

ECCA minutes Sept 18,2001

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE CAMPUS ASSEMBLY September 18, 2001

3:15 p.m., Regents Room

PRESENT: Travis Amiot, Kari Amstutz, Steve Castleberry, Donna Dahlvang, Barbara Elliott, Barry James, Kathryn A. Martin, Helen Rallis, Carolyn Zanko

EXCUSED: Tim Roufs, Justin Rubin

ABSENT: Allison Rhody

CALL TO ORDER

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order at 3:15 p.m. by Chair Steve Castleberry. Committee members began by introducing themselves and identifying the campus unit that they represented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion for approval of the May 1, 2001, meeting was seconded and approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Carolyn Zanko will be the ECCA representative to the Campus Athletic Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Steve Castleberry asked the committee members for ideas on agenda items for future meetings. Items suggested include the following, some of the topics being for the committee's information only and others requiring further discussion:

Enrollment: Will increased numbers of students on campus affect admission policies? The chancellor discussed UMD's open admission policy and said there are no plans to change it. The goal is a freshman class of approximately 2,100, and the approach is very systematic. This year the target enrollment was 9,400. With a new science building that number could go up to 9,600. Over 200 freshman are participants in the Best of Class scholars¹ program. Retention has also improved, due in large part to improved advising.

Housing: The goal is to house all freshman on campus that want to be housed on campus. There was a shortage of 200 beds this year, but next year 300 beds will be added. A review of all the studies suggest that freshman succeed at a higher level when they are housed together in traditional residence halls. Next in priority for on-campus housing would be returning students who have lived on campus and transfer students.

Parking: This year there have been spaces available in every lot during prime times. The bussing program has been a big factor in eliminating parking problems.

Air Conditioning: The high temperatures that we experienced last summer led to very uncomfortable conditions in a number of buildings on campus. What is the long range plan to provide air conditioning in these buildings? John King will be asked to update the committee at a future date.

Asbestos: Is this still a problem in campus buildings? Removal and containment have both been utilized, but the focus now is on containment.

Campus Assembly Meetings: The Constitution requires three meetings a year which made sense when UMD operated under a quarter system. With the semester system, only two meetings a year should be necessary. Chair Steve Castleberry will check with the parliamentarian, Jim Shearer, to see if one meeting could be eliminated this year before a change in the Constitution can occur.

Commercial Signage: The committee would like to be updated on this issue. Chancellor Martin will be appointing a task force after information is received from the Twin Cities.

Remodeling/Retrofitting space on campus: Could the committee be updated on these plans?

Honorary Degrees: Chancellor Martin would like ECCA to be more involved in the selection of degree candidates.

Campus Calendar: It would be helpful to have a schedule of key dates that departments need to know. Could a campus calendar be developed that would contain all pertinent information? Data could be sorted electronically to provide different information to faculty, department heads, students, etc.

Additional scheduling issues: In order to increase students¹ chances of getting required courses, scheduling of classes must be on a 5 days/week and 9-5 basis.

Academic Integrity: The committee needs to follow up on this issue as stated in the minutes of the May 1 ECCA meeting under ³Unfinished Business.²

Campus Plans: Sabra Anderson is working on the coordination of campus plans and can be asked to speak to the committee on where we are and where we are going.

UROP Requirements: When research does not involve human subjects, is it still necessary for faculty to meet the requirement of attending two 3-hr workshops?

Honors College: Chancellor Martin would like the committee to consider the concept of an Honors College on the UMD campus.

Chancellor's Report: Chancellor Martin commended the UMD community for its response to the tragic events of last week. A symposium and remembrance service were both meaningful and well-attended events.

This year the chancellor will do a great deal of traveling for fund raising and development. She would like the amount of alumni giving at this university to increase, especially for scholarship funds. Currently 8 percent of alumni donate to UMD.

Chancellor Martin is looking forward to the legislative session and expects broad support for the new science building. When UMD honored Senator Sam Solon recently, there were 36 members of the legislature on campus for that event.

Twenty-eight students left yesterday to take part in the Study in England program.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

The next ECCA meeting will be October 2.

Respectfully submitted,
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