

The minutes of the March 21, 1994 Senate Assembly meeting were approved on April 18, 1994.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
SENATE ASSEMBLY MEETING
MINUTES OF 21 MARCH 1994

ATTENDANCE

Present: Beam, Bike, Blair, Blinder, Brandle, Brewer, Brown, Brusati, Cameron, Christiansen, Coward, D'Alecy, DeCamp, Driscoll, England, Fox, Frey, Greene, Griffin, Gull, Irani, Kaplan, Kelley, Kennedy, Kunkel, Lomax, Loup, Maloy, Marich, McNamara, Moore, Mukasa, Myers, Raymond, Rodriguez-Hornedo, Rogers, Rush, Santinga (Alt for Ensminger), Saunders, Scheppele, Schteingart, Shirley, Simms, Sisson, Smith, Stein, Stensones, Tinkle, Warner, Whitehouse, Williams; MacAdam, Olson, Thorson, Cressman, Heskett.

Absent: Awkward, Birge, Bryant, Canine, Chiego, Cowan, Eggertsen, Eklund, Elta, Gidley, Katehi, Lawson, V. Lee, Levine, Lykes, Mutschler, Nairn, Nostrant, Nowak, Princen, Silverstein, Tremper, Woo.

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 7, 1994

The minutes were approved.

SACUA ELECTION

Smith moved that Simms and Kaplan be appointed tellers to assist the SACUA office staff in counting the election ballots. The motion was seconded and passed by the Assembly. Ballots were distributed to the Assembly and collected.

REPORT ON THE FACULTY GOVERNANCE RETREAT - GEORGE BREWER

Brewer summarized the input received during the faculty governance retreat, noting that attendees indicated they were strongly in favor of faculty governance, emphasized the need for better communication, and were for the most part in favor of closer integration with the faculty governance structure within the schools and colleges. He outlined briefly some of the alternative structures proposed for faculty governance and noted that these would be summarized in a forthcoming report. Brewer reported that attending faculty expressed strong disagreement with the financial reward model that had been proposed for consideration, but had suggested no alternative reward mechanisms. In response to questions from Assembly about the next steps, Brewer responded that he planned to synthesize the discussion and data from the faculty governance portion of the retreat into an overall report for SACUA. Moore called attention to the issues of undergraduate education and the alarming trend toward additional course fees and Loup pointed out the retreat consensus on the need for better integration between SACUA and Senate Assembly, as well as between Senate Assembly and committees.

UPDATE ON THE DEAN'S EVALUATION PROCESS

Griffin summarized the status of the evaluation process, calling Assembly attention to the various communications from the deans and executive committee members indicating a general decision to develop a unit specific instrument. Griffin also emphasized the role of Academic Affairs in coordinating the evaluation process. D'Alecy objected to the characterization of the process as one coming from Academic Affairs, noting that the procedure was one voted on and confirmed by Senate Assembly several times and that there was nothing to prevent the process from going forward. Griffin responded that Senate Assembly's most recent vote on the matter had affirmed the role of Academic Affairs working in concert with the schools and colleges. Coward

reminded Assembly that Pharmacy had voted in September to do some of the things outlined in the process but insisted on confidentiality safeguards in the process as well as the need to have the unit faculty devise the instrument. Coward added that this was not coming from the dean but from the faculty. Moore reported on his conversations with the LS&A representatives and that their understanding is that the recommendations coming from LS&A were additions to the proposed process. Cameron asked if a motion were in order at this point and Griffin suggested that it be presented as Old Business. D'Alecy said it should be noted that CRLT had printed the questionnaire and that they were ready for mailing. Cameron asked for clarification on whether Senate Assembly had decided to exclude Pharmacy in the current evaluation and Moore and Loup responded that this had been decided in Academic Affairs and had not come before Senate Assembly.

OLD BUSINESS

Cameron moved that the academic units be allowed to develop their own evaluation instruments. Lomax followed with a motion that Senate Assembly reject consideration of the motion until the next meeting. After a consultation with Olson (Senate Assembly parliamentarian) who indicated that motions must be expressed in the positive, Griffin allowed Cameron's motion to stand and Lomax read the relevant rule from Senate Assembly on the scheduling of votes. Moore moved that Cameron's motion be tabled until the next assembly meeting; the motion to table was seconded and passed in an assembly vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Cameron moved that SACUA create a budget study committee of six members with staggered two-year terms and with up to two members to be invited from AAUP. The motion was seconded and passed by Assembly.

ADJOURNMENT

Senate Assembly adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara MacAdam
Senate Secretary

RESULTS OF THE SACUA ELECTION

Griffin announced the results of the SACUA election at 3:55 p.m.: Thomas Dunn (LSA, Chemistry), Ronald Lomax (Engineering), and Alfredo Montalvo (Art).