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**MINUTES**  
**Faculty Senate**  
**September 21, 1999**  
**Science Building, Room 102**

1. **The meeting was called to order by Larry McCallum, chair, at 11:31 a.m. Roll was taken:** Members unable to attend: Eddie Mabry, Charles Mahaffey, Paul Olsen. Excused Absence: Mary Em Kirn, Michael Green, Jon Hurty, and Sonja Knudsen.
2. Upon a **motion** by Roger Crossley and **seconded** by David Snowball the **minutes of May 6, 1999 were approved.** Jon Clauss requested that his name be removed from the “members unable to attend” – he did attend that meeting.
3. **Proposed schedule of Faculty and Faculty Senate meetings. Seconded** by Vicki Sommer and **approved.**
4. **Announcement of voting procedure** – Larry McCallum  
The Senate Steering Committee recommended the use of electronic voting rather than meetings for issues that are not controversial or do not require much discussion. Experience indicates that it is often difficult to find meeting times when large numbers of the faculty are both able and willing to attend. After a lengthy discussion a **motion** was made by Van Symons and **seconded** by Bob Tallitsch. It was **defeated.**
5. **Report on Y2K** – Chris Vaughn  
Chris Vaughn gave a summary of Y2K information. He reported that administration systems are completely modified and Y2K compliant. Desktop computers and other new equipment are all Y2K compliant. Those older machines that are date dependent should have a 4-digit date set up before the end of the year. Faculty should contact ITS if they have any concerns. Facilities seem to be the only services that would have any problems, but at this time they are not expecting any. Any faculty that have plants or animals should take them home over the break in the event of problems, which might affect life support systems. Vendors or ITS should be contacted if anyone has any specialized hardware or software that they will need help with. The H and O drive only will be on a back up system with ITS, anything else including email, should be backed up on a disk. Generally all data stored on desktop should be safe, but back up is always a good idea.

6. **Report on Enrollment** – Jack Hullett

The first year class has 565 first year students enrolled, which is 20 above the enrollment projection target. The average ACT for first year students is 25.2. Looking at the high school GPA of the incoming class, 59.6% of them, or 337, have high school GPA's of 3.5 or above and 165 students, or 29.2%, have a GPA between a 3.0 and 3.49. We are down in ACT +30's. Male/female ratio is lower. Statistics show that 48 students are minority, 150 students are Catholic, 129 are ELCA students and 183 have reported as other or unknown religion. There are 2,182 students on campus, as compared to the 2200 for which we budgeted. Several factors contribute to this drop. One is that normally some students who have previously been at the college but were not in attendance the previous spring return in the fall. Also, more students graduated this past year. The most disturbing data concerns freshman attrition. A very large number, 31, of first year students who registered, paid their deposits and from all usual predictors were coming, but didn't show up.

Dr. Tredway announced that there is about \$10,000 net dollars in revenue realized per student, resulting in a budget shortfall of about \$180,000 to \$200,000 for the 18 fewer students than projected. Dr. Tredway also stated the current problem isn't in recruiting students, it is keeping the students.

6. **Other Business**

There was no other business.

7. **Announcements**

Full Faculty meeting will be October 5, 1999 at 11:30 a.m. in the Olin Auditorium.

Karin Johnson suggested Jack Hullett attend the next meeting and update the figures on enrollment. Jack Hullett in turn suggested Ellen Hay and Evelyn Campbell also attend.

8. **Adjournment**

Jim Winship **moved** to adjourn the meeting and David Snowball **seconded** it. The meeting was **adjourned** at 12:27 p.m.

Dennis Gallo  
Secretary