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University of Minnesota, Morris  
Campus Assembly Minutes  
October 13, 1997

The Campus Assembly met on Monday, October 13, 1997 at 4 pm in the Science Auditorium.

I. Chancellor David Johnson informed the Assembly that Sara Haugen will serve as Coordinator of the Commission on Women for Fall Quarter 1997 and Mimi Frenier will serve Winter and Spring Quarters, 1998. He also reported on a press conference at which Governor Carlson pledged support for the University's \$249 million capital request.

At the October Cabinet and Regents meetings, Johnson introduced the following concepts: a) Recruiting high-quality non-resident, non-reciprocity students through lower tuition or scholarships and b) Funding staff to establish a regional economic development arm of the Center for Small Towns to bring digital technology to area businesses with international components.

Finally, Johnson mentioned the upcoming visit of Humphrey Doermann, to be awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree on October 15.

II. The minutes of the May 27 and June 2, 1997 were approved as distributed.

III. The following items from the Curriculum Committee were passed without discussion.

SEMESTER PROPOSALS (material dated 5/29/97)

¥ArtS 1xxx, Beginning photography

¥ArtS 1xxx, Watercolor Painting

¥ArtS 1xxx, Introductory Drawing

¥ArtS 1xxx, Ceramics I

¥ArtS 1xxx, Ceramics II

¥Mus 3xxx, Piano Pedagogy I

¥Mus 4xxx, Piano Pedagogy II

¥IS 1033, Growing Up American\*

¥IS 1035, Human Reproduction & Biotechnology (Tinkering)\*

\*Sam Schuman pointed out that these items were omitted on the agenda.

NON-SEMESTER MATERIAL postponed from June 2 meeting  
(dated 7/9/97)

¥IS 3100 -01-02, Peer Tutoring in College Quarter Course

¥Biol 1114, Retroactive approval for C2 effective 5/94

IV. Neil Leroux will replace Susan Bernardin on the Curriculum Committee.

V. Assembly members had no comment on the Scholastic Committee's policy presented for information concerning the bracketing of Ds.

VI. Concerning committee reduction, the Scholastic Committee recommended that the Dean continue to solicit expressions of interest from the

faculty and appoint appropriate mentors to encourage applicants for the Rhodes, Marshall, and Fulbright fellowships, as it is inappropriate to speak of a committee for this purpose.

VII. The assembly discussed the policy proposed by the Scholastic Committee limiting retakes of foreign language placement exams.

Eric Bass asked for clarification about the options of students who don't test at the 1101 level or higher. Will they be allowed to take the exam again? Jim Olson told him no, only students testing at the 1101 level or higher make take the test again (to fine-tune their placement).

Mike Korth asked why students who score at the 1101 level would need to take the test again. Shannon Hodges explained the importance of Counseling taking only a clerical role in the process, not a policy-setting one. A second exam permits fine-tuning that can weed out nervousness factors and attempts by some students to qualify for lower-level classes (which become crowded as a result) where they can more easily achieve good grades.

Margaret Kuchenreuther suggested a friendly amendment to read, "Students who place below the 1101 level may not retake the test." Nic McPhee seconded the amendment. Jim Olson opposed it, insisting that the issue is placement, not proficiency, and the statement is clear. Dian Lopez suggested simply adding the word "only" ahead of "students" at the beginning of the second paragraph. Kuchenreuther praised the simpler friendly amendment and it passed by voice vote. Jason Anderson praised the clarification for the message it would send to students that they must take responsibility for their rustiness and prepare for the exam because it's basically a one-shot deal.

The amended proposal passed by voice vote.

VIII. Concerning the proposed adjunct committee rosters, Johnson explained that Eric Klinger will serve as chair of the General Education Committee, David Wuolu will serve on the Honors Committee due to the small size of the Education Division, and Clare Strand will serve on the General Education Committee instead of Ron Kubik because of constitutional regulations requiring that position to be filled by a Registrar's Office employee.

Bert Ahern wondered if a change to the by-laws might be appropriate to correct the problem of the limited size of the Education Division. Nic McPhee reminded the Assembly that the AFRC has not been established yet and may impact adjunct rosters.

The proposed rosters were approved by voice vote.

IX. Senator Roland Guyotte reported that the Faculty Affairs Committee is reviewing the sexual harassment policy and an intellectual property proposal is upcoming.

Rebecca Webb

