Minutes from the January 19, 1978 meeting of the University of Montana faculty

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Absent: Berger (out of town), Hess, Kimble, Lange, Lott, McClain (out of town), Meier, Nimlos, O'Donnell (excused), Patton, Schuster (excused), Sharkey, Steensland (out of town), Woodbury.

1. The minutes of 12/8/77 and 12/13/77 were approved as distributed.

2. Hill announced that the ASCRC Drop-Add Policy had been postponed until next month.

3. Hill turned over the meeting to Henningsen who gave a report on the appeals procedure for terminated faculty. He reported that President Bowers had wanted some faculty representation on an appeals committee and that ECOS had recommended that the members of the Service Committee serve in that capacity. Fred Henningsen, Howard Reinhardt, and Janet Wollersheim serve on the Service Committee. Henningsen stressed that the committee was not acting as the Service Committee but as a presidential committee. Their function will be to act on behalf of the faculty members. Boehmler suggested that since there was no official title for this committee that steps be taken to change the name from the Appeals Committee so as not to confuse this committee with the Salary & Promotions - Appeals Committee.

4. Shellen gave a report on the stepped-up recruitment efforts by the university. He reported on a recent team visit of which he was a member to the Great Falls and Conrad areas. He said that a series of team visits have been projected for the rest of the year into about 10 areas. Shellen commented that student recruitment efforts have increased in four areas: 1) team visits; 2) stepped-up activity in athletic recruitment; 3) the admissions office—increased out-of-state recruiting by participating in college fairs in the Chicago and Minneapolis areas and also participating in college day and night programs; and 4) Center for Student Development. The areas that are under direct control of the Steering Committee on Recruitment are the team visits, on-campus activity and follow-up on students through the Admissions office. Shellen reported that President Bowers had approved the requested budget of $44,000 for recruitment efforts. He also emphasized the importance of UM Days which is being reinstituted this spring. A question and answer session followed.

5. The Arts group caucused and elected William Farr, History, to the Salary & Promotions - Appeals Committee. However, it was pointed out that he had served out Duane Hampton's term on a committee last year and, therefore, would not be eligible to serve on another committee until one year had lapsed. Shellen moved to postpone the nomination until someone else could be contacted and express a willingness to serve. The motion was seconded and passed.
6. Chairman Hill distributed the resolution recognizing Sid Thomas' service on the Board of Regents. The resolution which came as a seconded motion from ECOS was passed and reads as follows:

'WHEREAS Sid Thomas has completed his term on the Board of Regents with distinction, and

WHEREAS Sid Thomas has always shown great concern for the needs of this university and the university system,

THEREFORE, we the members of the University of Montana's Faculty Senate express our sincere appreciation for his service to this university and the State of Montana.'

7. Hill mentioned that ECOS had proceeded with Shafizadeh's motion to form a committee to look at all possible areas where we as a university can improve our situation. The committee will be called the New Campus Concern Committee. Volunteers were solicited via the last Faculty Senate agenda; however, ECOS will not depend entirely on volunteers.

8. Hill reported that ECOS had discussed the motion for a vote of no confidence in President Bowers and had decided that the vote should remain tabled. It may be removed from the table at any time by ECOS or the Senate. Walsh mentioned that he was disappointed that ECOS hadn't acted more definitively on this motion but feels it is appropriate for the motion to remain tabled at this time since he would not want to confuse this issue with the issue of collective bargaining.

9. Fisher moved that a resolution be written concerning Sen. Metcalf's death; the motion was seconded and passed. ECOS will draw up a resolution. Also, Fisher endorsed the idea of a living memorial to Sen. Metcalf and moved that ECOS consider possible alternatives as to what a suitable living memorial would be. The motion was seconded and passed.

10. Solberg suggested that ECOS secure a copy of the letter Rep. Pistoria sent to Commissioner Pettit regarding the firing of 19 faculty members.

11. The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

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