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**UMM Student Affairs Committee
Minutes – September 30, 2010
Behmler Conference Room**

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

Absent: Megan Trumper, Becca Gercken, Andrew Sletten

Guests: Chad Braegelmann, Zach Meyer (intramural intern), Wayne Morford

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 am. Peter welcomed the committee and had each member introduce themselves.

I. MINUTES

Motion: (Jon, Amanda) To approve the minutes with a noted spelling correction.

Vote: Approved. (6-0-0)

II. INTRAMURALS AT UMM

Chad distributed handouts to the committee. Chad discussed the structure of his position, being a joint position with athletics and student activities. The position was previously 50-50%, since Chad took over it has become a 65-35% position, leaving less time to spend on intramurals. AFRC provides the funding for the program, with the primary expense being student workers.

Chad talked about some of the more costly programs, for example, bowling in the spring, and bus trips to Wild hockey and Twins baseball games.

Chad explained the handout listing the offerings during the four intramural sessions, the number of teams and participants. Those highlighted in green indicate programs added since Chad arrived. Session I runs until fall break, Session II fall break through winter break, Session III up to spring break, and Session IV after spring break.

Chad discussed the activities that are offered, noting that we have been able to add at least one activity per session. If students are interested in new activities, Chad will check on the feasibility. If the popularity of an activity decreases, it will no longer be offered.

Chad was asked what the main challenges of the program were. Time and money are the big issues. Chad feels fortunate to have MSAF funds to hire interns, they take care of the day to day tasks so he can work on the big picture. The Student Activities office staff helps with back up when he is not in the office. Chad noted that Ultimate Frisbee and Quiddich are competing with other schools.

Sandy commented that the program has really grown since its move to Student Activities. AFRC previously had many complaints about the program being disorganized, the structure has now come a long way.

The program is more streamlined now than in the past, the four sessions seem to work well. Access to information is on the web site. There is efficiency in getting schedules together and getting information out to students.

Chad spoke of the breakdown of participation, men are higher percentage of participation, guess of 60-40%, co-ed sports tend to be pretty balanced.

Chad has done some tracking of student participation in the intramural programs, in 2008-2009 there were 618 individuals that competed, in 2009-2010 there were 710, and in 2010-2011 there were 696. Many of these students competed in more than one activity.

Peter asked if we had an active fencing group on campus. They are active, but not as active as they once were. Chad has never had a request from the fencing group other than storing their gear. AFRC bought electronic gear a couple of years ago. Students interested in fencing have graduated.

There have been requests for women's roller derby and curling. These activities have not been added because it would not be the best use of the funds.

III. CONSTITUTIONS

Billiards

Morris Foodlums – focused on local foods, tied to Real Food Challenge
Worship and Word as Jesus' Disciples

Real Food Challenge – college students encouraging dining services to serve more real food, sustainable grown food, grown close to the campus.

Two billiard tables are in Indy, one in Gay, and one in the Student Center.

Motion: (Jon, Amanda) To approve the constitutions of the three student groups
Vote: Approved (6-0-0)

IV. RFC UPDATE

Wayne Morford provided an overview of the RFC, along with handouts.

Group fitness programming has significant increase in usage by students. Two new programs, zumba and spin, have been popular additions. Janel has done a good job connecting and offering what the students are interested in. They are trying to add new programs throughout the year as new trends come in.

Wayne spoke about hosting special events on campus, coordinating with community organizations, such as, Party in Pink fundraiser and 80's Halloween dance fitness class.

A new bike share program has been added – check them out just like other rental items. There has been a huge response with the nice weather. There have been over 100 uses of bikes on a daily basis. There is currently no charge for the program, there are challenges with the staffing however.

New this fall – students have agreed to put 2.5% of their fee into a reserve fund, about \$2 per student per semester. The fund will be used for updates to the facility, within a month there will be new fitness equipment in the fitness room, specifically aerobic equipment.

Wayne spoke about things that need to be worked on in the future, including a group fitness multipurpose dance room, expansion of group fitness room by adding equipment, climbing wall, and outdoor ropes challenge course.

Wayne mentioned issues with the recreational pool, there is no sound proofing. The competition pool is old, so there will be challenges in the future.

Discussed the racketball court, should there be renovation, or convert to a yoga room or climbing wall. It is PE Center space, not RFC, so hours are different at the locations. It was noted that the PE Center opened in 1970, before women's sports. Locker and staff space is really needed and the facility space is problematic. The Planning Committee identifies what we seek funding for, they go to the legislature every two years, so it would be six years out for funding for PE Center renovations.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Marilyn Gremmels has taken over the support position from Melody Veenendaal.

The next meeting will be October 28, 2011, and will include a walking tour of the Student Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 am.

Submitted by Marilyn Gremmels