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Minutes of the October 16, 1989, Campus Assembly Meeting

The campus assembly met at 4 p.m. on Monday, October 16, 1989, in the Science Auditorium.

Imholte made the following announcements:

1. Alumni Career Fair

The Alumni Career Fair will be held on Friday, October 20, in the Edson Hall lobby. Between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., 25-30 UMM alumni will be available to talk with students about the relationship between their education at UMM and subsequent life and career experiences. Please encourage your students and advisees to attend.

The official UMM enrollment figures for fall quarter, 1989, are a headcount of 2041 and an estimated FYE of 1964. This compares to last year's headcount of 2021 and an FYE of 1945.

There has been considerable discussion at the all-University level about whether or not to continue with the Commitment to Focus enrollment plan. The University is proposing to "stay the course" and stick with their 1987 agreement with the legislature. This means that although the University reduces enrollment over the next few years, there will be no reduction in the number of dollars received from the legislature. This will enhance the overall quality of the student body. The headcount enrollment for the University is 40,251. That number will be reduced to 38,947 next year, and eventually go down to 35,856 in two years. The University must make an enrollment report to the legislature by December 1. Final approval of an enrollment plan by the regents will take place at their November meetings.

The central administration and the Board of Regents have also discussed enrollment at UMM and there has been "informal" and tentative approval for UMM to remain at a headcount of approximately 2000 if it so chooses, but with the understanding that it will not do so until it is assured of the funding necessary to handle an enrollment of that size.

UMD's desire to grow substantially has no direct effect on UMM. Pressure for growth has come from Duluth and from the range, but the stance the University is taking does not allow for the amount of growth UMD wants.

Agenda:

- I. The minutes of May 1, May 8, and May 15, 1989, were approved.

- II. The following changes in faculty Senate appointments were presented for information:

Don Spring has been appointed as UMM's fifth Senator for the 1989-90 academic year only. Because of the size of UMM's faculty, it is entitled to five rather than four faculty Senate members.

Jim Gremmels will replace Nat Hart as a regular Senate member while Hart is on sabbatical leave this year. Hart will resume his Senate membership when he returns.

- III. Carol Cumber was elected by unanimous ballot to serve as a faculty alternate on the Campus Grievance Committee. This will be her second two-year term.
- IV. The assembly approved the recommendation from the Campus Resources & Planning Committee for the continuance of the Faculty Development Committee for another two years.
- V. The assembly approved the recommended assembly and adjunct committee assignments for 1989-90 with the changes and additions indicated on the October 11 amendment to the agenda.
- VI. The list of special and elected committee assignments were presented for information.

Peterson proposed that a "new business" item be included on each agenda of campus assembly meetings. This would provide an avenue for assembly members to raise issues, ask questions, and share concerns. Imholte said the major reason this has not been done in the past is the limited amount of time allocated for each meeting. Usually, the important meetings are fairly lengthy and seldom end with any time left. Gremmels indicated that the University Senate always has a "new business" item where questions can be submitted at the end of the meeting. Imholte said that extra time is built in for this purpose by limiting each agenda item to a certain number of minutes.

Hodgell said that most members are ready to leave the meetings at the end of the allotted time. However, she felt that if there were issues that people wanted to raise, some method should be established for accommodating them.

Imholte indicated that the Executive Committee would discuss the proposal and asked if Peterson would submit it in writing. Peterson indicated that he would.

The assembly adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Pat Tanner