



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

All University
Consultative Committee

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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Colleagues:

A decade ago at the University the Consultative Committee communicated with the faculty through a newsletter and held regular forum meetings on various issues. Today with an expanded faculty, the new student constituency of the committee and the faster pace of events, we have fewer lines of communication. Perhaps the effort is futile but we have resolved this year to continue our efforts to improve governance, and therefore, to attempt to inform you of our activities.

We may, therefore, issue a few newsletters of this sort this year. As Chairman of the Committee, I have "volunteered" to write the first issue. If response is favorable, and as other "volunteers" emerge, we will try to keep you abreast of our work. Sometimes in this year of multiple demands we have had trouble remembering ourselves.

Sincerely,

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I. Purpose of the Committee

1. The Consultative Committee is the faculty-student liaison to:
 - a. The President, and his designated representatives to the committee, Vice Presidents Chase and Kegler. As such it has been in continuous discussion over this year's budget problems, possible reorganization of the administration, and better senate-administration communication.
 - b. The Regents, on the question of faculty-student consultation of major administrative appointments. It is providing the bulk of the members on the Advisory Subcommittee on the Presidential Search.
2. It also functions as the steering committee of the University Senate and its constituent parts also operate as respective steering committees for the Student Senate and Faculty Senate.

As such it has:

- a. Taken leadership in gaining a new flexible amending clause for the Senate.
- b. Helped develop a "question period" in the Senate in the interest of administrative accountability.
- c. Provided an agenda for governance structures for the year.

II. Membership

1. Members of the Consultative Committee are chosen by the faculty in a campus-wide election. Student members are chosen by student senators. The current members and their terms are:

Samuel Krislov, Chairman (1971-1974)
David Lykken (1971-1974)
Theron Odlaug (1971-1974)
Mary Corcoran (1972-1975)
LaVell Henderson (1972-1975)
Robinson Abbott (1972-1975)
Paul Murphy (1973-1976)
Leon Reisman (1973-1976)
George Shapiro (1972-1974)
Peter Hames (1973-1974)
Walter Hodynsky (1973-1974)
Patricia Knight (1973-1974)
David Winegar (1973-1974)
Barbara Ann March (1973-1974)
Stephen Hunt (1973-1974)
Neil Franz (1973-1974)

Beginning this spring the chairman will be chosen by the Senate from two names submitted by the committee from among its members.

III. Its Work This Year

1. Since July 1, the Committee has:
 - a. Inaugurated Senate changes and with Senate approval will continue to do so, to make the body more representative and effective.
 - b. Met with Regents and formally appeared before the State of Minnesota Senate Rules Committee on University policy on consultantships. David Lykken, Mary Corcoran and David Winegar constitute our subcommittee on this issue and represent us at the Darley task force reconsidering such policies. (Mr. Winegar is also an appointed member of that committee.)
 - c. Set up and worked cooperatively with the Advisory Subcommittee on the Presidential Search. The Chairman of that committee, Warren Ibele, Judith Anderson, Roberta Lammers, and Patricia Swann are not members of the Consultative Committee but David Lykken, Mary Corcoran, Paul Murphy, Robinson Abbott, Barbara Ann March and Stephen Hunt are. This permits interaction without total absorption of the Consultative Committee into the search.
 - d. Established a budgetary subcommittee with Leon Reisman as chairman and LaVell Henderson and Peter Hames as members. Only the full Consultative Committee is empowered to be the community representative as provided for in the constitution. This is intended to be a working group (see also our discussion below).
 - e. Met at Duluth with Duluth faculty representatives on how to make governance more responsive to their needs.

IV. Its Possible Agenda for the Rest of the Year

1. Continuing assessment of governance and administrative structures. To this end President Moos will address the Senate in the near future. A report on Civil Service representation will have to be considered. Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed.

2. Governance and collective bargaining: should we offer our good officers for discussion forums on collective bargaining? How can we clarify the rate of governance if collective bargaining is voted?
3. The definition of good teaching. The Task Force on Teaching has been slow to get started, partly because of the putting of the proposed tenure code into cold storage under the cease and desist order. However, this task is not tied to the tenure code and can and should proceed. We expect to have a well-thought out proposal for compulsory evaluation of courses before the Senate this year.
4. A more effective role for governance in budget decisions. The Administration is currently very open and cooperative on budget suggestions. Faculty-student ideas are being thoroughly aired when voiced. But how can we use this opportunity intelligently matching capacity to access. To that end we have established the budget subcommittee led by Leon Reisman. We hope to get experienced faculty budgeteers to help raise specifics, which this subcommittee can pursue with the administrators giving the review process greater range.