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Absent: Bevis, Brett, Elison, Ellis, Henningsen (out of town), Lange, Oelz, Patton (out of town).

1. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Shellen. Minutes were corrected to show Boehmler excused at the October 19, 1978 meeting. Minutes were approved as corrected.

2. Announcements.

   A. Deanna Sheriff, Executive Director of the Alumni Association, gave a report on U of M Days. This year there will be a Departmental Fair in the UC Ballroom so students will be able to talk to representatives of many different departments rather than just a few. She asked for support and volunteers to work on the program this year which is set for April 5 - 7.

   B. Wayne Van Meter, Chairman of ASCRC, gave a report on the progress being made with general education requirements. He said that the committee has agreed on a format for the proposal that will be sent to the Senate and that a sub-committee is now finalizing it. The final draft will be based on the June 9 document with the inclusion of 4 major amendments that have been made this fall and some additional changes. The sub-committee may be finished with their draft by January 8. After the final draft is approved by ASCRC it will be distributed to the faculty and debated in the Senate.

   C. Chairmann Shellen announced that since there are no major items of business for a December meeting, there will be none unless an emergency arises.

3. At the request of Academic Vice President Habbe, an agenda change was made to allow the approval of the degree lists to be before the President's speech. Dr. Habbe presented degree lists #157 A, B & C which are revisions of the summer candidate lists and lists #158 A, B & C for fall quarter. There being no discussion, the degree lists were approved by the Senate as presented.

4. President Bowers' State of the University Address (Summary attached)

5. Chairman Shellen announced that as a result of the special election in the Sciences 2 year term group, David Bilderback received a 3 year Senate term and Habil Haddad received a 2 year term.

6. Unfinished Business

   A. Vote on the seconded amendment to the bylaws (defining the four Senate voting groups). Discussion was held as to how this amendment would affect representation on the Senate Committees. Shellen said that he is working with an idea of having proportional representation on the Committees. Shannon suggested that for this
year no changes be made in the Committees since they have already been set up. Shellen said that this amendment would not go into effect until April.

Clarification on the motion was made that the vote is not on whether there will be four voting groups in the Senate, but rather which academic unit will be represented in each group.

Vote was taken on the motion and motion passed. This motion was passed with the understanding that this document does not intend to mandate any particular method of committee representation.

7. New Business

A. Election of a member from the Arts group to the Review Committee. Shellen announced that Duane Hampton resigned from this committee and a replacement is needed for him.

Nominations were opened for a member from the Arts group to serve on the Review Committee.

Shannon moved to postpone the election. Motion was seconded. Discussion followed with Shannon saying that collective bargaining is bargaining on whether or not faculty should be involved in faculty evaluations. For this reason he feels the election should be postponed. After discussion the motion and second were withdrawn.

Discussion was next held on procedure to follow for this election since, due to the time factor, Senators did not want to elect someone who would not serve. It was decided that nominations would be made in the Senate. Those nominated would be contacted to see if they would be willing to serve. The names of those willing to serve will be placed on a ballot that will be distributed to Senators to elect one member for the committee.

The following people were nominated: McGuaghly, Flightner, Lanfear, Eagle, L. Lott, Todd & Emmons. It was moved and seconded to close nominations. Motion passed.

It was moved and seconded that if no one achieves a majority there would be a run-off election. After discussion, motion passed.

It was moved and seconded that if none of the people on the list are willing to serve that ECOS be given the authority to appoint a member to the Committee. (This motion is a suspension of the rules and would require a 2/3's vote for passage.) Division of the house was called for and the motion was defeated.

It was moved and seconded that if none of the nominees were willing to serve on the Committee that ECOS be allowed to make recommendations on a ballot for Senators to vote on. Motion passed.

8. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.