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Minutes
Consultative Committee
October 6, 2009
Imholte Hall 218
8:00 – 9:00 AM

Present: Jon Anderson, Nancy Carpenter, Brad Deane, Attina Earl, Jen Zych Herrmann, Paula O'Loughlin, Laura Thielke, Matt Privatsky, Sydney Sweep, Sharon Van Eps

Absent: Ron Kubik, Jane Kill, Laura Thielke, Zak Forde (on fall internship; replacement likely to be elected through MCSA)

Minutes from 22 Sep 2009 were approved.

1. Nancy Carpenter presented a statement for the committee's approval re: Community Meetings requesting that more time be allocated to questions/answers vs. presenting information. Discussion generally favored the committee's endorsement and delivery of this request to the Chancellor, with the amendment that we suggest rather than mandate a time limit of 20 minutes for presentation of information.

This statement will be delivered to Chancellor Johnson at her "Chat with the Chancellor" immediately following this 10/6/09 Consultative Committee meeting.

2. Kathy Julik Heine presented research on smoking and tobacco bans that have been recently been put into place at other colleges and universities in Minnesota (UMD, UMC, Winona State and Minnesota State University, Moorhead). Information gained from study is being examined as UMM decides whether or not to pursue such a policy.

Questions asked include:

- How are campuses doing this and why?
- Should Morris be doing this?

Study also compared Morris student responses on behaviors to the 2007 College Health Survey. Morris has a lower percentage of students who smoke, but they report to have a higher secondhand smoke exposure and to smoke more at campus events, as compared to the findings of the College Health Survey.

Individual College Results: Overall, preparation and consultation seem to be key components of successful adoption of such policies.

UMD – quick implementation resulted in poor reception of policy, more cigarette litter, enforcement of policy is an issue

MSUM – long and thorough preparation prior to policy implementation, self-enforced

UMC – policy adopted quickly, not received well by students, not positive

Alternative options to a whole-campus ban:

- Enforce 25 ft distance between building entrances and smoking (further regulation, make more noticeable, create visible line, more enforcement)
- Offer smoking cessation program to students, staff and faculty
- Smoking shack (not a recommended or supported idea)

Comments from Committee:

- Support of designated smoking areas or enforcement of 25ft rule
- Want to see more smoking cessation programs offered. If ban were to be implemented the cessation programs should be offered at least 1 year in advance.
- A smoking ban does not fit culture of UMM and would likely be poorly received
- Would appreciate the ban personally but wouldn't support it due to negative impact it would have on others in campus community
- Ban would protect campus health but seems paternalistic and wouldn't be well received on campus.
- There is insufficient science to support the idea that outdoor second hand smoke is dangerous to passersby, the measure could only be justified as a paternalistic effort to keep smokers from harming themselves – for that reason, philosophically opposed
- Suggestion to survey faculty and staff to make study more comprehensive – do prior to making any decisions
- Any successful initiative would need to be student-led

3. VCAA and Dean Contant will be meeting with committee on 10/13. Topics to discuss include:

- Funding of sabbaticals and single-semester leaves
- Role of adjunct faculty
- Ideal number of faculty
- Process for making budgetary decisions
- Involvement in Academic Staffing plan that CRPC has been consulting on

This information will be shared with Dean Contant prior to the 10/13 meeting by Co-Chair Zych Herrmann.

4. Constitution – Co-Chairs will meet with Michelle Page, as Chair of Executive Committee to discuss process for ratification of new Consitution today at 2pm. Information from this meeting will be shared with entire Consultative Committee via email.

5. Other remaining items shared with committee by the campus will be addressed in future meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Zych Herrmann