

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

SENATE ASSEMBLY

Minutes of the Regular Assembly Meeting, April 17, 1972

ATTENDANCE

1971-1972 Assembly

Present: Rutledge, Allen, Anton, Buning, Bertolaet, Birch, Bowditch, Bowman, Cohen, Coon, Cooperrider, Cornish, Crawford, Darvas, Ehrenkreutz, Reade, Franken, Goodman, Mohler, Heller, Higgins, Hinerman, Hood, Huntington, Colburn, Kahn, Kerr, Kish, Lloyd, Longone, Magee, Meyer, Loomis, Hafter, Nystuen, Overseth, Paul, Rigan, Rucknagel, Sana, Sandalow, Scherer, Schulze, Wilkes, Youngdahl, Zweifler, Kincaid, Norman

Absent: Asgar, Bishop, Castor, Boles, Dowson, Graebel, Iglehart, Berkove, Pollack, Preston, Ryder, Sawyer, Schuman, Moore, Simpson, Hertzler, Verheyen, Votaw

1972-1973 Assembly (new members)

Present: Caldwell, Cassidy, Danielson, Evaldson, Floyd, Hymans, Jameson, Lands, Oberman, Rowe, Vaughn, Williams

Absent: Brockway, Cartwright, Fader, Harrison, Jaini, Larkin, Marshall, Ostrand, Vander

Guests: Chairman and members of Academic Affairs Advisory Committee and Chairman of Resource Allocation Commission.

ORDER

Chairman Norman called the meeting to order at 3:19 p.m. in Rackham Amphitheater. He remarked that there was a long agenda, and he hoped that the present Assembly could adjourn by 5:15, to permit the 1972-73 Assembly to convene and elect members to SACUA before the customary adjournment time of 5:30.

APPROVAL  
OF MINUTES

Minutes of the March meeting were approved as distributed.

ANNOUNCE-  
MENTS

Chairman Norman announced that Professor Henry Johnson had been named Vice-President for Student Services and Professor Charles Overberger, Vice-President for Research. Faculty members had formed part of the search committee for the Vice-President for Student Services, and the Committee on Research Policies had advised the President on the selection of the Vice-President for Research.

SACUA  
REPORT

Professor William Coon reported on SACUA activities as follows:

Since the last Assembly meeting, SACUA has met on March 27, on April 3, and today.

A number of representatives from SGC and GF were present for part of the March 27 meeting, which was largely devoted to the issue of student appointments to Assembly committees. This issue was also discussed at the April 3 meeting, and a resolution was prepared for presentation to the Assembly.

As usual, there were vacancies to be filled on committees. In particular, some consideration was given to mechanisms for filling faculty seats on the new budget and planning committees.

Other topics included health care planning (on which a resolution is being presented), interim procedures for handling classified research, the report on Faculty Rights and Responsibilities, and a policy proposed by the Broadcasting Committee on audio-visual materials prepared by faculty members. This was referred to the Academic Affairs Committee, and at their suggestion further legal opinions are now being sought.

Professor Loomis asked whether SACUA had taken any action on the report of the Economic Status Committee. Chairman Norman replied that the report had been distributed to the Senate, but that SACUA had made no specific recommendations with regard to it. Professor Loomis said that it would be tragic if no action were taken on the report by either SACUA, the Senate, or the Assembly, and asked whether a motion would be in order either immediately or at some future meeting. Chairman Norman said that while advance notice would be preferable, the report had been presented and consequently a motion concerning it would be in order. Professor Loomis then moved that the Assembly should endorse the three major recommendations of the report. Chairman Norman said that it would be best to consider the motion under new business, which should be inserted as an additional agenda item before the adjournment of the present Assembly.

CLASSIFIED  
RESEARCH  
( COMMITTEE  
REPORT

The next item on the agenda was the semi-annual report of the Classified Research Committee. Chairman Norman invited Professor Longone to make comments and answer questions in connection with the report. Professor Longone summarized the contents of the report very briefly and then invited questions.

Chairman Norman pointed out that a hiatus had been left at the close of the last Assembly meeting, since the new policy called for the appointment of two faculty members and a student to review proposals coming from units other than Willow Run in the light of the new guidelines. SACUA was bringing the names of two faculty members to the meeting for the approval of the Assembly; and in the meantime they had asked the chairman of the Classified Research Committee to name three members of that committee (two faculty and one student) to serve this role. He understood that the group had met to consider one proposal during the past month.

STUDENT  
APPOINTMENTS  
TO ASSEMBLY  
COMMITTEES

The next point on the agenda concerned the issue of student appointments to Assembly committees. Chairman Norman reminded the Assembly that they had heard from representatives of Student Government Council and of Graduate Federation at the last Assembly meeting. The Assembly had asked SACUA to consider the matter and bring back a recommendation for action. The following Monday, SACUA had had an extended discussion with representatives of SGC and GF, and he himself had met individually with representatives of both groups in the meantime. At the following meeting, SACUA had engaged in further extended discussions on the question. The resolution produced as a result of this discussion called essentially for a one-year continuance of the procedures under which SACUA had been operating since the Graduate Assembly had dissolved early in the year. At that time, the chairman of the Bylaws Committee had advised SACUA that they were at liberty to

act as their judgment dictated unless the Assembly specified otherwise. It now appeared that matters were too much in a state of flux to justify establishing a new fixed procedure; SACUA was suggesting that the current procedure should be continued with the hope that the students would reach an agreement among themselves.

The resolution, which was now before the Assembly, was worded as follows:

"SACUA moves to substitute 'Graduate Federation (GF)' for 'Graduate Assembly (GA, Graduate Student Assembly)' in all current appointment procedures in which selection of graduate students for Senate Assembly committees has been designated to Graduate Assembly.

We recommend that SACUA review this policy at the end of one year."

Some members of SGC had brought material to be passed out to the Assembly, and Chairman Norman invited them to do so in the absence of objections.

Professor Allen asked the chairman how SACUA's conclusion was arrived at. Chairman Norman replied that it had been hoped at the beginning of the year that the various student groups would get together and present a unified proposal that the Assembly could accept. However, although he understood that attempts in this direction had been made, no agreement had been arrived at, and the situation was the same as it had been at the beginning of the year.

Professor Allen remarked that there had been a desire on the part of the Assembly to avoid deciding what was essentially a student issue, and she asked whether the proposed resolution would in effect breathe life into the Graduate Federation. Chairman Norman replied that one ground on which SACUA considered the matter was constitutional; another was the nature of current practice; and a third, on which no one felt on firm ground, was what the effect would be of any action that was taken. SACUA tried to choose the course that would interfere least with the students' working out an accommodation among themselves. They wanted to avoid reaching a political decision, although it was possible that they had done so without intending to.

Professor Kahn said that GA had not been viable and that he saw no reason to believe that GF would fare better. Therefore, he proposed substituting a resolution asking SGC to appoint graduate students to the committees. He wanted to make this a motion, but Professor Sandalow raised a point of order, and after a brief parliamentary discussion, Chairman Norman ruled that a motion to substitute would be out of order, since the opposite of a motion is not a proper substitute for it.

Professor Loomis asked whether the material that had been handed out a little earlier contained new information, and suggested that if it did, the discussion might be postponed for one more meeting. Chairman Norman said that he had had a chance to glance briefly at the documents referred to. He went on to say that since mid-year, SGC had been naming students to

committees where student members were called for. In some cases, the SGC "appointments" were made to committees which, according to our bylaws, call for students to be appointed by Graduate Assembly. These students had been allowed to attend the meetings as observers, and had been permitted to address the committees in some instances, but in no case had any of them been seated as a regular member of a committee.

Professor Loomis said that it was his feeling that if there was no new information in the handouts, SACUA's recommendation should be enacted.

Professor Bowman said that the students in Public Health had gone to considerable lengths to convey to him their feeling that they would prefer to be represented by GF rather than by SGC. Their association with GF and its predecessor GA extended back some 15 years, whereas they felt no links with SGC and generally did not bother to vote in SGC elections. He said that while one could say that this was their problem, he wanted to make it clear that they felt very strongly about this matter, and were anxious to transmit that feeling to the Assembly. He added that his own opinion was that over the past year GF had acted much more responsibly than SGC. While there was some evidence of a change in this attitude, it was reasonable to take a wait-and-see attitude, which was what SACUA's resolution proposed.

Professor Cohen said that the Assembly was trying to act as a committee on credentials. He said that he would like to have more guidance than SACUA had provided, and would like to table the matter until an ad hoc committee could be formed and report on the issue.

Professor Crawford replied that Professor Cohen's feelings had been those of the whole Assembly the preceding month. However, in the interim SACUA had spent several hours in hearing testimony and discussion on the topic and had served the role of an ad hoc committee. Professor Crawford went on to ask whether Professor Kahn's statement that GF was not representative was based on the current situation or was a carry over of his impressions of GA. He said that SACUA would not have made the recommendation they did if they had not felt that GF had some reasonable claim to be representative. Professor Kahn said that the basis for his statement was what was said before the Assembly in March by representatives of the two groups, together with the fact that SGC was currently recognized by the Regents while GF was not. Professor Magee asked whether graduate students had asked for representation by SGC. Chairman Norman replied that there were graduate students in SGC who had made that point.

Professor Ehrenkreutz said that the last student election had disproved the argument, presented at the previous Assembly, that heavy voter turnouts were to be expected at SGC elections.

Professor Bowditch, seconded by Professor Loomis, moved to postpone further discussion until the following month. He said that this would give the students more time to reach agreement and would also give the Assembly more time to consider the issue.

Professor Cohen argued that if there were any delay, it should be until fall, since most of the students and many of the faculty would be absent during the summer. With a second from Professor Anton, he moved to amend Professor Bowditch's motion to this effect.

Professor Scherer argued that action should be taken immediately, since otherwise the appointment process would remain in limbo.

There was some further discussion, after which both the amendment and the original motion to postpone were defeated on voice votes.

Professor Kahn reiterated his objection to the SACUA motion, feeling that it would influence the degree of student interest in the organizations concerned.

The resolution proposed by SACUA was adopted on a voice vote.

RESOLUTION  
ON STUDENT  
MEMBERSHIP  
ADOPTED

Chairman Norman introduced Professor Rosemary Sarri, the chairman of the Resource Allocation Commission, to come forward and discuss the report of the Commission.

REPORT OF  
RESOURCE  
ALLOCATION  
COMMISSION

Professor Sarri said that the Commission was in the process of preparing its final report and statement of recommendations for submission to President Fleming. Since the Commission was originally appointed by the President, it was only proper that the report should be initially submitted to him. It was expected that the recommendations would be made available to the University community thereafter.

The Commission had also prepared, or was preparing, three separate special reports. The first of these, describing the budgetary process, had already been distributed to the Assembly. (The report included a number of typographical errors that would be corrected.)

The second was a statement, which was ready for final publication, on indirect cost reimbursement. The report had been prepared by Vice-President Norman and discussed with the Commission; 5,000 copies had been prepared. Copies would be mailed to Senate members the first week of May.

Lastly, a statement was to be sent to the President including policy recommendations on resource allocation; this statement would incorporate input from students as well as Commission members.

The Commission had also spent considerable time consulting on immediate budgetary issues. They had been particularly concerned about improving participation of the University committee in planning and budgeting, and had participated actively in developing the proposals now being implemented in this direction.

The CRAS system for systematic information collection had been reviewed, and it was suggested that greater efforts should be made to develop procedures whereby this information should be used routinely in priority-setting and decision-making. It had been recommended that the CRAS system should be extended to cover all major University activities so that comparative analysis in decision-making would be facilitated.

Another activity of the Commission had been the preparation of a statement of "Principles, Priorities and Practical Considerations in Resource Allocation." In this endeavor an attempt was made to delineate major goals and priorities and then to suggest some of the factors that must be considered in organization implementation.

The Commission hoped to complete its work in May, whereupon it hoped to be dissolved.

Professor Loomis asked whether the Commission would consider holding an open meeting at which its activities could be discussed. Professor Sarri said that they would be happy to do so. Chairman Norman suggested that the Committee on Communications might appropriately set up an open forum on this topic.

RIGHTS AND  
RESPONSIBILITIES REPORT

Reminding the Assembly that there was an item under new business to be considered before adjournment, Chairman Norman turned to consideration of the Rights and Responsibilities Report. He pointed out that the topic had been before the Assembly three times, and that there were supplementary communications from the Economic Status Committee and the Academic Affairs Committee to be considered. He suggested that the discussion could proceed most expediently if the Assembly went into a Quasi Committee of the Whole to consider the question. He proposed setting the time for rising at 4:45.

QUASI  
COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
WHOLE

There being no objections, the Assembly went into Quasi Committee of the Whole at 4:09 and rose, after two postponements at 5:08.

Professor Crawford moved, with a second by Professor Wilkes, that further discussion should be postponed to a special meeting to be scheduled by SACUA.

Professor Loomis objected, saying that the group was ready for a decision and that postponement was merely a delaying tactic. Professors Sandalow, Wilkes, and Crawford took issue with this, claiming that there was too much left on the agenda to permit proper discussion, and further pointing out that there were numerous absentees and that a third of the membership was about to be replaced.

DISCUSSION  
POSTPONED TO  
SPECIAL  
MEETING

The motion to postpone consideration until a special meeting was passed by a voice vote.

NOMINATIONS  
AND  
APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Norman then brought before the Assembly two sets of nominations. The first of these were to the newly established review panel for classified research other than at Willow Run. For the two faculty posts to be filled, SACUA had nominated Professor Elliot J. Berg of the Department of Economics and Professor Richard E. Sonntag of the Department of Mechanical Engineering. The remaining nomination was to fill the balance of a three-year term on the Board of Student Publications being vacated by Professor S. Axelrod. Professor Lawrence S. Berlin, of the School of Education and the Residential College, was SACUA's nominee.

There were no nominations from the floor, and the Secretary was instructed to cast unanimous ballots for the SACUA nominees in each instance.

NEW  
BUSINESS:  
ECONOMIC  
STATUS  
COMMITTEE  
REPORT

The Assembly then turned to the item of new business mentioned earlier by Professor Loomis. Professor Loomis asked whether a motion to refer the recommendations of the Economic Status Committee to SACUA was in order. Chairman Norman replied that no formal motion was required, and that SACUA would take the matter up. He asked Professor Loomis to bring any supplementary material that he wished to the SACUA office.

Professor Cohen said that Professor Loomis had a valid point; the report of the Economics Status Committee was an important one, and it was in some danger of being lost to view.

VOTE OF  
APPROBATION

Professor Scherer said that before the 1971-72 Assembly adjourned, he wanted to present a resolution of approbation for Chairman Warren Norman, as follows:

"The Senate Assembly expresses its great appreciation for the outstanding aplomb and diligence with which Chairman Norman has steered it through a difficult year. It will miss his leadership. It wishes him well on his leave for rest and recuperation."

The resolution was passed amid applause.

Chairman Norman thanked the Assembly and added that he thought that the group would be remiss if they did not take cognizance of the considerable efforts that had been put in by others also during the course of the year. Without occupying the Chairman's position, it was impossible to appreciate fully the debt that all of us owed to Mrs. Janice Downs and her assistant, Miss Julie Tkachuk. Chairman Norman added that he owed a special debt to the members of the Assembly for their constructive attitude and willingness to assist in difficult problems.

ADJOURN-  
MENT OF  
1971-72  
ASSEMBLY

Chairman Norman declared the 1971-72 Assembly adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

The members of the 1972-73 Assembly took their seats.

CONVENING  
OF 1972-73  
ASSEMBLY

The first and only item of business was the election of new members to SACUA. Chairman Norman said that a nominating committee, consisting of Professors Coon, Scherer, and himself, had contacted members of the Assembly and put together a slate of candidates who were willing to serve.

The following candidates were on the ballot:

Sally Allen (LS&A)	Thomas DeKornfeld (Medical)
Thomas Anton (LS&A)	Frederick Goodman (Education)
David Birch (LS&A)	Ralph A. Loomis (Engineering)
William Kerr (Engineering)	
John Nystuen (LS&A)	
Peter Franken (LS&A)	
Josephine M. Sana (Nursing)	

After the ballots were counted, the following candidates were declared elected: Professors Anton, Goodman, and Loomis for 3-year terms; Professor Kerr for a two-year term; and Professor Franken for a 1-year term. Chairman Norman asked all members of SACUA to gather immediately following adjournment to set a date for their first SACUA meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The Assembly adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Wilfred M. Kincaid  
Secretary