

**Minutes: March 13, 2001** The meeting was called to order by President Streb at 11:10 am. The agenda and the minutes of the February 13, 2001 Senate meeting were approved. President Streb announced that Senate Secretary Rosemarie Wiest is fine and expected to come home tomorrow. Open Period: University President Farish shared information with senators: John Finan is the new Vice President of Administration and Finance, and he will start before June 1st. He is our first choice, and a background check revealed a remarkable character. We are optimistic that he will provide good and effective leadership on campus. A number of concerns have been raised by Nick Schmelz and the Budget & Planning Committee. Last year, after speaking with deans about the desirability of moving the budget out from the central administration, which at times would fund its pet projects, we have developed a fair way to allocate funds to the colleges and departments. Under the old system certain portion of the budget was allocated out each year, and everyone knows it is never enough. Various times throughout the year, people had to come forward, and ask for more monies to continue their work.

Sometimes the money was available, sometimes not. Departments and colleges are far better

allocates money that is earmarked for certain things. How then do we change the budgeting process to make that work? What is a fair way of allocating money? How do we create accountability for the use of the money? Within the next three years we will be able to raise the base budget of all the colleges to a level that is adequate. Budgets will be a partnership between the administration and college/ departments, with the college/departments having the control to spend their own money.

A question and answer period follo

later announced by the Curriculum Committee. The time has come to look at the issue of transferring Web-based courses from other institutions.

Currently, Web based courses do not show up on transcripts. We need to set some standards. The policy approved last year that runs through May 2001, states departments are to accept courses based on student material that was submitted to the department. A committee consisting of Mike Kolitsky, Martin Itzkowitz, Don Stoll, and President Streb and someone from Education will be formed. Next year, we will address how to deal with courses that currently exist that are being taught Web assisted, or exclusively over the Web on this campus and how they apply to the curricular process. We need to find a way not to stifle creativity and technology and promote integrity.

V. Regular Business - Standing Committee Report  
Learning Outcomes Assessment [Newell] - Have reports from all colleges and in process of formulating recommendations.