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Protests in Vain— Kane Reigns

• Mary Kay Kane has been elected by the Board of Directors to be the 14th dean of Hastings.

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After a week of student protest Mary Kay Kane has been chosen by the Board of Directors as the new Dean of the College.

The Board of Directors unanimously voted to offer Kane the position in a closed meeting on December 3, 1993. Kane accepted the offer.

After accepting the position Kane said, "I am absolutely delighted. I am excited about what I think we all can accomplish together." Kane had not yet negotiated her new salary with the Board but said, "I trust that we are going to work out a suitable arrangement."

The board meeting followed a week of student protests over the dean selection process during which the Associated Students of Hastings (ASH) gathered 150 signatures on a petition that stated "We the undersigned protest the dean selection process at Hastings. Student input should be an integral part of the process." Some students also wore purple armbands to protest the dean selection process.

The protests were prompted by the faculty's rejecting Emma Coleman Jordan and Bernard Oxman and endorsing only Kane at a November 17 meeting. This occurred even though students who attended

meetings with the dean candidates favored the other candidates over Kane.

Some students were also upset that the faculty met in secret and has not told students why they endorsed Kane and rejected the other candidates.

Student Chris Parsons said, "There is no communication between the student body and the administration/faculty. Part of the reason everybody is so upset about this is that we don't know why Dean Kane is such a great choice. Why is nobody telling us?"

Parsons later said that when contemplating coming to Hastings he talked to Hastings alumni. "Everyone of them said the same thing: you will learn law, you won't have a good time, and you will hate that school when you leave."

Student Kara Daillak said, "The secrecy breeds suspicion of the administration."

Robert Haga, ASH Director of Arts and Recreation, said that a student at the protest said to him, "They need to give students condoms on entering so when Hastings fucks us we'll be protected."

Some students did not agree with the protesters. Student Ted Decar said, "The faculty is better qualified to decide who should be dean of the school. They are older and wiser."

Student Joan Dawson is a strong supporter of Kane. She said, "Dean Kane has done a great job... She will continue to bring good people here."

The protests culminated with the presentation of the petition by Chris Ayayo

to the Board of Directors. Chairwoman Mitchell said in response, "Your concerns are shared by many people in all of the constituencies of the Hastings community." She later said that in a few months a board committee will be formed to study the dean selection process.

Chairman of the Dean Search Committee James Mahoney said, "I was disappointed that the faculty didn't see fit to endorse the candidates that the search committee had sent on to it and to provide the board with a bit more of a choice.... In due course we will have to take a very hard look at the procedures that are in place for the selection of dean and academic dean. Clearly, it is the board's responsibility to select a dean and we don't want to get into a situation where that responsibility is abrogated by procedures which may be flawed."

Professor Stephen Lind, a member of the Dean Search Committee, said, "I am sorry that not more than one name surfaced from the faculty." He said it would have been in "everyone's best interest" if the faculty approved more than one of the dean candidates.

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