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University of Minnesota, Morris
Campus Assembly Minutes
October 27, 1981

The minutes of the Assembly meeting of May 26, 1981, were approved by voice vote.

The committee roster for the 1981-82 academic year as recommended by the Executive Committee was placed before the Assembly for action. The Provost noted the following changes: On the Minority Experience Committee, replace Bettina Blake with Nat Hart and add the following students - Albert Greene, Duane Pratt, and Christopher Lopez. On the Student Behavior Committee, replace Norma Thorp with Lois Hodgell. The roster was approved by voice vote.

The non-Assembly committee roster was given as an item of information.

Provost Imholte then read a statement by C. Peter Magrath, President of the University, concerning the proposed budget cuts of up to 12 percent to University funding, as presented to the Board of Regents on October 26, 1981. The printed statement was then distributed to Assembly members as well as a set of three examples of possible budget cuts and consequences of those cuts.

The Provost stated as clearly as possible that no decision to close the Morris campus has been made. He also stated that he does not believe that the campus will be closed, but it will suffer from budget cuts in addition to the present 2.6 percent retrenchment for UMM. In summary, the University is rejecting the proposed cutback, but is offering a 10 million dollar cut as possible but also destructive to the University's mission.

The state university and community college systems are also being requested to cut back 12 percent.

The Provost read a news release statement from the President that included mention of UMM as an example of the drastic cuts.

The Provost is now making contacts with legislators Berg and Hauge to inform them of the University's position. It was urged that all, especially students from other than the Morris area, contact the legislators of their districts. A volume of letters might be significant to demonstrate reaction. A brag sheet will be compiled to inform others of how UMM serves the state and the region. The Provost is concerned about lines of communication with elements of the campus so that the correct information is known and disseminated about the situation as it develops and changes.

Questions from members of the Assembly followed the Provost's statement. The questions concerned the strategies and procedures of Governor Quie's cutback requests, the 10 million dollar compromise figure offered by the University, the safety of salary increase monies delayed by legislative action, and the response of DFL leadership in the legislature to the Governor's requests.

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