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**UMM Student Services Committee  
Minutes 03/04/02**

Present: Katherine Benson, Ardath Larson, Rita Lambert, Mike Benson, Sara Haugen, Barbara Burke, Matt Johnson, Andy Grassmann, Trish Welte, Lori Koshork, Gina Westlund, Heather Pennie

Absent: Vivian Heltemes, Sandy Olson-Loy, Clare Strand

Guests: Allison Harell

**Announcements**

Heather Pennie, Chair, requested a change in the agenda order, moving Allison Harell, MCSA Election Commissioner, to agenda item two. The SSC approved the change.

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 2/11/02**

MOTION: (Lambert, Benson) To approve the 2/11/02 minutes as written.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor (8-0-0)

**II. ALLISON HARELL, MCSA ELECTION COMMISSIONER  
MCSA ELECTION RULE CHANGES**

Allison was present to seek SSC's approval of both her appointment as MCSA Election Commissioner for 2002 and of proposed MCSA election rule changes.

MOTION: (Larson, Koshork) To approve Allison Harell as MCSA Election Commissioner for 2002.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor (8-0-0)

Harell stated that there were three election rule changes that she would like to present to the SSC for approval. The first change was in the wording of the campaign activity and funding rules found in section V. A. In the past, if there was a ballot of four individuals and they each spent \$75, the ballot as a whole would be allowed to spend \$300. Harell recommended the rule read that the cost of any material with a particular candidate's name on it would count toward that candidate's \$75 cap of allowable expenditures. This would eliminate the possibility that a ballot of four individuals would have significantly more campaign funds than a ballot for a single individual.

[Burke joined the meeting.]

Another recommendation for section V. A. was to change the sentence from "~~Any candidate spending in excess of \$25 must file a statement of campaign costs...~~" to "Any candidate spending between \$25 and \$75 must file a statement of campaign costs...".

[Welte joined the meeting.]

The third recommended change was in section VIII, B, Run-off Election Rules. Harell recommended that the rule state a candidate in a run-off race have a maximum of \$25 to spend for the week between the initial election and the run-off election. Any other changes to the election rules were date changes or spelling changes.

A committee member recommended that candidates receive more guidance on the UMM poster policy. Sara Haugen will send candidates the guidelines from Plant Services.

Harell listed the planned election dates as follows:

Mar. 29, 2002 - Petitions due in the Student Activities Office

Apr. 8, 2002 - Candidate forum. If this conflicts with a rescheduled CAC event, it will be changed to April 9, 2002.

Apr. 17, 2002 - MCSA election

**MOTION:** (Welte, Benson) To approve the recommended changes to the election rules as presented by Allison Harell, MCSA Election Commissioner.

**VOTE:** Unanimous in favor (10-0-0)

### **III. STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE HARD WAIVER**

Lori Koshork, Chair of the Health Services Subcommittee, informed the SSC that Campus Assembly passed the health insurance hard waiver policy. The subcommittee will be informing students, faculty and staff of this change. An email announcement will be going out in the coming week to the "allstudents" email group. Students will need to verify that they are covered by completing a Student Hospitalization Insurance form. Forms will be made available to the students in three ways:

- Through UMM's Onestop web page
- In the Registration Session packets
- Available in the Registrar's Office or at Health Services

A committee member suggested that this information should be included in the advising packets, so the advisors remember to tell students of the need to complete the form.

The Health Services Subcommittee has selected a health insurance provider. The cost of insurance will go up to around \$340 a semester from the current \$219 per semester. UMM's student insurance rates have not gone up in the past three years. This rate is in line with the student insurance premiums paid at UMD and Crookston. The financial aid packages offered to students needing UMM's health insurance will be increased to cover the cost of the premiums.

### **IV. HOLIDAY HOURS**

The SSC discussed the need to disseminate information to the campus community regarding holiday hours for various campus services and buildings. The committee discussed various methods of communicating the hours and who should be in charge of coordinating the information. The committee decided that the information should be posted in all the residence halls and emailed to email groups around campus. Rita Lambert will add information from the campus to the Student Center Holiday Hours notice she already compiles. She will email the compiled information to the student leaders, ORL, facpa and usa.

### **V. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Pennie mentioned a need for an on-campus childcare service. She speculated that between faculty, staff, and students, there might be significant need for this service at UMM. A committee member suggested that the issue might be directed to the Commission on Women. Other members mentioned that the issue had been discussed in the past, but a committee found that liability and space issues made it too difficult to be financially feasible. However, time has elapsed since the on-campus facility had been discussed. Maybe it was time to look into the issue again. Pennie will talk with Nancy Mooney and Pam Engebretson to get some historical perspective.

B. Trish Welte mentioned that MCSA would hopefully pass a resolution at the meeting scheduled for that evening in which they would request President Yudof to give students a clear understanding of what the All University Fee money was spent on.

Meeting adjourned 5:00 p.m.  
Submitted by Melody Veenendaal