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**UMM Student Affairs Committee
Minutes – December 2, 2011
Moccasin Flower Room**

Present: Peter Bremer (Chair), Dave Swenson, Sheila Windingstad, Sandy Olson-Loy, Cheryl Stewart, Megan Trumper, Amanda Helgerson, Jon Anderson

Absent: Becca Gerken, Andrew Sletten, Pengxeu Thao

I. MINUTES

Molly made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 11, 2011, meeting. Motion was approved (7-0-0)

II. STUDENT CENTER COMMITTEE

Sheila made a motion to approve the establishment of a Student Center Committee per Dave Swenson's proposal. Motion was approved (7-0-0)

III. ZIMRIDE

MCSA President Manjari Govada demonstrated to the committee how to use Zimride, the new ridesharing network for UMM. The service offers low cost solutions to traveling for students and improves campus sustainability. Jim Hall, Computing Services, explained how the number of users has increased due to the distribution of posters, flyers, and post cards. Jim is looking at ways to get the information about the network out to new students, possibly through their orientation program. Jim stated that we have a three year contract for the service at a cost of \$7000. This program has cut down considerably on the use of the student e-mail list.

Dave Swenson felt that there are still outstanding issues with the all student e-mail list. Issues have been raised about conflict with FERPA privacy rights and the list. It may be that automatically placing all students on the list whether they choose to or not may be a violation of these rules and students who choose to suppress their personal information in University systems may need to be removed from the list. (UMM currently has over 100 students that have some form of suppression of their personal information.) There are also feelings that there is still too much traffic on the all student list and there is need for another system to manage things like lost and found or roommate searches.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

We will poll the members to find a convenient time to meet for spring semester.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 am.

Submitted by Marilyn Gremmels