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**UMM Student Services Committee
Minutes – 2/11/02**

Present: Katherine Benson, Ardath Larson, Vivian Heltemes, Clare Strand, Rita Lambert, Barbara Burke, Matt Johnson, Andy Grassmann, Trish Welte, Lori Koshork, Sandy Olson-Loy, Gina Westlund, Heather Pennie

Absent: Sara Haugen, Mike Benson

Guests: Matt Beckendorff

Announcements

Heather Pennie, Chair, announced the planned schedule for future SSC meetings. They are March 4, April 8, and April 29, 2002, with additional meetings scheduled if needed. All the meetings will take place from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. in the Behmler Conference Room. Olson-Loy announced her expectation that the athletic consultant's impact report would be ready to present to the SSC at the April 8, 2002 meeting.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 11/28/01

MOTION: (Welte, Grassman) To approve the 11/28/01 minutes as written.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor (9-0-0)

II. STUDENT ORGANIZATION CONSTITUTIONS

Matt Beckendorff was present to present two student organization constitutions to the committee. The first constitution discussed was from The Union of Science Fiction Writers. A question was raised about the possibility of discriminatory wording in this constitution since acceptance in the organization was based on how well an individual wrote. Beckendorff felt it was not the intent of the group to discriminate against anyone, but the language would be changed to be certain. The committee determined that the constitution should be returned for revision.

The committee then reviewed the University of Minnesota, Morris Habitat for Humanity constitution. It was mentioned that Article VIII, item 1 included a statement that the organization's banking accounts would be maintained by the chapter. The constitution should be corrected to note that this account, as with all UMM student organization bank accounts, is to be maintained by the Student Activities office.

Article X, item 3 needed to be reworded to reflect the requirement that constitutional amendments, additions, and deletions are to be approved by the Student Services Committee, rather than filed with Student Activities or Student Affairs. Article III, item 1 needed to be clarified to state that only UMM student members were allowed to vote and hold office.

MOTION: (Koshork, Welte) To approve the Habitat for Humanity Constitution with noted revisions.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor (9-0-0)

III. HOLIDAY HOURS

The issue of holiday hours arose because of Food Service not being open during fall break. Discussion was currently taking place for spring break plans. The proposed plan is that TMC would remain open with shortened hours, but the residence halls and Food Service would be closed.

Food Service and TMC remained open over Martin Luther King break, but it was determined that this resulted in too many staff on payroll for the business that was generated. Adjustments have been made to increase the transferability of Food Service points so that students can readily eat at TMC when Food Service is closed.

The SSC discussed what would be required to provide services and access across campus that are cost effective and appropriate. It seems that access to Food Service and the library are of most concern to the student body. The holiday hours of those and other campus facilities must be communicated clearly to the campus community. The committee determined to gather information about the numbers of individuals that are using the various facilities over breaks and long weekends and to use that information as a guideline for decisions. Committee members offered to gather the information, which will be compiled by Rita Lambert, and discussed at the next SSC meeting.

IV. COMMITTEE MATERIALS ON THE WEB

The SSC addressed the memo from the Web Group regarding public access to committee minutes. The committee discussed whether or not there was a need to be concerned with the public accessing SSC minutes, since they were rarely of a confidential nature. It was mentioned that it was better to be safe than sorry. Concerns were expressed of the general public misinterpreting information in the minutes when they lacked all of the facts.

MOTION: (Lambert, Burke) To restrict access to committee minutes to on-campus users only.

VOTE: Approved (8-1-0)

V. NEW BUSINESS

A request was mentioned that Health Services look into the addition of a second female physician. Currently, the single female physician is so booked that it has become very difficult for students to make appointments with her.

Meeting adjourned 5:10 p.m.

Submitted by Melody Veenendaal