

## I. Approval of Minutes.

Chairman Coolidge called the Senate to order. The minutes were approved as submitted.

## II. Reports of Officers.

The chairman reported that the Steering Committee is continuing to work with the President and the Provost in the matter of the 7% personnel cut. There was a meeting in November and another is expected in January.

He also noted with dismay that his request for nominations for several committees was totally ignored by the members of the Senate.

Provost Francis T. Borkowski:

The Provost conveyed the regrets of the President who could not be present as he was in a meeting of the Council of Presidents from public colleges and universities and the Commission on Higher Education, attempting to define a strategy to deal with the Legislature.

On another matter, the Provost assured the faculty that contrary to rumors there are no tenure quotas and that the administration has no intention to change this situation. The administration is thinking of seeking legislation which would permit it to engage in multiple-year contracts. Such permission would enable the University to promote early retirements combined with part-time teaching.

Finally, the Provost drew attention to the fine facility of the Faculty House, urging the faculty to make better use of it. If the dining service is forced to continue operating in the red there is a clear danger that this service would have to be terminated. Only greater use can save it from that fate.

## III. Reports of Committees.

### A. Steering Committee, Professor Charles Coolidge, Chairman:

Professor Coolidge announced the nomination of Professor John VanHoose, Education, to fill a vacancy on the Student Affairs Committee.

The Senate had also voted at its November meeting to establish a committee on scholastic standards and petitions for undeclared majors. In keeping with that vote, the Steering Committee nominated the following people: Mac Brown, Education; Oswald Schuette, Physics; David Coward, English; Opal Brown, Nursing; Barbara Tenenbaum, History; and Cheryl Luke, Business Administration. The committee would operate with the traditional system of rotation, two members going off every year, with the first rotation occurring at the end of the 1981-82 academic year.

### B. Grade Change Committee: Professor Keith Berkeley, Chairman:

The recommendations of the committee were approved as submitted.