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UMM CAMPUS ASSEMBLY
Minutes
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I. Provost Imholte presided over the Assembly. The following three items were offered for information:

A. For information---committee changes

Ad Hoc Committee on Minority Students: add Mike Harris
Financial Aids Committee: substitute Kathy Posivio for Gerald Schwandt

B. For information---proposed Amendment to By-Laws from MCUB

The Morris Campus Union Board recommends an amendment to the By-Laws of the UMM Campus Constitution. The recommendation is to replace Article I, Section 12A with the proposed amendment. At present Article I, Section 12A reads as follows:

The Morris Campus Union Board shall consist of eleven members, including one faculty member from each of the four Divisions, five students, one civil service member, and a representative from the Office of Student Activities who shall serve as an ex officio member without vote. A quorum shall consist of six voting members.

The proposed amendment reads as follows:

The Morris Campus Union Board shall consist of twelve members, including one student chairman, one faculty member from each of the four Divisions, five students, one civil service member, and a representative from the Office of Student Activities who shall serve as an ex officio member without vote. A quorum shall consist of six voting members.

In essence, the amendment proposes an additional student member on the committee and that a student shall hold the position of chairman of the committee. The reasons for seeking the proposed amendment are essentially two: (1) Over the years, a student has served as chairman of MCUB, and at present, there is a student chairman. The amendment would formalize what has and is the practice concerning the chairmanship. (2) Since MCUB has a particular obligation to meet student programming needs, it is felt that a student chairman and student majority on the committee is advisable. Also, the activities carried out under the auspices of MCUB are funded through the Incidental Fee.

C. For information---Working Paper on Examination of the Subject of Discrimination in Student Organizations from the Student Affairs Committee.
II. Dean Bopp presented the following proposals for action from the Curriculum Committee:

A. For action—add Directed Studies sequence in Geology

Geology 3950(f), 3951(w), 3952(s) Directed Study (1-5 credits per quarter; prereq. consent of instructor).

A brief discussion concerning the nature of these offerings as consistent with directed studies in other disciplines followed. The vote to approve these courses was unanimous.

B. For action—all minors should be eliminated from the curriculum offerings at UMM.

On the basis of the rationale provided from the Curriculum Committee, questions were raised concerning the need to eliminate the minor when it is not a requirement on this campus. It was argued in favor of the motion that "the minor" varies greatly in nature on this campus and seems to reflect inconsistencies in requirements to fulfill a minor, that the minor may be misleading to students who believe that as long as it is offered it is a good thing to obtain while such an attainment may be detrimental to the breadth of the liberal arts experience on this campus. Because the elimination of minors would not apparently harm the program in the Division of Education, course sequences for education majors could be listed in the bulletin in the education section as advising information for students wishing to pursue such a sequence in their education program. It was clarified that any discipline working through the Division, Curriculum Committee, and Assembly could act to eliminate the minor in its own field.

Opposing arguments stated that since the minor is voluntary for the student, no harm would be done to allow the minor to remain. Also, the minor has and will prove useful for students in gaining certain kinds of employment.

The question was called. The proposal was defeated 34 to 21.

III. The following was offered for information from the Executive Committee as an interpretation of the Constitution:

For information—terms of Division Chairmen

Article II, Section 2B of the Campus Constitution includes the following sentences:

The appointment of a Division Chairman shall be for a term of five years. A Chairman will be eligible for reappointment.

The Executive Committee has interpreted these sentences to mean that the five-year terms of Division Chairmen began at the time the Campus Constitution was approved by the Board of Regents in June, 1970. The identification of an earlier date would be a
retroactive action which the Executive Committee does not feel was the intent of Article II, Section 2B. However, the Executive Committee does recommend an amendment to the Campus Constitution which is noted below.

The question of staggering the terms of Division Chairmen was raised so that all terms do not come due for review at the same time. Bert Ahern made the following motion:

That the Assembly send back the above item to the Executive Committee for reconsideration, to come up with a system of staggering terms of Division Chairmen.

The motion was seconded by Edith Farrell. The practical aspects of the question were discussed that would with great probability create a staggered series of terms of Division Chairmen as it has in the past. The interpretation from the Executive Committee did not make the terms retroactive because retroactive legislation is in principle not good.

The motion from Bern Ahern was defeated.

Som Agarwal raised questions concerning the composition and function of the committee for review of Division Chairmen. Provost Imholte agreed that the Executive Committee should study Article III of the By-Laws to recommend modifications if necessary. The Provost also invited members of the Assembly to forward to the Executive Secretary any amendments that would help clarify this issue.

IV. The following was given for information from the Executive Committee:

For information---terms of Division Chairmen

The Committee recommended the deletion of the two sentences quoted in III above and the addition of the following:

The appointment of a Division Chairman shall be for a term of five years, and he shall be eligible for reappointment. A review of the Chairman's status can be initiated at any time by the Provost or members of the appropriate Division through the Consultative Committee.

The purpose of the amendment is mainly for clarification. It provides for the review of the status of a Division Chairman at any time, and retains the automatic review at the end of five years.
Nat Hart raised the question of the role and authority of the Consultative Committee in the review of the Division Chairmen. Provost Imholte suggested that discussions between the Executive and Consultative Committees would best work toward a clarification of the procedure.

V. The Executive Committee presented the following motion.

For action—proposed amendment to the By-Laws of the Campus Constitution, Article I, Sections 9A & B.

This amendment was previously reported to the Campus Assembly on October 26, 1970. It is now submitted to the Assembly for action.

The amendment recommends the deletion of the present Article I, Sections 9A & B in the By-Laws and the replacement of those sections with the following:

A. The Student Affairs Committee shall consist of eleven members, including four faculty members, five students, one civil service employee who does not hold the title of Director or Business Manager, and the Director of Student Activities who shall serve as an ex officio member without vote. A quorum shall consist of six voting members.

B. The Student Affairs Committee shall develop and recommend policy covering student activities. It shall have the power to grant recognition to student organizations, and to approve constitutions and by-laws of such organizations. It shall develop and implement rules and procedures for student elections.

Bob Watson explained that this amendment would make selection of student members for the Student Affairs Committee consistent with other committee member selection. Art Landever reported for the Student Affairs Committee which was not in favor of the above motion.

The motion was defeated.

The Assembly adjourned at 5:45 p.m.