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Campus Assembly Meeting
November 4, 2015

I. Chancellor's Remarks.

Chancellor Johnson gave the following remarks: "I will begin by acknowledging the sadness and sorrow that is shared by all of us on this campus as we learned of the death of one of our first year students, Laura Schwendemann. I want all of you here to know that we have reached out to her family in a number of ways, and many of us were able to attend the visitation last night and the funeral this morning to share with her family and friends in this very difficult time. I hope you also know that resources are available for anyone who needs some time, some wise counsel, or simply a listening ear to help them try to make sense of and deal with all of this. She was so young, and so full of promise and potential and we are extremely lucky to have had her as a member of this community, even if for such a short time. We are planning a campus gathering at some point in the near future to remember her and celebrate her life – we will let you know those details when we have them.

Most of you know that President Kaler visited our community earlier this week. He was joined by several staff members and two of our Regents were also here for a brief time. His visit was short, but he did have a chance to meet with student leaders, campus and community members, our area legislators, Senator Torrey Westrom and Representative Jeff Backer – and another of his priorities was to meet with the Chancellor's Search Committee which he did yesterday morning. Thanks to all of you who have attended listening sessions over the course of the last few days to help in the development of a position description for that job.

I am pleased that UMM had such a strong presence at the AASHE meeting last week – AASHE stands for the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education – a national organization decided to what it says. There were 2300 attendees. UMM is all over the most recent edition of the Sustainable Campus Index. Our presence there was a statement about the integrative and inclusive nature of this campaign in that we had representatives from faculty, staff, and students. I had the privilege of serving on a four-person panel that addressed the business case for sustainability to an audience of 500 participants.

Also proud that our campus has been a facilitator for the sister city relationship that was just established between the city of Morris and Saerbeck in North West Phalia, Germany. Several of us participated in that community's most recent visit to our campus and then were present at a gathering in Minneapolis (at Surly's) of a large German delegation sponsored by the Minnesota Department of Trade and Economic Development, where the sister city agreement was signed by our own major Sheldon Giese and by the German city manager. We are hoping that one of the outcomes of this partnership will be a student exchange with University of Munster."

II. For Action. From the Steering Committee. Minutes from 10/12/15 Campus Assembly meeting approved as presented. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

III. Old Business.

None.

IV. New Business.

A. For Action. From the Membership Committee. 2015-16 committee replacements serving on core and other standing committees. Nancy Carpenter, co-chair of Membership Committee, brought forward a

motion to add an item to the slate: Roger Wareham would replace Jeremy Karger-Gatzow on the Faculty Development Committee. Motion passed and item was formally added and approved by Assembly by unanimous voice vote. All four replacements were approved as a slate.

Kiel Harrell replaces Kevin Stefanek on Faculty and P&A Affairs Committee

Emma Kloos replaces Jim Barbour on Scholastic Committee

David Ericksen replaces Michael Eble on Academic Support Services Committee

Roger Wareham replaces Jeremy Karger-Gatzow on Faculty Development Committee

B. For Action. From the Steering Committee. Proposal to form ad hoc committee to continue review of the Constitution.

Barbara Burke, chair of Steering Committee, gave the following remarks: "I am before you representing the Steering Committee:

At our last Assembly meeting we heard from the Constitution Review task force regarding what they accomplished, and what issues and elements they identified as needing further attention and more substantial changes. (We just voted RE: the list of those items).

The task force has completed their charge, and has disbanded. As was said at last Assembly, the next step is to create an ad hoc committee to begin work on the suggestions from that list.

You may be wondering why another committee? The task force completed what they were asked to do. What is being asked now is for approval for a committee to guide the next steps of the process. If we want this committee, we need to follow process.

From the constitution: "Membership recommends all membership and designate chairs of all standing and ad hoc committees.

Ad hoc committees are appointed committees not otherwise specified in the constitution or by-laws. They are established by approval of Campus Assembly after recommendation by the Steering Committee to undertake special charges that do not fall within the purview of the standing committees of the assembly. Ad hoc committees must have a defined termination date stated at the time of formation."

This means, we hope, you approve the existence of the committee at this meeting, and a slate of members soon thereafter.

We would like a member of the Assembly to move the following: "Campus Assembly calls for the establishment of an Ad Hoc committee to continue review of the UMM Constitution. The committee shall exist, and its members shall serve, for approximately one year, December 2015 - January 2017, and a representative of the committee shall make a report at the end of said term regarding their progress and further actions to address. The composition and number of committee members shall be determined by the Membership Committee and approved by Campus Assembly."

The motion was moved Mary Elizabeth Bezanson and seconded by Dave Swenson.

Nancy Carpenter, co-chair of Membership Committee, asked why a term of one-year is stated. Barbara responded that the constitution requires that ad hoc committees have a start and end date. Given that requirement, Nancy thought it didn't make sense to have such a quick turnover and suggested the committee end-date be extended to a time such as January 2045.

Jennifer Goodnough thought an extended term would be appropriate, provided there are provisions for continuity of membership when there is attrition through graduation or other factors.

Kristin Lamberty wondered if a shorter amount of time would be more appropriate, a sentiment echoed by Membership Co-Chair Stacey Aronson.

Nancy proposed an amendment to the original motion extending the term to January 2018. She commented that an extension would allow the committee to complete its work, as it is unlikely it can be completed in one year. Parliamentarian Tim Lindberg said it would be appropriate to propose this on the floor of the Assembly as long as it was accepted by a vote of the Campus Assembly body.

Julie Eckerle, co-chair of Consultative Committee, commented that although work is still in progress, some of the findings of Consultative's work focused on revitalizing campus governance could find some resolution through constitutional review and that adding another year seemed reasonable.

Chancellor Johnson called for a motion to amend the motion presented by Barbara. The motion to amend carried with a unanimous voice vote.

Michael Korth asked if the Steering Committee had considered doing the job itself since it seems to line up with the purview of the committee. He also asked about the final report outlined in the amendment and wondered if it was possible for the committee to report in the middle of the term of service, perhaps at the one-year mark.

Barbara answered that committees are welcome to report to Assembly at any time and can make more than the minimum number of reports specified in the charge. She added that the job of constitutional review and revision requires more dialogue and contact with campus through listening sessions than is within the scope of the Steering Committee.

Chancellor Johnson called for a motion to vote on the amended motion. The amended motion to form an ad hoc committee starting in December 2015 and ending in January 2018 was approved by majority voice vote.

V. Campus Committee Reports.

Nancy Carpenter, co-chair of Membership Committee, reported that an email went out to members of the Assembly with a link to Steering Committee voting. She encouraged the Assembly to vote. Candidates are Denise Odello and Jong-Min Kim. The candidate who wins will need to be replaced on the core standing committee on which s/he serves.

Kristin Lamberty, chair of Assessment of Student Learning Committee, provided an update on the Minnesota Value Project. This year the three areas for which the committee is collecting artifacts are: critical thinking, written communication, and quantitative literacy. Next year, the committee will collect artifacts in three other areas: intercultural competence, civic engagement, and ethical reasoning. The committee has divided out the rubrics amongst themselves, so there is a point person to collect artifacts or answer questions for each area.

VI. All University Reports.

Jennifer Goodnough, UMM's rep on the Senate Committee for Educational Policy (SCEP), reported that SCEP reviewed the timely graduation policy, which includes the requirement to declare a major with some adjustment for transfer students. Scholastic Committee had some concerns about this, related to

students with double majors, but none of the concerning language was in the policy that was voted on and approved by SCEP.

VII. Announcements.

A. General announcements

Jon Anderson reported on findings from the Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC) efficiency and effectiveness study. Morris was found to have graduation rates that are 1.2 standard deviation points above what would be expected, given the characteristics of the student body.

Chancellor Johnson added that this is the third consecutive year in which Morris has been named the most effective public four-year public institution in Minnesota by MHEC. A link to the report is included in the story on the campus homepage.

Michelle Page announced that the Division of Education will be visited by state and national (NCATE) accreditation teams November 15-17. She thanked everyone in advance for their willingness to pitch in and collaborate during these visits. She also thanked everyone who participated in curriculum mapping last year.

Kristin Lamberty, chair of Assessment of Student Learning Committee, adds that the Higher Learning Commission report has been submitted and received.

B. Update from Chair of the Chancellor Search Committee

Peh Ng, chair of the Chancellor search committee, thanked everyone who participated in this week's listening sessions and/or provided feedback. She reported that the search committee was formally charged on 11/3/15 and that the committee, Ann Yates of Witt/Kieffer, and Jon Steadland, Office of the President, learned a lot during the listening sessions. The next step in the search process is to post the position description and the ad before Thanksgiving, with campus visits to begin after Spring Break.

VIII. Adjournment.

Adjourned at 5:13 p.m.