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Student Affairs Committee meeting 9/15/17

1. Welcome & Introductions

Present:

Ryan Schamp

Dave Israels-Swenson

Vera Lu

Steven Tetrick

Dan Demetriou

Janine Teske

Sandy Olson-Loy

2. Mission of the Committee:

The Student Affairs Committee develops, reviews, and recommends policy for student activities and services, such as housing, health, food, athletics, financial aid, campus events, and student behavior. It has the power to grant recognition to student organizations and to approve their constitutions and by-laws, as well as to review and approve subsequent amendments. It provides for the enforcement of procedures and regulations to maintain appropriate standards of conduct within the student community.

Demetriou: How much weight does recommendation have?

Schamp: Committee kept in loop

Accomplishments: Student Code of Conduct updated (final approval comes down to committee)

Sandy wants committee's approval on things

Unknown what would occur if something came to head, might go to Campus Assembly

3. Accomplishments from 2016-17

a. Student Organizations constitutions approved

- i. Comfort Zone
- ii. Sports Team Improv Troupe
- iii. Jazz at Morris
- iv. Bodhisattva Order of Morris
- v. Students for a Democratic Society
- vi. The Philosophical Society
- vii. Vagabond and Explorers Guild
- viii. Morris Alpine Club
- ix. Morris Environmental club
- x. Meme Team
- xi. Korean Culture Club

1. 2 clubs since made inactive

2. Groups send constitutions to SA, discuss and clarify, bring overview of constitutions to meetings only to approve constitution

- b. Dining Services local foods and sustainability resolution
 - i. STARS resolution from MCSA referred to Student Affairs, worked on updating Dining Services contract (performance based reports)
 - c. Updates to the Student Behavior Committee Procedures
 - i. TJ and Adrienne brought forward recommendations to align campus processes with system-wide practices (ex: 5 members changed to 3 members per hearing panel)
 - d. Review of and input regarding UM Sexual Misconduct Policy revisions
 - e. Smoking policy review and discussion of potential of a smoke-free campus
 - i. Last year: some interest in addressing tobacco on campus
 - 1. Consider looking into possible ban on the act of smoking tobacco on campus opposed to all tobacco
 - 2. Still considering which policy to propose to Campus Assembly (will continue to discuss)
 - f. Discussion of student listserves and student communications
 - i. Over summer- university decided to do away with listserv and promote use of other communication services (research found we were only student opt-in list)
4. Goals for 2017-18
- a. Continue discussion of campus smoking policy
 - b. Student Issues:
 - i. Concerns about Wifi in the Residence Halls
 - 1. Maybe explore the new wireless system and student needs
 - c. Quality Initiative for the Higher Learning Commission: Improving First Year Student Experiences and Persistence at the University of Minnesota, Morris
 - i. Assessment of Retention Initiatives
 - 1. project: looking at 1st year student experiences and student retention (currently at 79-80%)
 - ii. Fostering Student Mental Health & Wellbeing
 - 1. 40% of students have been diagnosed with mental health concerns as of Spring 2017
 - 2. Students report high stress
 - 3. Can lead to retention issues
 - 4. Only about 20% of students use counseling
 - iii. High Impact Practices in the First Year
 - 1. Study abroad, undergrad research, cultural programs
 - 2. Haven't defined what our particular high impact practices are
 - d. Chancellor's umbrella:
 - i. Group being developed this fall to look at strategic plannings
 - ii. Mission development
 - iii. 11 overarching goals
 - a. Quality initiative
 - b. Intellectual disabilities feasibility study (2 year program?)

- i. Independent consultant may be called in
 - c. system -wide enrollment management support group
 - i. Help with raising enrollment numbers systemwide
 - ii. May try and partner with admissions to give prospective students the morris experience in 24hrs
 - d. Consulted on capital campaign
 - e. Campus conversation series
 - i. Chancellor wants committees to lead some conversations
 - ii. We may be interested in participating in a finance conversation
 - iii. Email Ryan if interested in working on one of these
 - iv. May need to put some of our plans on hold to work on achieving overarching goals of chancellor
 - e. Additional goals?
 - i. Will be open all year, let Ryan know
- 5. Student Behavior Committee membership
 - a. Asked for permission to add additional members on provisional basis due to hearings during this summer (didn't actually occur this summer)
 - i. Current members: Fiona Wu, Salvi Alam, Jon Anderson, Heather Peters, Barbara Burke, Tim Grove, Jenn Gounough
 - ii. Requested membership: Mickey Capps, Katrine Skjovold, Simon Franco, Ray Legasse (2 more members will also be announced later)
 - 1. Will look at approving them officially as a committee
 - b. TJ working to create a webpage about how the process works and what the committee does
- 6. Adjourn