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**UMM Student Affairs Committee**  
**Minutes – October 31, 2012**  
**Prairie Lounge**

**Present:** Peter Bremer (Chair), Sandy Olson-Loy, Dave Swenson, Cheryl Stewart, Barry McQuarrie, Becca Gercken, Sheila Windingstad, Tamir Elnabarawy, Hazen Fairbanks

**Absent:** Holly Gruntner, Cory Schroeder

**I. Minutes**

Sheila made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2012, meeting with a spelling correction, Barry seconded. Motion was approved (7-0-0).

**II. Student Counseling**

Erica Karger-Garzow, Student Counseling, updated the Committee on the new counseling website. She demonstrated the navigation of the site and highlighted the content. A suggestion was made to provide information outside the door to Student Counseling for those occasions when assistance is needed but the office is closed. The Committee discussed academic problems that arise due to mental health issues and the need to have resources available for assistance when this happens.

**III. Mental Health Awareness Week**

Hazen Fairbanks from MCSA updated the Committee on activities during the recent Mental Health Awareness Week. She stressed the idea of eliminating the stigma associated with mental health problems. The activities during the week included “Send Silence Walking”. One thousand shoes were placed on the mall to draw attention to the large number of college-age students who commit suicide each year. Counseling Services provided mental health screenings to students, followed by a World Café discussion of the resources available on the Morris campus. Students were provided with tips on “Beating the Blues”. One in three college students have some type of mental health issue, at UMM over 20% of students suffer from depression.

#### **IV. Baby Changing Tables and Gender Free Bathrooms**

The Committee reviewed the information provided by Cathi Halbe on the number of baby changing tables and gender free bathrooms on the Morris Campus. It was decided to continue discussion at the next meeting.

#### **V. Student Organizations**

The Committee discussed the new organization, Morris League of Legends, and the constitutional changes for The Morris North Star (formerly Counterweight) and UMM Honors Council. Sheila made a motion to approve the constitutions, Barry seconded. Motion was approved (6-0-0).

#### **VI. Student Center Committee**

The Committee reviewed the Student center Committee membership. Hazen made a motion to approve the membership as stated, Cheryl seconded. Motion was approved (6-0-0).

The meeting was adjourned at 1:59 pm.

Submitted by Marilyn Gremmels