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UMM Student Affairs Committee
Minutes – November 11, 2011
Prairie Lounge

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

Absent: Becca Gerken, Andrew Sletten, Amanda Helgersen, Pengxen Thao

I. MINUTES

Motion: (Sheila, Jon) To approve the minutes of the October 28, 2011, meeting.

Vote: Approved (5-0-0)

II. ATHLETICS AT UMM

Mark Fohl updated the committee on several issues of concern to the athletic department. The PE Center was completed in 1970, at that time there were 7 sports, all for men. Since that time we have expanded to 19 sports for men and women. Originally there were approximately 150 student athletes participating, now, there are 400 student athletes. Over the years there has been no remodeling of the facility. Of major concern is the physical space limitations of the PE Center, including the locker room space for men and women (especially for the women), the training room isn't large enough, and a shortage of storage space. The athletic department is currently using an annex for office space.

Motion: (Sheila, Megan) In recognition of space limitations manifested by inadequate locker room and training room facilities as well as insufficient storage areas, the Student Affairs Committee strongly supports PE Center renovations to better serve an expanding population of existing student athletes and to increase overall UMM student retention and recruitment into the future.

Vote: Approved (5-0-0)

Mark spoke of the need to develop some type of promotional track for coaching staff. He indicated that some of the younger coaches have shown an interest in administration.

Mark distributed Student-Athlete Surveys to the committee, this is the first year that this evaluation will used.

Mark updated us on the Soccer press box. The slab is down, it will be a two story structure, with the bottom used for storage, and the top will be the press box. This project was funded mainly by donor and capital improvement funds. Mark feels softball and baseball are also in need of some structure like this, since the conference requires taping of events.

III. UNIVERSITY STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE REQUIREMENT

Henry Fulda informed the group of the University Student Health Insurance requirement. Students currently make a “soft waiver” by providing their insurance company and policy number. In the fall of 2012 this will become a “hard waiver”, where students will be required to provide a certificate of coverage. The coverage will be evaluated to make sure it meets the necessary criteria, and the waiver will cover a period of two years.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

The next meeting will be Friday, December 2, 2011, in the Prairie Lounge.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05am.

Submitted by Marilyn Gremmels