

Minutes*

Faculty Consultative Committee
Thursday, October 3, 1996
12:00 - 1:30
Room 300 Morrill Hall

- Present: Sara Evans (chair pro tem), Carl Adams, Carole Bland, W. Andrew Collins, Dan Feeney, Russell Hobbie, Laura Coffin Koch, Fred Morrison, Harvey Peterson, Craig Swan, Matthew Tirrell
- Regrets: Victor Bloomfield, Gary Davis, Virginia Gray, Michael Korth, Michael Steffes
- Guests: Professor Edwin Fogelman, Senior Vice President Marvin Marshak
- Others: Professor D. Fennell Evans, Martha Kvanbeck (University Senate), Maureen Smith (University Relations)

Professor Evans, without convening a meeting, led a discussion of the tenure issue. Committee members discussed a variety of items related to tenure. The President was expected at noon, but because the Regents' closed meeting on tenure with their attorneys lasted longer than expected, he was never able to join the meeting.

The Committee agreed that there should be a short Twin Cities Campus Assembly meeting on October 16, in order to take up the new grading policy and the Twin Cities Campus Undergraduate Curriculum Committee proposal.

The Committee then discussed with Senior Vice President Marshak the tenure issue as well as a proposal to make the results of student evaluations of faculty available to students. Professor Marshak promised that any proposal would go through the normal consultative process before being acted on.

It was also suggested that one way to approach "grade inflation" would be to report the information to departments in a more usable fashion, which might include data on the distribution of grades for the same level of courses in the department and college and the distribution of grades over time.

Professor Evans then adjourned the meeting at 1:30 in order that FCC members could attend the faculty forum on tenure.

-- Gary Engstrand

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