

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

SENATE ASSEMBLY

Minutes of the Regular Assembly Meeting, June 21, 1971

ATTENDANCE

Present: Abrams, Allen, Asgar, Bertolaet, Bett, Birch, Bishop, Bowman, Buning, Cohen, Cooperrider, Cornish, Crawford, DeKornfeld, Dowson, Ehrenkreutz, Franken, Goodman, Graebel, Hauenstein, Higgins, Hood, Huntington, Jensen, Kahn, Kerr, Kish, Longone, Magee, Meyer, Michelsen, Nelson, Paul, Preston, Rucknagel, Ryder, Sana, Sawyer, Scherer, Schuman, Sears, Simpson, Verheyen, Youngdahl, Kincaid, Norman

Absent: Alston, Anton, Bowditch, Castor, Coon, Darvis, Farrand, Heller, Hinerman, Iglehart, Krachenberg, Lind, Lloyd, Nystuen, Overseth, Hazlett, Rigan, Sandalow, Schulze, Smock, Votaw, Wilkes, Zweifler

Guests: Members, Research Policies Committee and Classified Research Committee

CALL TO  
ORDER

Chairman Norman called the meeting to order at 3:20 p.m. in the Dow Auditorium, Towsley Center. At his suggestion, the Assembly agreed to change the order of items on the agenda, placing the elections to fill vacancies ahead of the report from the Research Policies Committee.

APPROVAL  
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The minutes of the April 1, April 19, and May 17 Assembly meetings were accepted as distributed. There were no announcements.

REPORT OF  
SACUA  
ACTIVITIES

Chairman Norman called upon Professor Scherer to report on SACUA activities since the last Assembly meeting. A summary of his report follows:

SACUA met on May 24, June 1, June 2, June 7, and June 9, and just before the present Assembly meeting (June 21). The meeting on June 9 was with President Fleming, and the first part of the May 24 meeting was a luncheon with Senator Bursley, Representative Smit, Vice-President Fauri and some of his staff, and representatives of the Proper Role Committee.

At the meetings of SACUA members only, considerable time was spent considering nominations to committees, two lengthy meetings being devoted entirely to this purpose. Other topics discussed included the use of the Senate mailing list, retiring of SACUA files to archives, University Council emergency guidelines, and student membership on Assembly committees.

At the special luncheon meeting, Senator Bursley and Representative Smit indicated that the University had a good image with the Legislature, and that the chief present problem was the pressure of other demands on the State budget.

At the meeting with President Fleming, he discussed the status of the budget and described activities at the Regents' Retreat.

Following Professor Scherer's presentation, there was a brief discussion of the problems involved in selecting 70 nominees for committee posts from 300 volunteers.

It was now time for the election of Assembly committee members and SACUA replacements.

The ballots were distributed. Chairman Norman pointed out that because of an oversight the vacancy on the Board of Directors of the Michigan Union, for which Professor Peter Franken had been nominated, did not appear on the ballot. He added a few words of explanation with regard to the ballots and supplementary information.

The positions on the ballots were taken up one by one. There were no additional nominations from the floor and the secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for each of the unopposed nominations as they came up. When the vacancies on the Classified Research Committee were being considered, Chairman Norman said in response to a question from Professor Cohen that all the nominees had subscribed to the guidelines for that committee.

Professor Burt was elected to the position on the University Council, and Professors Cornish and DeKornfeld were elected to fill the temporary vacancies on SACUA.

Before calling on Professor Bernstein to give the report of the Research Policies Committee on classified research, Chairman Norman pointed out that the report was an informal one and that a more fully documented report would be prepared by the Committee before the next Assembly meeting. He then asked the Assembly whether they would prefer to take up the report at the September meeting, at a July or August meeting, or at a special meeting that would have to be at least 10 days from the current date. He indicated that a majority of SACUA members favored the September date, and this was agreed to by the Assembly. He then suggested that the Assembly should go into a Quasi Committee of the Whole for the presentation and discussion of the Committee report.

A motion to this effect was made and approved, which called for rising at 5:00 p.m. (this time was later extended to 5:25 p.m.). It was understood that members of the Research Policies or Classified Research Committees who were present were welcome to take part in the discussion.

When the Quasi Committee of the Whole rose, a formal motion was made and passed to take up the classified research question in September, while deferring the discussion on stock-purchasing policy until a subsequent meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Wilfred Kincaid  
Secretary