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Campus Assembly Meeting
April 2, 2014

I. Chancellor's Remarks.

Chancellor Johnson gave the following remarks: "We had our annual budget/compact meeting in the Twin Cities on March 10. Bart, Lowell, Colleen, Sandy and I were in attendance along with Provost Hanson, Vice President Pfitzenreuther, John Steadland from the Presidents office, Frances Lawrenz from the Office of VP for Research, and Mark Baumgartner from the Foundation Office. This is a chance for us to provide an update on where we are budget wise in the current fiscal year and then we are obligated to present a balanced budget for the coming year. Many thanks go to Colleen and Melissa Wroblewski for their hours and hours of work to ensure that our books are in order. I think the meeting went well and was well received. Of course we won't know the outcome until we get our final budget allocation which typically happens sometime in May. I will do a full presentation of what transpired at that meeting this Friday at noon. Please join me if you are able.

I have met with the Consultative Committee twice and am scheduled to meet with the Membership Committee later this month as we begin the search process for a Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Dean. You'll recall that Bart has agreed to serve through the end of the next academic year, and I had agreed, in the spring of 2011 that we would at the conclusion of his term launch a national search for this position. The timeline has us selecting a firm this spring; appointing a search committee; doing some of the frame work over the course of the summer; and then being prepared to move forward with the search in the fall, with an appointment by the end of fall semester, effective date July 1, 2015.

Congratulations and good news

Congratulations to all of you involved in planning and executing another very successful Prairie Gate Literary Festival.

Congratulations to Allison Wolf and Cory Schroder, our new MCSA student leaders.

Congratulations to Natalie Hoidal who was just selected as a Udall scholar from this campus.

UMM has been picked as a participant in the Made in MN solar initiative which will allow us to install solar photovoltaic panels to power the green prairie community.

Many of you in this room helped us over the course of the last year or so shape a proposal for a grant from the Margaret A. Cargill foundation. This is a foundation to which you apply only if you're invited—and we were. We have recently learned that our proposal for a sustainability leadership development program has been funded and we will receive somewhere over \$500,000 over the course of the next three years to develop and begin implementation of this award. We can talk about the award internally but not publicly at this point.

And don't forget the 36th annual jazz fest this weekend with performances at 7:30 pm and the 30th annual Powwow on Saturday with the grand entrance at 1:00 pm.

Please remember to vote for UMM for the 2014 Climate Leadership Award. Messages have been sent out to the campus community."

II. From the Steering Committee. Minutes from 2/17/14 Campus Assembly meeting approved as presented. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

III. Old Business

A. For action. From the Planning Committee. New comparison group for UMM. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

B. For Action. From the Student Affairs Committee. Proposed policy to become a commercial tobacco free campus. Motion fails by ballot vote: Yes 46 – No 80

Ramsay Bohm said most colleges that have a tobacco policy similar to this proposal had places where smoking was allowed. Would we consider having a designated space where smoking is allowed and how will the policy be enforced? Will people be escorted off campus if they are smoking? Becca Gercken said it will be a good faith policy and we hope people will comply. We already have guidelines for events and the smoking policy will be added to those guidelines. She said there has been a lot of conversation about a smoking zone but there were aesthetic concerns as well as cost and maintenance issues. It was determined that overall what was best for our campus is to become a commercial tobacco free campus. Tammy Berberi pointed out that the current policy (smoking 25 feet away from an entrance) is not followed or enforced. Sandy Olson-Loy said there have been concerns raised about smoking too close to residence halls and the ORL has worked with staff in various building to make sure people understand the policy. She has personally asked faculty and staff to move farther away from entrances. In some ways, she thought the smoking ban might be easier to enforce than the 25-foot rule. Matt Fredericks expressed concern about the amount of refuse this will generate and fears it will create more work for the grounds crew who will be tasked to clean up the cigarette butts. A good faith policy is good if people actually follow it.

Gercken added that at UMD, the former chancellor simply made a proclamation about the smoking policy. There was no discussion and there were complaints about the way it was handled. Heather Peters said people use smoking as a coping mechanism and stress reduction—smoking is an addiction and usually most people have tried to stop. She wondered if that aspect has been taken into consideration and if our counseling office has the resources to work with students to help find other coping mechanisms. Henry Fulda responded that the counseling staff is trained in working with addiction. He noted that we are not asking people to stop smoking—just not to smoke on campus. Ben Baglio wondered if this is really just about second hand smoke. The fact that the proposal includes e cigarettes and smokeless tobacco doesn't make sense to him. He feels it's unfair to pressure individuals to discontinue tobacco use. Jordan Wente added that he has spoken with a number of students and most of them do not support the policy. This might be effective in an urban setting but he thinks we should focus on whether or not this really fits Morris. Roland Guyotte said he plans to vote against the proposal. When it was determined years ago that second hand smoke was a health issue, the college banned smoking from offices and classrooms. This proposal seems like a bit of a legislative morality that doesn't belong here. Mark Collier said he was going to make the same point citing the harm principle—it is wrong for society to interfere if there is no harm to others.

IV. New Business

A. For Action. From the Membership Committee. Elections.

The following were elected to the Steering Committee:

Vice Chair: Barbara Burke
Faculty: Jennifer Goodnough, Margaret Kuchenreuther
USA: Jenna Ray
Students: Allison Wolff, Jayce Koester

The following were elected to the Membership Committee:

Faculty: Stacey Aronson, Kenneth Emo
USA: Jeff Lemberty
Students: Zach Johnson, Alex Stegel

The following were elected to the Consultative Committee:

Faculty: Julie Eckerle, Michelle Page
P&A: Jayne Blodgett, Lisa Harris

B. For Action. From the Curriculum Committee. The following curricular change proposals were approved as presented. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Humanities Division

ARTH 1802–We Live in a World of Art and Heritage (IC, 2 cr) *New*
ARTH 3272–Athens, Art, and Theatre (FA, 4 cr) – *New*
ARTH 3273–Ars Otii: The Art of Roman Leisure (FA, 4 cr) *New*
CMR 1803–Not Just For Laughs: Humor in Interpersonal Communication
and the Media (IC, 2 cr) *New*
CMR 3124–Rhetoric of Comic Art: Analysis and Creation (HUM, 4 cr) *New*
ENGL 2016–Monsters and the Monstrous in English Literature (HUM, 4 cr) *New*
ENGL 3172–American Utopian Literature (HUM, 4 cr) *New*
ENGL 4036–Research Seminar: American Biographical Novel (HUM, 4 cr) *New*
SPAN 3685–Seminar: Slavery and Abolition in Cuban Literature and Culture
(IP, 4 cr) *New*
SPAN 3686–Seminar: Writing History in Spanish American Literature
(HUM, 4 cr) *New*
SPAN 3687–Seminar: Afro-Hispanic Literature and Culture
(HDIV, 4 cr) *New*
SPAN 3688–Seminar: Literature and Gender in Nineteenth-Century Spain
(HUM, 4 cr) *New*

Science and Mathematics Division

BIOL 3121–Molecular Biology (SCI-L, 5 cr) – *Revised (when offered)*
BIOL 3131–Ecology (SCI-L, 4 cr) – *Revised (stats prereq added)*
BIOL 4211–Biochemistry (4 cr) – *Revised (prereq 3121 change to coreq)*
BIOL 4351–Conservation Biology (4 cr) – *Revised (BIOL 3700 added as
prereq or coreq)*

Social Sciences Division

Latin American Area Studies Minor

C. For Action. From the Functions and Awards Committee. Scholar of the College nominations approved as presented. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

D. For Information. From the Dean's Office. 2018-19 Academic Calendar. (Attached at the end of these minutes.)

Bart Finzel noted that there is no policy change. The instruction days are identical to the normal class count. We are adding a Monday study day to finals week and we will adopt an R term as opposed to L term (Human Resource language) for faculty. Commencement will be slightly later. Sandy Olson-Loy noted that with the addition of a study day on Monday, we will lose the honors and awards day that was held on the Friday before commencement.

E. For Information. From the Student Affairs Committee. Gender Neutral Housing proposal.

Cory Schroeder reported that the Gender Neutral Housing task force was made up of ORL staff, MCSA, Queer Issues Committee, E-Quality and MCSA. The task force ran a student survey and held an open forum to get opinions. Of the 210 responses, 81.4 were in favor of the policy. One of the most important things to note is that it is completely opt-in. It is up to the discretion of ORL to decide on the most feasible and accessible location. Cory added that all residents have the right to live in a safe space.

Jayce Koester said housing can be difficult for transgender students and right now the only option is to live alone. This proposal will show that we put diversity and inclusivity of high importance on our campus.

F. Other new business.

None.

V. Campus Governance Reports

MCSA

Hazen Fairbanks reported that students attended Support the U day in the Twin Cities last week. This is also the last week of the current MCSA administration and she said it has been a pleasure working with everyone on campus.

Planning Committee

Arne Kildegaard reported that the committee has been reviewing the 2006 strategic plan and identified 200 or so distinct objectives. Chancellor Johnson along with the vice chancellors and the Planning Committee independently ranked our progress of the plan. Planning ranked our recommendation of what should happen next. A surprising amount of progress has been made with respect to evolving and newly introduced programs; with respect to enrollment problems; with respect to financial aid; with respect to a healthier approach to alumni relations; and with respect to certain facilities. There have been quite a few success stories but the remaining challenges should not be diminished. Some serious challenges include improving the mall buildings.

Chancellor Johnson added that the Twin Cities has released their strategic plan and we may want to look at the four elements from their plan and think about how we might intersect with those.

Scholastic Committee

Jen Goodnough reported that the Scholastic Committee has become aware that midterm grades will be available with the ESUP rollout in Fall 2015. She hopes this will increase the number of faculty members getting information to students on how they're doing in the course.

VI. All University Reports.

Jayne Blodgett reported that the Social Concerns Committee will be discussing divestments. Please contact her if you have concerns.

Speaking as a faculty senator, Peh Ng reported that the Hubert H. Humphrey School of Public Affairs has invited former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice to Northrop Memorial Auditorium to speak on April 17, 2014. One of the items on the senate agenda this Thursday is a resolution to rescind the invitation. Please contact her if you have concerns or thoughts about Rice speaking.

Questions/comments from the assembly included:

- Where is the money coming from?
- I'm horrified that the U of MN would spend \$150,000 on a speaker.
- As the face of the Bush/Cheney administration, it would be a disgrace if she came to this institution.
- Although we might not always agree with their beliefs, do we want to limit the speakers?

It was verified that the Carlson Family Foundation would pay her fee.

VII. Announcements:

Rebecca Webb reported that members of AFSCME also attended Support the U day.

Hilda Lander announced that World Touch Cultural Heritage Week kicks off this weekend with the Powwow on Saturday. The keynote presentation is on Wednesday with **Kao Kalia Yang**, author of "The Latehomecomer: A Hmong Family Memoir". She will speak about the Hmong experience in her talk entitled *Writing the World from the Hmong Perspective*. Copies of her book are available in the EDI office. The week wraps up on Thursday with the dinner featuring food from different Asian cultures.

Motion to extend by 15 minutes to complete the elections was approved. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

VII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm.

Proposal (Faculty on R Term)

2018-2019 UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA - MORRIS CALENDAR

Fall Semester 2018 (73 class days)

August 20	Monday	Faculty Return
August 26-28	Sun.-Tues.	New Student Orientation
August 29	Wednesday	Classes begin
September 3	Monday	Labor Day holiday
October 19	Friday	First half semester Classes end
October 22-23	Mon.-Tues.	Fall Break (no classes)
October 24	Wednesday	Second half semester Classes begin
November 22-23	Thurs.-Fri.	Thanksgiving Holiday and floating holiday
December 14	Friday	Last day of instruction
December 17	Monday	Study day
December 18-21	Tues.-Fri.	Final examinations

Spring Semester 2019 (74 class days)

January 21	Monday	MLK Holiday
January 22	Tuesday	Classes begin
March 15	Friday	First half semester Classes end
March 18-22	Mon-Fri.	Spring Break
March 22	Friday	Floating Holiday
March 25	Monday	Second half semester Classes begin
May 10	Friday	Last day of instruction
May 13	Monday	Study day
May 14-17	Tues.-Fri.	Final examinations
May 18	Saturday	Commencement

May Session 2019 (14 class days)

May 20	Monday	May session begins
May 27	Monday	Memorial Day holiday
June 7	Friday	May session ends

Summer Session 2019

May 28-June 28		Summer Session I (24 class days)
May 27	Monday	Memorial Day holiday
July 1-August 2		Summer Session II (24 class days)

July 4, 2019	Thursday	Independence Day holiday
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2018-2019 Holidays (Total: 11)

July 4, 2018	Wednesday	Independence Day Holiday
September 3	Monday	Labor Day Holiday
November 22	Thursday	Thanksgiving Day Holiday
November 23	Friday	Floating holiday
December 24	Monday	Floating holiday
December 25	Tuesday	Christmas Holiday
December 31	Monday	Floating holiday
January 1, 2019	Tuesday	New Year's Day Holiday
January 21	Monday	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
March 22	Friday	Floating holiday
May 27	Monday	Memorial Day Holiday