

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

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May 15, 1986

The meeting of the Twin Cities Campus Faculty Assembly was convened in 25 Law Center on Thursday, May 15, 1986, at 3:25 p.m. Coordinate campuses were linked by phone. Checking or signing the roll as present were 105 voting members of the faculty. Vice Chair David Hamilton presided.

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I. FACULTY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

ACADEMIC CALENDAR SURVEY

(10 minutes)

INFORMATION:

This is a preliminary report of results available and summarized to date. A more detailed report is being prepared for future distribution. The results for voting on the question of system preference and preference change to the semester system are summarized in Table 1, by campus. Comparable results are summarized by academic unit, for the Twin Cities campus only, and are presented in Table 2.

Table 1
SUMMARY OF SURVEY PREFERENCE BY CAMPUS

QUESTION RESPONSE	Twin Cities		Duluth		Morris		Waseca		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<u>System Preference</u>	1,727		182		60		31		2000	
Quarter	861	49.9	69	37.9	23	38.3	22	71.0	975	48.7
Semester	613	35.5	93	51.1	30	50.0	3	9.7	739	37.0
No Preference	227	13.1	18	9.9	6	10.0	6	19.3	257	12.9
No Response	26	1.5	2	1.1	1	1.7	—	—	29	1.4
<u>Prefer Change to Semester</u>										
Yes	676	39.1	103	56.6	31	51.7	4	12.9	814	40.7
No	931	53.9	73	40.1	28	46.7	27	87.1	1059	53.0
No Response	120	6.9	6	3.3	1	1.7	—	—	127	6.3

Response: Twin Cities: 1727/2722 = 63.5% Morris: 60/84 = 71.4%
 Duluth: 45.7% Waseca: 31/51 = 60.8%

Table 2
SUMMARY FOR TWIN CITIES CAMPUS OF PREFERENCE
AND CHANGE BY ACADEMIC UNIT

Unit	Preference			Change	
	Quarter	Semester	Equal	No	Yes
	%	%	%	%	%
Academic Affairs					
Biological Sciences	78.0	16.9	5.1	79.7	20.3
Education	59.3	32.4	8.3	64.8	35.2
Liberal Arts	38.6	54.8	6.5	42.2	57.8
Continuing Education & Extension	60.0	20.0	20.0	77.8	22.2
General College	60.6	36.4	3.0	63.6	36.4
Graduate School	61.5	38.5	—	58.3	41.7
Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs	14.3	57.1	28.6	42.9	57.1
Technology	45.0	41.3	13.8	56.1	43.9
Law	7.1	78.6	14.3	8.3	91.7
Management	68.3	30.2	1.6	73.8	26.2
University College	—	—	—	—	—
Institute of Agriculture, Forestry, and Home Economics					
Agriculture	67.5	25.5	7.0	70.3	29.7
Forestry	81.8	12.1	6.1	87.9	12.1
Home Economics	61.3	32.3	6.5	67.9	32.1
Agricultural Experiment Station	33.3	44.4	22.2	33.3	66.7
Minnesota Extension Service	41.4	31.0	27.6	51.7	48.3
Health Sciences					
Dentistry	51.9	32.7	15.4	57.7	42.3
Medical School	36.5	29.1	34.3	48.2	51.8
Mortuary Science	100.0	—	—	100.0	—
Nursing	33.3	57.6	9.1	48.4	51.6
Pharmacy	57.1	42.9	—	66.7	33.3
Public Health	70.2	17.0	12.8	80.0	20.0
Veterinary Medicine	74.1	13.0	13.0	78.8	21.2
Vice President's Office					
Student Affairs	50.0	42.9	7.1	57.1	42.9
Academic Affairs	25.0	75.0	—	25.0	75.0
Other	46.3	28.4	25.4	58.9	41.1

Some Comments on Preliminary Results
(Twin Cities Campus)

1. College of appointment was significantly related to both preference and change.
2. Comparison between tenured and non-tenured faculty indicated tenured faculty were more likely to prefer the quarter system. For retaining the quarter system, 59.5% of the tenured faculty and 52.5% of the non-tenured faculty voted to retain.
3. No gender differences in preference question, but a statistically significant difference with respect to the change question. A higher percentage of females than males (47.6% vs. 40.9%) favored changes to the semester system.
4. The relationship between number of courses taught and change was also examined. One result showed that a higher percentage of faculty who taught one or more day-

school courses than faculty who did not teach during the past three quarters indicated that no change should be made (60.6% vs. 47.7%).

WILLIAM BOYLAN
Chair

Accepted

II. ADJOURNMENT

TWIN CITIES CAMPUS ASSEMBLY MINUTES

The fourth meeting of the Twin Cities Campus Assembly was convened in 25 Law Center at 3:35 p.m. Checking or signing the roll as present were 105 voting members of the faculty, 31 voting members of the student body, 2 members of the Council of Academic Officers, and 9 nonmembers.

Vice Chair David Hamilton presided.

I. COMMITTEES OF THE ASSEMBLY, 1986-87

Action (2 minutes)

CONVOCATIONS & THE ARTS Faculty/academic professionals: Robert Fisch, Eva Keuls, Marcia Pankake, Peter Rosko, Thomas Scanlan, James Serrin. Students: 3 to be named.

HONORS PROGRAMS Faculty/academic professionals: Gary Fine (chr.), John Clausen, Richard Kimpston, Donald White, 1 to be named. Students: 3 to be named.

STUDENT AFFAIRS Faculty/academic professionals: Linda Ellinger (chr.), Frances Dunning, Joan Garfield, Samuel Haroldson, Ruth Jones, Timothy Knopp, Alex Lubet, Kathleen Peterson, Leon Satran, Warren Shaffer. Alumni: 2 to be named. Students: 13 to be named.

STUDENT BEHAVIOR Faculty/academic professionals: Russell Adams (chr.), John C. Anderson, Reginald Buckner, Judith Gaston, John Goodding, Lorraine S. Hansen, David Heiberg, Robert J. Jones, Ted Kellogg, Chung-Jo Liu, Paul Teng, Gloria Wood, 4 to be named. Students: at least 10 to be named.

UNIVERSITY-ROTC RELATIONSHIPS Faculty/academic professionals: Konald Prem (chr.), Eugene Anderson, Annie Baldwin, Curtis Norenberg, Jack Oppenheimer, Richard Poppele. Students: 3 to be named.

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS Faculty/academic professionals: Mariah Snyder (chr.), John Clark, Eleanor Fenton, Allen Goldman, Jo-Ida Hansen, James Jernberg, Richard Purple, Earl Scott, Robert Stein, Deon Stuthman. Alumni: 3 to be named. Students: John Berg, Bradley Carlson, Jonathon Farber, Douglas Lahammer, Corey Smith.

Approved

INFORMATION

COMMITTEES Faculty/academic professionals: Sheila Corcoran, Edward Foster, Ruth-Ellen Joeres, Roger Stuewer, Patricia Swan, C. Arthur Williams. Students: 3 to be named.

STEERING Faculty: Ellen Berscheid, Mark Brenner, Charles Campbell, Shirley Clark, Richard Goldstein, Paul Murphy, Ronald Phillips, W. Phillips Shively. Students: 5 to be named.

CALENDAR Faculty/academic professionals: David Olson (chr.), Caroline Czarnacki, Harlan Hansen, Jean Montgomery, William Van Essendelft. Students: 3 to be named.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS Faculty/academic professionals: Jaroslav Cervenka (chr.), Frank Braun, Floris King, Mary Jo Maynes, Joseph Schwartzberg. Students: 5 to be named.

PLACEMENT SERVICES Faculty/academic professionals: Lee Stauffer (chr.), Robert Eyestone, Edward Griffin. Placement Officers: Frank Braun, Gary McGrath, Lila Moberg. Students: 3 to be named.

TRANSPORTATION & PARKING Faculty/academic professionals: Warren Loud (chr.), Barbara Killen, Philip Portoghese. Civil Service: 2 to be named. Students: 4 to be named.

Accepted

II. COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Information

At the April 17 election to fill the 3 vacancies on the Assembly Committee on Committees, Patricia Swan was elected for a 1-year term (1986-87) and Sheila Corcoran and Edward Foster were elected for 3-year terms (1986-89).

Accepted

III. STUDENT STEERING COMMITTEE

STUDENT GOVERNANCE AMENDMENT

Action (5 minutes)

MOTION:

That the Twin Cities Campus Constitution, Article II.1, regarding Assembly membership be amended by adding: "The student body president shall, if not otherwise elected, serve as an ex officio nonvoting member."

COMMENT:

The student body president is the legitimate representative of the whole student body and does not have formal input into Twin Cities campus policy-making.

TIM PRATT
Chair

Approved 107 to 0.

IV. COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES MEMBERSHIP

Action (5 minutes)

MOTION:

That the Assembly Bylaws, Article IV.1.B., regarding membership requirements for the Committee on Committees be amended by adding: "Faculty/academic professional members must have served as members of the Assembly within the last five years" after the second sentence.

COMMENT:

The Committee on Committees feels that the pool of faculty/academic professional candidates knowledgeable about and experienced in campus governance is unduly restricted by the present requirement that all nominees must be members of the Assembly in the year of their election.

SHIRLEY CLARK
Chair

Approved, 115 to 0

V. COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES AND STEERING COMMITTEE

A. CALENDAR COMMITTEE

Action (5 minutes)

MOTION:

To amend the Assembly Rules Article IV.1. as follows (underlined words are added):

1. Calendar

The Calendar Committee represents faculty, academic professional, ~~and~~ student, and civil service staff interests in the Twin Cities campus calendar and policies governing calendars.

Membership

The Calendar Committee shall be composed of 5 faculty/academic professional members, 3 students, 2 members of the civil service staff; and ex officio representation from the office of the vice president, academic affairs; Admissions and Records; Summer Session; Continuing Education and Extension. Members shall be appointed by the president.

COMMENT:

Civil Service personnel should be represented on the Calendar Committee because they are significantly affected by the decisions of that committee.

(Please see the Comment under item V of the Senate docket for background regarding this proposed membership change.)

Approved

B. INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

INFORMATION:

The Committee on Committees and the Steering Committee recommend that for the present the Assembly Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics (ACIA) continue to include two non-voting civil service members, as it has throughout the past three years on an experimental basis. Because the composition of, and perhaps the charge to, the ACIA may be altered somewhat in response to recommendations from the special Task Force on Athletics, it is premature at this time to recommend regularizing civil service representation. That question should be addressed as soon as the future shape of ACIA is determined.

Accepted

C. OTHER COMMITTEES

INFORMATION:

The Steering Committee and the Committee on Committees recommend a new experiment which will add one non-voting civil service member for a three-year trial period to the Convocation and the Arts Committee, the International Students Committee, and the Student Affairs Committee. This experiment should be evaluated in time for an Assembly decision in Spring, 1989, on whether to regularize such membership.

Accepted

DEON STUTHMAN, Chr.
Steering Committee
SHIRLEY CLARK, Chr.
Committee on Committees

VI. EDUCATIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE

GRADING POLICY

Action (15 minutes)

MOTION:

That the grade of "F," fail, be used in an A-F grading system for the Twin Cities campus, replacing the "N" in the current A-N system as soon as practical. The "F" represents performance that fails to meet basic course requirements and is unworthy of credit. The "F" would be included in calculating grade point averages as zero (0) grade points in the current four point system.

COMMENT:

The Educational Policy Committee, in support of a recommendation made by the Student Academic Support Services Committee, recommends that the Twin Cities Assembly adopt the above motion.

In its discussion of this issue the Educational Policy Committee considered a number of arguments both for and against the proposed change. In support of retaining the present grading system it was argued that the transcript should stress a student's achievement and that grading policies, so far as possible, should encourage students to broaden their selection of courses and worry less about failure. It was also argued that the University has already changed its grading policies too often and that each change introduces a measure of administrative cost and community-wide confusion that often offsets any advantages that the change may bring.

In favor of the proposed change it was argued that the N is ambiguous, since it may represent either academic failure or noncompletion of a course. Although it was recognized that the F may also be somewhat ambiguous, since it too can be assigned in either of these cases, it was argued that the clear connotation of academic failure associated with the F provides students with a strong incentive to avoid it or to seek having it changed to a more appropriate symbol (e.g., W) in those cases when it might represent mere noncompletion. Along these same lines, it was argued that under the present system the GPA is misleading. Some institutions and agencies recompute GPAs, counting Ns as 0, much to the surprise and dismay of students. It was also argued that the present system invites grade manipulation. Students who are willing and financially able to sacrifice credits can avoid the risk of an unacceptable grade and the damage it would do to their GPA by not taking the final examination or completing the course. This discriminates against students with limited financial resources.

After considering all these arguments and noting the force of those on each side, the Educational Policy Committee voted seven to three to endorse the change described in the motion stated above.

WILLIAM H. HANSON
Chair

Approved

MOTION:

That the I and N grades be amended as indicated below. (Addition is underscored; deletion has line through it.)

I—Assigned by an instructor to indicate Incomplete, in accordance with provisions announced in class at the beginning of the quarter, when in the instructor's opinion there is a reasonable expectation that the student can complete successfully the work of the course. An I that is not made up by the end of the next quarter of residence becomes an F if registered under the A-F and an N if registered under the S-N; instructors may set dates within the quarter for make-up examinations. (In the Graduate School, in master's degree programs in undergraduate colleges, and in the doctor of medicine programs, an I remains until changed by the instructor.) When an I is changed to another symbol, the I is removed from the record.

N—Assigned when the student does not earn an S or a D or higher and is not assigned an I. It stands for no credit.

COMMENT:

The two proposals are housekeeping details.

**WENDELL J. DeBOER, Chr.
Student Academic Support
Services Committee**

Accepted as a friendly amendment.

VII. HOUSING COMMITTEE

ANNUAL REPORT, 1985-86

In Fall quarter, the committee met and was provided a brief overview of the housing operation and current issues within housing. It then discussed three issues: 1) Summer conference housing and its financial/programmatic impact on school year housing; 2) Faculty/campus visitor housing with special reference to international visiting scholars; and 3) Drinking age law changes and their impact on residence hall living for Fall, 1986. Ms. Theresa Robinson, assistant director of Housing—Conferences and Operations, was a guest and made presentations on the above topics. On summer conference housing, the committee approved of Housing's more proactive position in utilizing summer residence hall space through the recruitment of additional adult and youth groups. They noted that the recent increase in revenue generated by better utilization of the facilities in summer has been used to offset inflationary room and board increases. The committee encouraged Housing staff to continue to pursue this revenue/service area in the future. On the issue of faculty/visitor housing, the committee expressed its serious concern over the problem and asked for further documents and information to be provided at our next meeting. On the issue of the drinking age law, the committee decided to postpone further discussion until such time as a final version of the law is passed by the Legislature.

In Winter quarter, the committee heard a report from the director of housing on the issue of faculty/visitor housing and the attempts that have been made over the past eighteen months to deal with this important and difficult issue. The committee decided to invite several guest speakers from Academic Affairs (International Education) and the Campus Committee on International Education to discuss this issue further. The committee hoped it could obtain enough information by late Spring quarter to bring forward a recommendation on this issue.

**CHRISTINE COOK
Chairperson**

Accepted

VIII. TRANSPORTATION & PARKING COMMITTEE

ANNUAL REPORT, 1985-86

The Transportation and Parking Committee was primarily concerned this year with two issues:

- (1) The choice of a location for a second ramp on the West Bank: We recommended that it be located on the west side of 19th Avenue South, between 3rd and 4th Street.
- (2) A review of the prospective revenues and expenditures of the Parking system over the next four or five years: we concluded that it will not be possible to cover the cost of creating necessary additional parking space unless prospective revenues are increased by raising parking rates. We recommend that rates be increased by approximately ten percent, to take effect this summer.

ED COEN
Chair

Accepted

IX. OLD BUSINESS

none

X. NEW BUSINESS

(15 minutes)

none

XI. ADJOURNMENT

ABSTRACT

The Twin Cities Campus Faculty Assembly was called to order at 3:25 p.m. by Vice Chair David Hamilton, professor of anatomy, in 25 Law Building. Coordinate campuses were linked by phone in the interests of informing them of the results of the recent academic calendar survey.

Academic calendar survey. William Boylan, professor of animal science and chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee, brought to the Assembly a summary of the results of a recent academic calendar survey of faculty members on all campuses of the University. He thanked Darwin Hendel, research associate, Educational Development Program, and Marilee Ward, University Senate clerk, for their assistance. Commenting briefly on the outcome, he noted an overall participation rate of 61 percent, with about 2,000 responding. Forty-nine percent preferred the quarter system and 37 percent, the semester; 53 percent preferred no change, and 41 percent wanted to change. (A detailed report will appear in the minutes of the meeting on June 5, 1986.) Also shown was a summary of the Twin Cities results by academic unit and a few comments with respect to preferences by tenured and non-tenured faculty, gender, and number of courses taught.

Linda Hanson, student, asked why early-in, early-out had not been included; Mr. Boylan said he understood that at least for the present that option was not available due to the early fall dates of the Minnesota State Fair. There were no further questions and the meeting was adjourned.

The meeting of the Twin Cities Campus Assembly followed; next year's committee memberships were approved.

Student governance amendment. Tim Pratt, student, introduced for a second time a motion to add the student body president as an ex officio member to the Assembly, a quorum not being available at the last meeting. The vote at this meeting was sufficient to meet the requirement of at least 92 votes at two successive meetings.

Committee on Committees membership. Shirley Clark, professor of educational policy and chair of the committee, proposed a bylaws amendment to permit faculty/academic professional candidates for her committee to have served in the Assembly within the last five years. She said the current rule limited drastically the pool of those eligible, and without further comment the motion was approved unanimously.

Calendar Committee. Deon Stuthman, professor of agronomy and chair of the Steering Committee, introduced a rules amendment to add civil service representatives to the Calendar Committee. At the same time, he recognized the efforts of C. Arthur Williams, professor, School of Management, who chaired the committee that looked into extension of civil service representation on committees of the Assembly and the Senate. His motion was approved with one dissent.

Grading policy. William Hanson, professor of philosophy and chair of the Educational Policy Committee, spoke to his committee's proposal to reintroduce the "F" grade, which would replace the "N" grade in the A-N system, and he noted the friendly amendment by Wendell DeBoer, associate professor in veterinary medicine, to include two implementing features. He said there would be no effect on the present S-N system, and the motion was approved without further discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

MARILEE WARD
Abstractor