

Minutes*

Faculty Consultative Committee
Wednesday, March 30, 2005
12:00 – 1:00
300 Morrill Hall

Present: Marvin Marshak (chair), Gary Balas, Jean Bauer, Charles Campbell, Carol Chomsky, Tom Clayton, Dan Feeney, Emily Hoover, Mary Jo Kane, Morris Kleiner, Kathleen Krichbaum, Judith Martin, Martin Sampson, John Sullivan

Absent: Gary Davis, Scott Lanyon, Fred Morrison, Jeff Ratliff-Crain

Guests: none

Other: Kathryn Stuckert (Office of the Chief of Staff)

[In these minutes: strategic planning]

Strategic Planning

Professor Marshak convened the meeting at 12:00 and began by circulating a draft statement on strategic planning. The Committee adopted the statement unanimously; it read as follows:

The Faculty Consultative Committee (FCC), the executive committee of the Faculty Senate of the University of Minnesota, endorses the necessity for ongoing change at the University, so it may thrive as one of the great research and teaching institutions of the world. We believe that the strategic positioning process—the outcome of which is not preordained—flows from the University's core academic values. It is a positive step towards improving the quality of education and outcomes for students and enhancing the University's research and outreach missions to better serve the people of Minnesota and the world.

The Board of Regents has already given the President a mandate: The University shall become one of the top three public research universities in the world within the next decade. The strategic positioning effort is the process that has been established to begin moving towards achievement of that goal. We believe these recommendations merit consideration in this context. We do not prejudge the outcome of the consultative process, which will take place during April, before the President prepares his recommendations for the May meeting of the Board of Regents.

While some faculty members have already participated directly in developing these recommendations and numerous experts have been consulted on specific questions, the time is now for broad consultation among faculty, other members of the University community, friends of the University and citizens of Minnesota. The FCC will sponsor open faculty forums at the dates and places listed below for discussion of the recommendations. University Senate

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committees and the Senate itself will also discuss the recommendations during the next few weeks. Faculty may share their individual views with FCC members by email at facviews@umn.edu. The FCC is committed to a broad and informed discussion and to a forceful presentation to the President, the Regents and members of the administration regarding the recommendations in the report. The FCC is also committed to presenting faculty perspectives in the planning processes and task forces called for in many of the recommendations.

April 4, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., Room 125 Willey Hall (West Bank)

April 5, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, Bell Museum Auditorium (East Bank)

April 6, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., Room 33 McNeal Hall (St. Paul)

April 11, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., HFA Recital Hall (Morris)

The strategic planning documents will also be discussed at University Senate meetings on April 7 and April 28.

The Committee then discussed the conduct of the faculty forums to be held the following week.

The Committee agreed there will be a Senate meeting on April 28 to discuss the strategic planning documents. The May 5 date (the originally-scheduled date of the last Senate meeting of the year) will be kept in order to accommodate other agenda items or continued discussion of strategic planning.

Professor Marshak adjourned the meeting at 12:50.

-- Gary Engstrand

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