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MORRIS CAMPUS ASSEMBLY

February 28, 1972

Minutes

Mike Galegher, president of the MCSA, reported on a recent student forum which urged faculty to assume a responsible role in the Assembly through attendance and participation. This report was given as a reaction to the lack of a quorum in recent Assemblies.

Provost Imholte then introduced the proposal for a commission to formulate an academic mission statement forum as unfinished business from the last Assembly meeting when a quorum for business was lacking.

Tony Skrbek explained the process by which this proposal was formulated and how work on a mission statement can go on simultaneously with the ten-year academic plan requested by Dean Bopp and also move eventually to a reconsideration of the cluster college plan presently postponed for consideration by the Assembly. He and the writers of the proposal hoped that this proposal for a mission statement might overcome the mistrust the Assembly has shown in committee work and reports by requesting a commission to specifically do the task defined in the proposal.

Harold Hinds moved to amend the proposal by adding to #6 ". . .and the Executive Committee slate will be returned to the Assembly for approval." Seconded by Skrbek. Because the commission needs the confidence of the Assembly and will need to overcome present mistrust of the Assembly, such a procedure seemed necessary. The amendment passed by voice vote.

Nat Hart moved to amend #1 of the proposal by deleting any representative structure in the commission. He claimed that such defined representation seems to be based upon mistrust, but it was argued that the task of the committee necessitated the kind of representation suggested for broad input and review not for the sake of vested interests. The amendment failed 38 to 30.

Concern was expressed about the early deadlines stated in the proposal given the present academic year schedule and faculty and student commitments. Peter French moved to strike the April 4 and 24 deadlines. Seconded by John Diehl. A quorum was called for and it was judged that one was present. The amendment was defeated by show of hands vote.

Ahern amended the deadlines from April 4 and 24 to April 17 and May 1. Seconded by Hinds. Diehl amended this amendment to read April 17 and May 8. The Diehl motion failed by voice vote. The Ahern amendment passed by voice vote.

The question on the proposal was called and passed.

The vote on the amended proposal as follows passed 49 to 11 with 3 abstentions indicating a quorum of 63 were present to transact the business at hand.

Proposal for the Creation of
a
U.M.M. Academic Mission Statement Commission

Be it resolved that the U.M.M. Campus Assembly establish the above named Commission and charge it with duties and procedures as follows:

Duties

1. The Commission is to act as a campus-wide solicitor and depository of ideas to be used in the development of the academic mission statement. Solicitation of such ideas will be open from the date of the Commission's establishment until April 17, 1972.
2. The Commission is charged with developing a mission statement, reflective of the above mentioned solicitation process, and of presenting such mission statement to the Campus Assembly no later than May 1, 1972.

Commission constitution and procedures

1. The Commission will be comprised of 15 members:
 - 6 faculty representatives
 - 7 student representatives
 - 1 administrator
 - 1 civil service representative
2. Commission membership will not be restricted to members of the Campus Assembly.
3. Each member of the Commission will have 1 (one) vote.
4. Commission members will select their own chairman.
5. All Commission meetings will be announced in advance and open to the public.
6. The appointment of Commission members will be by the Executive Committee and the Executive Committee slate will be returned to the Assembly for its approval.

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Some discussion about method of contacting prospective commission members followed.

Provost Imholte announced that the budget planning deadline for the 1972-74 biennium was April 1, 1971.

The Assembly then adjourned.

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