

Minutes*

**Faculty Consultative Committee
Provostal Faculty Consultative Committee Chairs
Wednesday, December 11, 1996**

Present: Virginia Gray (chair), Carl Adams, Carole Bland, W. Andrew Collins, Gary Davis, D. Fennell Evans, Sara Evans, Judith Garrard, Russell Hobbie, Mary Jo Kane, Laura Coffin Koch, Fred Morrison, Michael Steffes, Craig Swan, Matthew Tirrell

Guests: Mark and Judy Yudof

The Faculty Consultative Committee and the chairs of the three provostal faculty consultative committees met with presidential candidate Mark Yudof and his wife Judy for an hour in Coffman Union.

The Committee and the three chairs met in the afternoon, in the Regents' Room of Morrill Hall, and issued the following statement about the candidacy of Dr. Yudof for the presidency of the University of Minnesota:

The Faculty Consultative Committee and the Provostal Faculty Consultative Committee chairs, after meeting with presidential candidate Mark Yudof, reviewing his background, and discussing his candidacy, recommend that the Board of Regents invite Dr. Yudof to succeed Nils Hasselmo as President of the University of Minnesota.

Mark Yudof has a strong academic record as a teacher and scholar, an excellent record as an administrator at an outstanding research university, and a reasoned, collaborative, and straightforward approach to decision-making that will benefit the University of Minnesota as it moves into the 21st century. We are well satisfied that Dr. Yudof carries with him the strong academic values that we believe are essential for the leadership of a major university.

We applaud Dr. Yudof's emphasis on:

- academic freedom as fundamental to a community of scholars,
- excellence in undergraduate education for the people of the State of Minnesota,
- the need for a clear articulation, to the citizens of the state, of the value of a major

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research university,

--a personal commitment to diversity, and

--a consultative and participative process of shared governance.

We view the appointment of someone of Dr. Yudof's caliber as a signal that the University of Minnesota is ready to move forward and to build on its academic quality and reputation. As representatives of the faculty, we look forward to working with Dr. Yudof as he leads that effort.

Professor Gray adjourned the morning interview at 9:45 and the afternoon meeting to discuss the Committee's views at 2:00.

-- Gary Engstrand

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