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MORRIS CAMPUS ASSEMBLY

September 24, 1970
9:30 a.m.

- I. Provost Imholte welcomed all faculty, students, and staff. Division Chairmen introduced new faculty from their respective Divisions after which Dave Longley introduced a new person in Housing and the Provost introduced the new Academic Dean, Dr. Gordon Bopp.
- II. The Provost reported on activities of the summer pertaining to UMM as follows:

The construction on Independence Hall was delayed due to labor strikes causing finishing work to be completed after students have moved into the facility. Dormitory #4 is now underway, but presently bids for total construction exceed funds appropriated.

The final phase of the North Central accreditation process was completed this summer and accreditation for UMM was continued for the next decade. With this came the NCATE accreditation. The North Central report was distributed to faculty last summer.

In addition to Dormitory #4, the Food Service Building is under construction, a facility needed to accommodate the growing student enrollment.

The Faculty/Staff Handbook was distributed and sections that were either new or expanded were briefly explained by Dick Welsh.

- III. Provost Imholte assured the Assembly that a recent statement from the University Board of Regents concerning expansion of UMM does not mean that this campus is committed to a plan in terms of size. This question is related to one of the primary concerns for this academic year, i.e., the need of a long range plan for UMM that should be ready by 1971-72. Provost Imholte stressed the importance of this campus taking the initiative in such planning.

The second item of prime importance for 1970-71 relates to the memo of July 12, 1970, from the Curriculum Committee and sent to all faculty, student representatives, and staff. This is the new draft proposal for a modified GER for this campus. Also with that memo is the five-credit course module system from the University Senate and unfinished business of the Curriculum Committee. Because this is a bulletin year all curricular changes must be ready in the next four to five months.

Dr. Lammers inquired if there would be any actions taken to remedy criticisms from the North Central Report. Provost Imholte replied that the Executive Committee will review the concerns and formulate methods of dealing with the report by either forming an ad hoc committee or forwarding concerns to units involved.

Dr. Lammers cited persisting difficulties in scheduling facilities on this campus. Provost Imholte made note that this matter be investigated to establish priorities in scheduling and use of UMM facilities.

- IV. The recommended membership for standing committees for 1970-71 was moved and seconded and passed with no discussion. Two dissenting votes were voiced.

Dr. Barber requested information concerning the charge of the ad hoc Action Committee. Imholte replied that it is an implementation committee for proposals from the Freshman Year Experience Committee and the Seminar-Honors Program Committee.

Provost Imholte also called attention to the lists of ad hoc committees and the all-University committees. Added to the latter list was Ray Lammers on the University Scheduling Committee who requested of the faculty ideas and suggestions for revisions of the University calendar and schedule. Also, Robinson Abbott is on the Senate by virtue of his membership on the Senate Consultative Committee.

- V. Provost Imholte read the following recommendation from the Executive Committee:

"The Executive Committee recommends that all standing and ad hoc committee meetings of the Morris Campus be open to all faculty, students, and staff of the University of Minnesota, Morris except for executive sessions of the committees which the chairmen can declare whenever it is deemed necessary."

Gordon Bopp answered a question from Nat Hart concerning a chairman's power to declare an executive session. Chairmen can declare an executive session, but the committee can overrule such an action by a two-thirds vote.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

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