

Minutes
Senate Committee on Educational Policy
Meeting of October 10, 1984

Members Present: Lael Gatewood, William Hanson, Gerald Kline (Chair), Robert McCollister, Lawrence Goodman, Elaine May, David Thompson, Gloria Williams, Mary Young. Ex-officio: John Wallace, Academic Affairs; Gretchen Kreuter, Secretary to SCEP; Students: Jeffrey Frey, David Lutz

Members Absent: Van Gooch (UMM); Students, Andrew Lee and Tom Lussenhop

1. The minutes of the meeting of September 26 were approved with two corrections: Lawrence Goodman's name was incorrectly omitted from the list of those present. Lael Gatewood's report is on computers, not microcomputers.
2. Lael Gatewood's Report on Computers. The report was distributed and Gatewood summarized it briefly. At the next SCEP meeting, there will be a full discussion of the report. Robert McCollister suggested that it would be desirable to rank-order the ideas. Gerald Kline noted that the President of the University had not endorsed the task force recommendation that the University of Minnesota should be a frontline computer university.
3. Discussion of Student Experience Task Force Reports. The aim here was to select items with the highest priority and for SCEP to discuss those. Among those was the proposed change from the quarter to the semester system. Professor Kline reported that he had talked with Associate Vice President Robinett, chair of the committee studying the proposed change, regarding faculty representation on the committee. She could not assure ex officio representation, or full membership, but she promised to send minutes to Kline as Chair of SCEP.

Further discussion raised questions regarding student views of the proposal (mixed, John Wallace reported), problems involved in the transition year, cost-savings probabilities, and likelihood that changeover might limit student access to courses.

Advising is another issue raised in the report, and a possible item for SCEP's consideration.

Other matters dealt with in the SETF that SCEP members expressed interest in further information and further discussion about were: the recruitment of high ability students; the recommendation regarding a "more detailed institutional manual," and the recommendations regarding the "user friendliness" of the University.

Gloria Williams recommended that SCEP concentrate upon that section of the SETF that deals with "reviewing teaching and learning" because these are SCEP prerogatives.

It was noted in discussion that the president had not endorsed the recommendation to raise admission standards nor that to reduce remedial instruction.

Gerald Kline said that he will meet with Jack Merwin, Chair of the Senate Consultative Committee, to discuss coordination of the work of the committees and will ask SCC to assign issues and topics from the Student Experience Task Force to appropriate committees.

4. Letter from Dean Fenton regarding CEE and graduate instruction. Gerald Kline asked that the secretary to SCEP send copies of the relevant correspondence to SCEP members.
5. The committee commended Michael Root and Gloria Williams for their report on teaching evaluation.
6. The committee will not meet on October 24. The next meeting will be on November 7 at 3:15 p.m. in 404 Coffman. Because Gerald Kline will be unable to attend on November 7, William Hanson was appointed chair pro-tem for that meeting.