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Steering Committee Meeting
October 17, 2013

Present: Jacqueline Johnson, Tammy Berberi, Sheri Breen, Janet Ericksen, Matt Senger,
Dave Swenson, Jennifer Zych Herrmann

Campus Assembly agenda

The committee walked through the Campus Assembly agenda for the October 29 meeting. The following agenda items will be added under New Business:

For Information. From the Membership Committee. Demonstration of clickers.

For Information. From the Scholastic Committee. Leave of absence policy

Ted Pappenfus, Chair of Assessment of Student Learning Committee, has asked for 15 minutes at the December 2 meeting to present items related to the UMM Assessment Plan.

Discuss request to have microphones at Campus Assembly

A request has been made by a faculty member to have microphones available at assembly meetings. Jacquie will have a microphone clipped to her and we will have two portable microphones available. Janet and Jennifer volunteered to manage the microphones at the next meeting.

Discuss electronic voting at Campus Assembly

How can the Steering Committee frame the question of using clickers for voting? The committee has concerns about having final results of an election posted. The Membership Committee suggests that we start out slow with the introduction of using clickers because this will be a major cultural shift for UMM. Should we use the clickers for the student election or some other hypothetical question? If we assign a clicker to each assembly member when they sign it, we will need to have some collect all of them at the end of the meeting. It is likely people will forget and walk out with the clickers. If Membership is handing out ballots as assembly members enter the Science Auditorium, perhaps they could also hand out a clicker.

Other

Tammy said she was asked who determines whether or not our campus web policies are in line with university policy. Does a university policy trump campus assembly policy? Who has the final say? Jacquie wondered if there was a reason for the question. In terms of Scholastic Committee issues, we could be stricter but not more lenient.

It was noted that the By-laws state that the Scholastic Committee develops, reviews, and recommends policies affecting the quality of education. It is concerned with such matters as admissions, academic progress, academic advising, student academic honesty, scholarship, and graduation. It has the power to grant exceptions to academic regulations when the spirit of such regulations has been satisfied. The committee admits students and evaluates transfer credit in accordance with standards established by the campus assembly. One could argue that the Scholastic Committee does not admit students but delegates authority to the director of

Admissions. The committee monitors and reviews the standards used and give direction to people who do the work.

Jacque would like to have a conversation at a future meeting about where RAR fits in our governance structure.