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Student Affairs Committee minutes

1/13/14

Present: Allison Wolf, Jill Beauregard, Barry McQuarry, Megan Jacobson, Becca Gerken, David Swenson, Cheryl Steward, Sheila Windingstad, Sandy Olson-Loy (arrived at 2:30 pm)

Absent: Cory Schroeder,

The meeting was called to order at 2:06 pm

Introductions were made for the benefit of new members.

AISES Constitution Review:

Dave introduced the new constitution for AISES. They added four new positions and clarified membership. Allison moved to approve the new AISES constitution. Sheila seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Dave also brought to the committees attention that there is a request to create a social sorority that may be coming forward at a future meeting.

Student Employment Subcommittee Discussion:

Jill briefed the committee on the history of the Student Employment Subcommittee. The committee met sporadically over the Fall and conducted a survey of students in conjunction with the Center for Small Towns. Jessica Beyer with CST is compiling the data from that survey currently. The Subcommittee planned to host a forum on the issue but was unable to set a date. Joe Alia who has chaired the committee has resigned and Carol Backman who was a key player as the coordinator of student employment in financial aid has retired, so there is currently a vacuum in leadership. Jill recommends that the committee appoint a new chair for the subcommittee. Dave suggested that perhaps a new chair should recreate the charge and membership plan and bring this to the Student Affairs Committee for approval similar to what the Student Center and Dining Services Subcommittees have done. Becca questioned if there were other faculty on the sub committee, Jill was unsure. Becca asked Jill to confer with the existing members and bring a suggestion back to the committee for approval. The committee discussed what sort of long term commitments this sub committee would have. Jill shared that the ESUP program will impact many employment issues that this committee will have to discuss. Dave also suggested that the minimum wage may also be changing and this committee will need to make recommendations to Student Affairs on these issues as well.

Tobacco Forum:

Forum dates have been set - Wednesday February 5, 3:00 – 4:30 and 6:00- 7:30 Location is TBD. Sandy has shared this info as well as the all U policy that is currently under review in an e-mail to the committee earlier today.

Sandy shared the differences between the policy this committee has been reviewing and the all U (except Morris) policy being reviewed. There are some additional statistical piece attached to the all U policy including a survey of faculty and staff that we may be able to also implement on the Morris campus before the scheduled forum. Becca asked if the committee was interested in conducting a faculty/staff survey. The committee agreed that conducting a faculty/staff survey will be adventitious before the forum. Allison will work with Student Activities, Conferences and Events to schedule the rooms for the forums. Sandy suggested that we hold a second date as well in case inclement weather prevents our first date from coming to fruition.

Sandy suggested that the committee identify a working group to organize the forums and bring feedback from the forums back to the committee. Becca felt the committee could use our existing 20 minutes to discuss this as well. The committee felt there should be a powerpoint to present the data and history leading to the proposed policy. Sandy suggested that the TC group could modify the presentation they had created to include more of our UMM data for us. Allison suggested the same format as was used for the gender neutral housing forum. Becca asked if anyone from our Health Services would want to be involved in the forum. It was agreed that since this issue generated from that area of campus that they would want to be a part of these forums. Becca though it would be good to be able to address resources available to individuals who may want to try to quit smoking in response to this policy.

Draft agenda for forums:

1. Presentation of history and data
2. Guest speakers from TC and UMM health services
3. Q & A

Becca asked for volunteers to serve on the working group. Sandy will take charge, Allison will pressure Corey to serve on the group. Sheila offered to serve as well.

Becca suggested that the committee should probably meet weekly through February to achieve the planned goals for the semester. There will be no meeting next week due to the MLK day holiday.

The meeting was adjourned 2:58 pm.