MINUTES OF MEETING NUMBER 113
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Meeting No. 113 was called to order at 7:05 p.m. on Wednesday, October 1, 1980 in the Faculty Lounge of the Memorial Union by Senate President O. David Boutilier.

The roll was called by the Secretary. Twenty-nine members or alternates were present. Absent were Adams (IWR), Sloan (EE), Hutzler (CE), and Stein.

Acknowledgement of Visitors: Four visitors were present: Miller (F), Lord (ME-EM), Shirley, and Erickson (Lib).

The Minutes of Meeting No. 112 - Minutes were approved as read.

President's Report:

Boutilier presented the President's Report (Appendix A - Available by Request from the Senate Office) and the Ombudsmen's final report (Appendix B - Available by Request from the Senate Office).

Senator Alexander interjected that Senate Bill 10-70 was written to cover events as occurred over the summer. He suggested that they be followed in the future.

Note: Because of non-availability of recording equipment, it was moved, seconded and approved that the meeting's agenda be revised to proceed directly to the election of new officers.

Election of Officers:

The nominees for the offices were announced and introduced. There were no additional nominees from the floor. It was moved and seconded that since Rupley was unopposed that he be elected by voice vote. The motion carried, and Rupley was elected as Secretary

Sealed ballot election for the offices of President and Vice President were conducted by the Chairman of the Elections Committee, Senator Synder. He announced the following results: President - O.D. Boutilier; Vice President - G.F. Reynolds

It was moved and seconded that the ballots be destroyed. Action accomplished.

O.D. Boutilier indicated his pleasure to serve again for a second term.

Report of Association of Michigan Collegiate Faculties:

Erickson attended a summer meeting of AMCF, and reported on same. A discussion followed concerning terminology, activities, etc., ending with a caution from Senator Pintar regarding "getting into ballot proposals." Appendix C (Available by Request from the Senate Office) contains local input to AMCF, Appendix D (Available by Request from the Senate Office) contains a synopsis of the meeting.

NOTE: The meeting was adjourned to allow for hookup of recording equipment. The available equipment was marginal, therefore, I am reporting on generally what was said, not specifically the wording used.

Report on Meeting of the Academic Council.

Senator Reynolds reported on the Academic Council Meeting of 18 September 1980 and highlighted recent leadership development actions in the College of Engineering and the College of Sciences and Arts and changes in interlibrary photocopy service. See Appendix E (Available by Request from the Senate Office) for full report.

The report was accepted as written.

Reports on the Meeting of the Board of Control.

Senator Reynolds presented the reports of the meeting of July (attached as Appendix F - Available by Request from the Senate Office) and the meeting of September (attached as Appendix G - Available by Request from the Senate Office). A general discussion followed concerning the meanings of the quotes attributed to Messrs. Harwood, Dow and Caserio concerning faculty and tenure.

Committee Reports

A. Curricular Policy
Appendix H (Available by Request from the Senate Office) contains the written committee report. Senator Agin added (1) that any member of the Committee can be contacted concerning Nursing Program inputs; (2) the Committee will be meeting with the Vice President for Academic Affairs concerning the University budget and cost reduction plans as they affect the Nursing Program; (3) that the Committee proposal on the Nursing Program will be presented at the next meeting of the Faculty Senate.

B. Instructional Policy - No Report.

C. Institutional Evaluation

Senator Hauge presented a report informing the Senate that they were studying the various department headship/chairmanship options.

D. Elections Committee - Senator Snyder provided his report.

E. Joint Committee on Relations Between the Senate and Faculty Association

Senator Pintar announced that the committee was exploring the liability of faculty members in regard to advising student organizations and the possible issuance of a faculty newsletter.


President Boutilier thanked Professor Miller for the work that he has done as chairman of this Committee. "He has done an excellent job and we're certainly going to miss him."

G. Faculty Handbook - No Report.

H. Faculty Fringe Benefits

Senator Reynolds provided the following verbal report. Appendix I (Available by Request from the Senate Office) is a copy of a letter from the Committee to VP of Academic Affairs.

I would like to report that the Faculty Fringe Benefit Committee met with Vice Presidents Koepel and Gale, and John Gooch, and Wayne Torgeson on September 12, 1980. Phyllis Boutilier, Emily Erickson, Keith Baldwin, Ken Alexander, and Reynolds attended for the Committee. Ken Alexander is a new member.

A good part of the meeting was spent in a briefing by John Gooch on the new dental insurance coverage. He said that he felt the Fringe Benefit Committee, through pushing for comparison of the Fringe Benefits at MTU with other institutions, had enabled dental insurance to be offered at this time.

The remainder of the meeting was to be a discussion concerning reduced rates at University facilities for faculty. We were asked to postpone on this to a later date because of the current financial situation.

The Committee also indicated that they were very much in favor of the earlier adoption of the reduced spouse tuition proposal which is still on the table at the Board of Control.

President Boutilier commented as follows: "Thank you Fred. This Committee certainly has done the faculty a lot of good in the last two or three years. I think they should be commended for the work that they have done."

Old Business - Professor Halkola's report on the University budget will be delayed until next meeting.

New Business

Dr. Bredekamp will be retiring on the 21st of November. He is our Ombudsman and we will start the procedures to appoint a new Ombudsman. The requirements are that the Ombudsman is to be appointed by a three-man committee made up as follows: One member appointed by the President of the University; one member elected by the Senate from among its members; and one member elected by the general faculty.

Said election to be conducted by the Executive Committee of the Senate. Senator Synder, Chairman of the Elections Committee, will prepare a slate for next meeting for the election of the Senate and Faculty-at-Large representatives.

The Senate will elect the one member from the Senate, the Faculty will elect one member, and the Administration will appoint one member for selection of the Ombudsman.

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.