I. The Campus Assembly minutes for April 18, 1977, were approved.

II. For Information: from the Academic Grievance Committee. The UMM constitutional amendment. Susan Willis, Assistant Professor in English, commented upon the amendment and drew attention to the major changes. There were no questions from the floor. The amendment will be an action item at the next Campus Assembly meeting.

III. For Action: from the Curriculum Committee. The following proposals were made:

Item 76-04 Physical Education Major
Item 76-05 Health Major

Gordon Bopp, Academic Dean, explained how the Minnesota State Department of Education had redefined physical education in such a way that the broad option major, now offered at UMM, would have to be changed. In addition, in order to improve the chances of employment for P.E. majors, a health major is proposed. If passed, this new major would require four new courses and additional resources.

The discussion was opened to questions about both majors.

Abstract of the Discussion

Tom Straw, Associate Professor in Biology, raised a question about Biology 3210, one of the requirements for a health major. No one in biology knows what this is?

Gordon Bopp responded that the State Department requires an advanced biology course.

Straw believed that a new course would have to be added to the biology curriculum.

Bill Scarborough, Chairman of the Education Division, reminded Straw that in their discussion, he had advised this course.

Straw stated that the course had not been discussed in the biology discipline. P.E. students are not now taking the course as far as he knows.

Robinson Abbott, Acting Chairman of the Science & Mathematics Division and Professor of Biology, responded that neither the course nor the instructor are available at the moment.

Peter French, Professor of Philosophy, wondered if it were necessary to tie together the two majors?
Scarborough answered that in Minnesota the physical education teacher is almost always the health teacher.

Bert Ahern, Associate Professor in History, wondered how the Assembly could pass a proposal when one of the courses is not in the Bulletin?

W.D. Spring, Chairman of the Humanities Division, stated that passage of the proposal leaves it up to the administration to decide whether it is feasible or not.

Eric Klinger, Professor in Psychology, asked if a special course in microbiology is needed for P.E. majors.

Jay Roshal interjected that there are prerequisites to the course.

Bopp suggested that the State Department of Education does not require an upper-division course.

Klinger believed that courses ought not to be watered down to suit particular majors. He questioned the intellectual level of the additional upper-division courses in the health major, and expressed concern about where the position will come from and who the person will be.

Bopp thought it was possible, if budget requests come through that a Ph.D. with the proper qualifications could be hired.

Klinger wanted to know about the courses which required a social behavioral background.

Bopp replied that Dennis Falk, who has a Ph.D. in psychology, has been teaching some of the courses.

Klinger asked if this position will be in competition with others? Will it have a high priority? Will resources be taken away from the liberal arts core?

Ahern thought that many social science majors teach P.E. as well. Is the passage of this proposal essential?

Scarborough said many P.E. majors do teach in other disciplines but most often they teach health.

Ahern wanted to know what proportion of students graduate with a straight P.E. major? How many with a double major?

Larry Edlund, Instructor in P.E., thought over half have a double major. Today it is assumed that P.E. majors have a health major also.

Ahern speculated that as a result of the state certification requirements, the double major will be necessary. He wondered why students who apply at UMM rate so highly; pre-professional, athletics and P.E.?
Stephen Granger, Assistant Provost, said the figures used by the Curriculum Committee were simply requests of what students want. They would be, he thought, not unlike other colleges in the State.

Spring added that the data sheet is not helpful because it is based on student interest and not necessarily participation.

Dwight Purdy, Assistant Professor in English, asked if the P.E. and health majors were approved, would it be the end of P.E. majors taking other majors.

Scarborough replied that they would have to pick up approximately 22 extra credits which would prolong their stay.

Klinger believed large numbers of P.E. majors might jeopardize other areas.

Nathaniel Hart, Professor in English, thought that making this change might keep the level about the same, but he did not think it would attract more students. There appear to be opportunities for students to take courses in other disciplines. It struck him that this could very well lead to consideration of a fifth year.

Jooinn Lee, Professor in Political Science, wished to know why certain courses were designated outside the major? What was the rationale for their selection?

Bopp said the proposal was modeled after other programs.

Scarborough added that various bulletins were studied and that this program does have flexibility.

French thought it possible that a student could take almost everything at a lower-division level.

Ahern wanted to know if this proposal needs to pass. Our present admissions policy has led to admitting students with narrow interests. The State Department of Education is trying to reduce the number of teachers. The UMM Education Committee did not address the issue.

Scarborough admitted that the Education Committee had not studied this proposal as carefully as they have others.

Ellen Robert, Assistant Professor in Sociology, wished to know if it was the policy to consult faculty about courses which will be a part of a requirement. She thought it reasonable and courteous to consult those whose courses are being listed as options.

Imholte said these things ought to be communicated through Division chairs.
Purdy thought it would be difficult to vote without a statement about the new biology course.

Ahern moved to table the P.E. major until the biology course is made clear.

Purdy seconded the motion.

The motion to table failed by a vote of 27-24 with four abstentions. Ahern asked for a quorum. Meeting ended for lack of a quorum.