth. Civil Service: Susan Newman. Students: John Blood.

UNIVERSITY HEALTH SERVICES Faculty/AP: Bernadine Feldman (Chr), Mark Hochhauser, Marilyn Joseph, James Lauer, Sharon McDonald, Clark Starr. Civil Service: Judy Cox. Students: Elizabeth Hauser, James Fink.

Accepted

**V. STEERING COMMITTEE
COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES
BUSINESS & RULES COMMITTEE**

**COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES MEMBERSHIP
Action (5 minutes)**

MOTION:

To amend the Twin Cities Campus Assembly Bylaws, Article IV.1.B as follows:

“The Committee on Committees shall be composed of 6 elected faculty/academic professional members and 3 4 elected students...”

COMMENT:

The Committee on Committees is responsible for appointing or providing nominations for the memberships of 35 Senate and Assembly committees. Almost all of the student representatives on committees are from the Twin Cities campus, and the committee believes it

would greatly facilitate the appointment process if there were an additional student from the Twin Cities campus.

The Business and Rules Committee endorses this proposal.

W. PHILLIPS SHIVELY, Chr.
Steering Committee
SHEILA CORCORAN, Chr.
Committee on Committees
JOHN FOSSUM, Chr.
Business & Rules Committee

Approved, 109-0

VI. INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

SCHEDULING POLICY

Action (5 minutes)

MOTION:

That the following changes be made in the policies having to do with the scheduling of events and practices as they relate to the academic performance of student athletes: (additions are underlined; deletions are indicated)

Policies having to do with the scheduling of events and practices are the province of ACIA as they directly relate to the academic performance of student athletes. The Assembly Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics (ACIA), charged with responsibility for matters related to the scheduling of events and the academic performance of student athletes, adopts the following policy concerning scheduled time away from campus and for "home" events early in the day.

The following policies and procedures will pertain*:

I. Athletic Events

General Policy

- A. The schedule of athletic events may involve no more than six class days away from campus, including travel, during any academic quarter.
- A. ~~No schedule of competitive events for a sport, or travel to or from those events, will be approved if that schedule includes more than six school days away from campus during any one academic quarter (excluding summer session).~~
- B. Travel During Finals
- B. Athletic events that involve missed class time (defined in K.1) may not be scheduled on the first day of any quarter.
- C. Home athletic events may not be scheduled before noon on any class day during the regular academic year.
- D. Regular season athletic events and any related travel may not be scheduled ~~No schedule of regular season competitive events for a sport, or travel to or from such an event, will be approved if events or travel are scheduled during study day or finals week or any academic quarter, except that, during fall quarter only, teams may travel home on study day and may compete at home on study day and in the evening of the last day of final examinations. (The intent is to preserve one uninterrupted study day in advance of final examinations.)~~
- E. In those instances where post-season competitive events occur during study day or finals week, ACIA will consider them approved with the regular schedule of in-season competition subject to the following conditions:

1. the coach or athletes can demonstrate to the Assistant Director of Athletics for Academic Counseling Advisement that satisfactory alternative academic arrangements have been made; and
 2. participation in the event is a logical progression in that sport, leading from in-season competition to conference or regional championships to national competition; and
 3. the event is conducted under the aegis of the NCAA or the appropriate national governing body if it is not the NCAA.
- F. All other post-season competition, such as bowl games or invitational events, requires the specific approval of the ACIA. Athletic Directors will help ACIA ~~ACIA will attempt to anticipate such invitational or optional post-season competition in order to be able to discuss and decide, that ACIA may be able, at a regular meeting, to discuss and decide upon the advisability of permitting a team or individual(s) to attend. If the timing of the event, however, requires a decision before a meeting of the Committee, the Chair of ACIA or, in the absence of the Chair, the Vice Chair, the Chair of the Subcommittee on Eligibility, shall poll ACIA members by telephone, shall have authority seeking authority to approve or disapprove University representation in the event.~~
- G. All competition by varsity or junior varsity teams, or athletes on those teams, which is sanctioned or supported financially or otherwise materially by the University, must be approved in advance by ACIA in the same manner it approves regular varsity schedules. Such approval includes those instances where that competition involves teams or individuals not formally affiliated with the University, and it includes any competition which may occur at times other than during the normal academic year. On those occasions when the full Committee will not meet before the proposed competition is to occur, the Chair of ACIA ~~shall poll ACIA members by telephone, is authorized to seeking authority to approve or disapprove University representation in the event(s).~~
- H. University-sponsored athletic events during Summer Session must have prior approval of ACIA.
- I. All intra-squad events that take place off the Twin Cities campus must be approved in advance by ACIA. ("Twin Cities campus" is interpreted to include the Humphrey Metrodome.)
- J. By state law (Minnesota Statutes 1982, Sec. 202A.19), no event may be scheduled by the University that would take place after 6:00 p.m. on the day of a major political party precinct caucus, unless permission has been granted by the Board of Regents.

II. MISSED CLASS TIME

- A. ~~The Committee recognizes that practice times, class schedules of athletes, departure times, and mode of transportation all affect the amount of actual class time missed by athletes due to competitive events scheduled at other institutions. It is the judgment of the Committee, however, that a uniform standard of counting missed class time, if known to all coaches and athletes as they prepare their schedules, can be adapted to with minimal inequities among sports. Because it would be difficult, if not impossible, to use a different standard for each sport, the Committee chooses instead to adopt a uniform standard.~~
- B. ~~The rules for counting missed class time are as follows:~~
- K.1. Missed class time for athletic events scheduled away from campus is counted as follows for days on which classes are scheduled:

	Class Days Missed
a. Scheduled time of departure from campus	
8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon	1 day
12:00 noon-2:00 p.m.	1/4 day
after 2:00 p.m.	0 days

- b. Scheduled time of return to campus
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|----------------------|---------|
| 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon | 3/4 day |
| after 12:00 noon | 1 day |
2. Missed class time for home events is counted as follows:
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|----------------------|---------|
| 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon | 1 day |
| 12:00 noon-2:00 p.m. | 1/4 day |
| 12:00 noon-2:00 p.m. | 1/4 day |

In each of the foregoing, the time would be counted only if classes are scheduled that day.

III. EXCEPTION

If, because of athletic governing organization obligations, a team must be scheduled to miss more than six class days during a quarter, ACIA may permit the six day limit to be exceeded.

E. All regularly scheduled practice sessions for each sport, at which attendance of athletes is required by the coach, must be submitted to ACIA for information before the beginning of each quarter.

II. Practice

- A. Freshman and transfer students will be expected to be excused from practice to attend the academic components of University fall orientation programs.
- B. A student athlete must be excused from regularly scheduled practice, outside of the regular season of competition, if there is a class conflict that cannot be resolved.
- C. Regular or scheduled practice should not take place on study day. Students' examination schedules should be considered when scheduling practice.

III. Reporting

The Athletic Directors will report to ACIA annually, early in the fall quarter, on the number of athletes who missed study days or any part of finals weeks during the preceding year and on the academic standing and performance of those athletes.

IV. APPROVALS Schedule Approval Process and Exceptions

Following the adoption of this policy, the Committee no longer wishes to act affirmatively on every team schedule submitted. All schedules will be circulated to Committee members for information, but will be considered automatically approved following the next regularly scheduled ACIA meeting unless they exceed the six day limit on missed class time. All exceptions will require the specific approval of the Committee.

Proposed schedules of events and practice and proposed schedule changes are submitted by the Athletic Directors to the Chair of ACIA, who forwards them to the appropriate Subcommittee. The Subcommittee will approve a schedule if it meets the policy provisions. If the schedule does not meet policy provisions, the schedule will be brought to the next meeting of ACIA, which will determine whether or not to make an exception. Schedules of athletic events will be considered automatically approved following the next regularly scheduled ACIA meeting unless they violate the criteria herein stated.

Adopted by the Assembly Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics in part 11/6/80 and in part 4/1/82.

Approved by the Twin Cities Campus Assembly 4/30/82.

Revisions approved by the Assembly Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics 3/17/83.

Revisions approved by the Twin Cities Campus Assembly 5/5/83.

Revisions approved by the Assembly Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics 11/7/83.

Revisions approved by the Assembly Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics 4/30/87.

*Procedures for obtaining exceptions to policies are found in Section IV.

COMMENT:

Most of the changes in this scheduling policy are editorial and/or simplifying in nature. The policy statement is reorganized into four parts 1) rules for athletic events, 2) rules for practice times, 3) instructions to Athletic Directors for reporting missed class time or study days, and 4) ACIA procedures for schedule approvals and for exceptions.

Substantive changes/additions include Item IC, a parenthetical clarification at the end of ID, a provision for a telephone poll of ACIA members for approving post season competition in IF, similarly in IG, a telephone poll for approval of nonregular competition, Item IH and Item II, and Item IJ includes a parenthetical clarification.

The entire section on practice has been rewritten to be more specific and includes a new Item IIA.

INFORMATION:

The major emphasis of ACIA this year will be to continue implementation of the integration of the academic and athletic components of this institution (this integration was a major recommendation of the Special Task Force, May 1986). To that end, two new programs have been initiated. One is the inclusion of a faculty member in all pregame preparation and locker room and sideline activities of the football team for each home football weekend. A second is the identification of a faculty mentor for each men's basketball player and student manager. Continuing programs include an academic audit by three faculty, the head coach, and the academic counselor, and the adopt-a-sport effort by ACIA members. The committee welcomes suggestions from students, faculty, and staff on other ways to build better relationships between athletics and academics at the University of Minnesota.

DEON STUTHMAN
Chair

Approved

VII. STEERING COMMITTEE

REPORT BY THE CHAIR

(5 minutes)

Dates and topics for the special forums sponsored by the Steering Committee are as follows (all are 3:15 to 5:00 p.m.):

Nov. 3, 45 Nicholson Hall: Strengthening the Arts and Sciences; The Campus Environment

Nov. 5, 25 Law Center: The Proposed Academy of Arts and Sciences

Nov. 10, 335 Borlaug Hall: The Reorganization of Academic Units, incl. Biological Sciences

Nov. 12, 25 Law Center: Research Policy; Building and Maintaining Strong Professional Schools

Nov. 17, 45 Nicholson Hall: Academic Support Units

See abstract of the discussion.

VIII. COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

NOMINATING COMMITTEE, FACULTY STEERING COMMITTEE

Action by Faculty Assembly (2 minutes)

The Committee on Committees appoints the following as members of a Nominating Committee to name candidates to fill, by the election procedure, 1988-91 vacancies (two 3-year terms) on the Faculty Assembly Steering Committee. The Faculty Assembly Steer-

ing Committee forms the Twin Cities membership of the Senate Consultative Committee. The appointments to the nominating committee must be ratified by the Faculty Assembly: Robert Beck, Edward Griffin, Irwin Rubenstein, Mariah Snyder (Chr), David Storvick.

SHEILA CORORAN
Chair

Approved

IX. EDUCATIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE STUDENT ACADEMIC SUPPORT SERVICES COMMITTEE

GRADING POLICY Action (10 minutes)

MOTION:

That the Assembly adopt an eleven point $+/-$ grading system as the official grading system of the Twin Cities campus. The following letter grade and point assignments are proposed:

A = 4.0	C+ = 2.3
A- = 3.7	C = 2.0
B+ = 3.3	C- = 1.7
B = 3.0	D+ = 1.3
B- = 2.7	D = 1.0
	F = 0

This system should take effect as soon as Student Academic Support Services can make the appropriate changes, probably spring 1988.

COMMENT:

An extensive faculty and student survey indicated strong support for the $+/-$ grading system. Of 527 responding faculty, 71.7% favored the $+/-$ system. Of 892 responding students 56.4% favored the $+/-$ system, 33.4% favored the current system, and 10.2% stated no preference or no response. The committee feels that the $+/-$ system is more thorough and fair than the current system. Some faculty feel that grading is not as precise as the $+/-$ system would indicate. Also, the point was made that "all-A" students might find their GPA lowered.

The Assembly Committee on Educational Policy unanimously endorses the motion to establish an eleven-point $+/-$ grading system for the Twin Cities campus. The committee believes that greater specificity in grading will serve useful educational and informational purposes. In supporting the motion, ACEP commends the Student Academic Support Services Committee for determining that Twin Cities faculty members and students support the proposed system before recommending that the Assembly adopt it.

W. ANDREW COLLINS, Chr.
Educational Policy Committee
RICHARD JONES, Chr.
Student Academic Support Services Committee

A motion to suspend the rules to consider an amendment was approved, 80-40.

An amendment "to extend the scale to include A+ with the value of 4.3" was presented. A motion to refer the original motion and the proposed amendment back to the committee was defeated.

The amendment was defeated.

A motion to postpone action until the next meeting of the Twin Cities Campus Assembly was approved.

**X. STEERING COMMITTEE
BUSINESS & RULES COMMITTEE**

FACULTY ASSEMBLY SPECIAL MEETING DECEMBER 3

Action by Faculty Assembly (5 minutes)

MOTION:

To suspend the Rules for the special meeting of the Faculty Assembly and adopt special rules as follows:

a) The principal item of business shall be the resolution(s) proposed by the Steering Committee in response to Plan for Focus and the recommendations of the Provost's Advisory Task Force.

b) The 2-week time limit for placing items on the docket (Art. I, Section 3) shall be waived. When the Steering Committee has completed its report, the Clerk shall have it distributed to Senators and published in the *Daily* as soon as possible.

c) If the publication of the report occurs less than 96 hours prior to the meeting, the 48-hour time limit on written submission of amendments shall be waived. Amendments shall be submitted in writing with sufficient copies for all Senators, at any time prior to the meeting.

W. PHILLIPS SHIVELY, Chr.
Steering Committee
JOHN FOSSUM, Chr.
Business & Rules Committee

Approved

X. HOUSING COMMITTEE

ANNUAL REPORT, 1986-87

The Housing Committee held three meetings during the 1986-87 academic year. At the first two meetings held on October 20 and December 5, 1986, it was decided to pursue four issues during the year. These concerns were (1) faculty guest housing, (2) quality of off-campus housing, (3) graduate student housing, and (4) the possibility of offering a limited number of food service contracts to students without dormitory contracts. The issues raised were varied and most require the action of other committees and offices within the University community before any action may be taken as a result of the committee's recommendations.

The issue of faculty guest housing continued from the 1985-86 agenda. The committee recommended that the University further document the need for housing national and international faculty guests and visitors. Vice President Kvavik outlined the need and his support when he addressed the committee in 1985-86. It is clear to the committee that appropriate facilities should be developed to meet this need. The Director of Housing, at the suggestion of the Housing Committee, pursued a number of possible locations and funding sources. The committee now feels it does not have authority to pursue the issue beyond the point of recommending other groups take appropriate action. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the Housing Committee that faculty guest housing be an item for action by other appropriate committees and administrative offices.

Regarding the issue of quality off-campus housing, it was determined by the committee that the Housing Office is doing everything possible to assure students of a quality rental situation. Off-campus renters are given a packet and a self-check list to assist them in avoiding problem situations. It is not feasible to have an "inspection force." Therefore, it was concluded by the committee that the housing office personnel are doing everything reasonable to assist students with obtaining a quality rental situation.

The Housing Committee discussed the issue of providing graduate students with re-

served areas in dormitories. Since the question is being addressed in various dormitories, it was felt that the housing staff is sensitive to the needs of graduate students and no further action needs to be taken at this time.

Finally the question of food service for students without dormitory contracts was raised. After discussion of the issues, the committee concluded that the issue should be reviewed and given further consideration by the residence hall association.

ROLAND PETERSON
Chair

Accepted

XII. STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

ANNUAL REPORT, 1986-87

The most persistent theme for ACSA during the 1986-87 academic year was the fostering of a closer working relationship between the committee and the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs. We hope that the steps that were taken this year will be the precursors of a more substantive consultative relationship between the administration and ACSA.

In addition to its ongoing responsibilities as a policy review board for student organizations, ACSA charted four major accomplishments in 1986-87:

1. Functioned as an all-University forum for discussion of the report of the Task Force on Student Services Fees. Augmented by representatives from the coordinate campuses, ACSA summarized and discussed the most controversial features of that report and took straw votes on each of the issues. The results were communicated to the SCC and the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs. ACSA was also represented at the student retreat discussing this issue.
2. Reviewed the proposal for changes in the student wage structure and sent a letter to Vice President Wilderson outlining our concerns. We invited Susan Treinen, Director of Student Employment, to explain the proposals in more detail and to provide pertinent background information. Our letter was delivered to Vice President Wilderson on the day the wage proposal was discussed by the Regents' committee on student affairs.
3. Began discussions of the Bookstore Committee's recommendations on the use of the bookstore surplus. Our concerns about these recommendations have been forwarded to SCC for further review next year.
4. Restructured the committee to reduce its size and ease the logistical problems of committee meetings. We hope that by reducing the voting members from 25 to 17 we will have a more functional committee next year.

Other issues taken up more briefly were the reorganization of the unions and the concerns expressed by the St. Paul Student Union, the mission statement of the Office of Student Affairs, the participation of students on the committee, and a preview of possible issues for 1987-88.

LINDA ELLINGER
Chair

Accepted

XIII. OLD BUSINESS

none

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

(15 minutes)

none

XV. ADJOURNMENT

ABSTRACT

The meeting of the Twin Cities Campus Assembly was called to order at 3:15 p.m. by W. Phillips Shively, professor of political science and chair of the Steering Committee. Minutes of the spring meetings and officers were approved, as were additions to committee memberships.

Committee on Committees. The proposal to add a student to the Committee on Committees was approved without debate or dissent.

Intercollegiate Athletics. Richard Purple, professor of physiology and member of the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee, presented proposed changes in the policy for scheduling events and practices. He explained that most of them were of an editorial nature, one was a clarification, and others provided for polling members by phone in certain instances. The changes were approved without further discussion. He then went on to talk of future plans. This year the committee hoped that a new conference structure would be developed that would include a stricter policy regarding reporting to the Twin Cities Assembly. He praised the effectiveness of the student counseling program, indicating it had brought about a general improvement in the GPA's of athletes. In fact, he said, this quarter out of more than 600 varsity athletes only three were ineligible to participate in sports and those three were not in the revenue-producing areas. He said the student athletes were required to be earning credits toward a degree and that they must adhere to the grading rules with respect to GPA's—2.0 being the requirement at the University of Minnesota.

Steering Committee. W. Phillips Shively, chair, reported on the schedule and topics of the forthcoming special forums on Planning for Focus. Announcements would be sent to all Twin Cities campus faculty members. About two thirds of the time would be given over to discussion of the sub-topics and one third for open discussion, with a three-minute limit on individual participation and alternating of points of view. Twin Cities senators would be able to yield to non-senators.

Nominating Committee. Sheila Corcoran, associate professor of nursing and chair of the Committee on Committees, presented a list of faculty members to serve as a nominating committee to fill next year's Steering Committee vacancies. The names were approved.

Grading Policy. Richard Jones, professor of entomology and chair of the Student Academic Support Services Committee, moved approval of an 11-point grading system. He said the College of Liberal Arts Assembly had forwarded the recommendation to his committee. There would be no expense incurred after a one-time computer charge, he noted. Leonid Hurwicz, Regents' professor of economics, proposed addition of an A+ for superior performance; he said it would then be easier to attain a 4 average. His motion to suspend the rules in order to introduce an amendment to that effect passed. Donald Rasmusson, professor of agronomy and plant genetics, contended that changing the system would be a big mistake, that because of the prevalence of the letter grades, U of M students would be considered to be participating in an "odd-ball" system and would be at a distinct disadvantage. Bruce Vandal, Student Consultative Committee chair, moved to refer the matter back to the Student Academic Support Services Committee. He said the recent *Minnesota Daily* editorial (October 28) challenging the statement that a change was necessary and pointing out a number of drawbacks brought him to the conclusion that more information was needed. He thought the survey results that indicated a change was favored by a wide margin should not have been the only reason for the proposal. Mr. Jones maintained that the arguments put forth in the editorial were based on spurious reasoning. At this point the Vandal motion was defeated, as was the Hurwicz motion.

Erica Lepp, student, argued that the expanded system would bring about more haggling over details when grade time came and that valuable time would be wasted trying to justify grades. Richard Gordon, student, maintained that the plan seemed to be aimed at helping the D and C students, and he urged the matter be sent back to committee. Dennis Keierleber, Continuing Education counselor, defended the proposal, indicating the committee thought it important to be able to register significant differences in students' performances. Richard Sykes, professor of speech-communications, favored the new system. He said each year he saw a "passionate" number of students who had missed a B by one point; he said a more fine tuned system would be more just and result in less controversy. Warren Ibele, professor of mechanical engineering, thought it would be useful to have a grade distribution under the present system and compare it with a grade distribution under the proposed system. His concern was with those preparing to enter Graduate School. Charles Betz, student, was opposed to a change because it could be easier "to talk your way up." He said it would be useful to have examples of the experience of three or four institutions. Judy Grew, student body president, said students had had very little opportunity for discussion, and with that, Steve Boland, student, moved postponement until the next Assembly meeting, and the Assembly agreed by a wide margin.

Special Forums. Rules for the special forums of the Faculty Assembly in November on the Planning for Focus were approved almost unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

MARILEE WARD
Abstractor