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Steering Committee Meeting
Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Present: Michelle Behr, Dave Roberts, Jennifer Goodnough, Kari Adams, Ted Pappenfus, LeAnn Dean, Sam Rosemark, Lindsey Roemeling

Introduction of Lindsey Roemling, new committee member

Minutes from 10.14.19 Steering Committee meeting approved.

Minutes from 10.29.19 Campus Assembly meeting approved with one abstention.

Setting the date for the next Steering Committee Meeting due to the VCAA/Dean Finalist Presentation on our normally scheduled Community Hour spot. Carrie has identified 1:30-2:30 pm as an alternative time on Nov. 26 and invitations have been sent via Google Calendar.

Identifying individuals to invite to present at the December 3 Campus Assembly for the "Campus Committee Reports" and "All University Reports"

Campus Committee Reports suggestions: Student Affairs; Equity and Diversity Committee
All University Reports suggestions: Retirement subcommittee, Student Senate

Community Hour and Next Steps. Feedback from the proposed revised Community Hour Schedule.

Ted reported he received feedback from the Faculty and P&A Affairs Committee that they frequently invite the academic dean to their meetings and Faculty and P&A Affairs meet at the same time as the Curriculum Committee.

There was a suggestion to move the Faculty and P&A Affairs Committee to Tuesdays. Ted will reach out to the committee chair to see if that might work. The Faculty and P&A Affairs Committee currently does not have administrative support. The Constitution says the chancellor shall arrange for support for core standing committees. Tim said there could be a change made the Constitution that says support shall be provided in some cases or as much as possible. The committee could also appoint someone at each meeting.

Request from Equity and Diversity Committee (EDC): As a new committee, EDC would like to get input from Steering regarding its purpose/charge and has suggested a joint meeting with Steering on December 12.

Sam reported that Jennifer Rothchild, chair of the Equity and Diversity Committee, reached out to him and the Chancellor's Office about scheduling a joint meeting with Steering to get clarity on what the committee should be doing. Dave pointed out that the committee does have a written charge. Tim added that they may have a different purpose but the charge has not drastically changed. Unless they have specific ideas or are asking for feedback, a joint meeting

may not be necessary. Ted will invite Jennifer Rothchild to a Steering Committee meeting instead of the entire committee.

Follow-up: Proposal to recruit students to campus governance committees:

As a reminder, Ted proposed a new way to recruit students to campus governance committees. The proposal was discussed with the Steering Committee. Additionally, Ted met with MCSA on Monday, October 14 to present the proposal. Feedback received was that if students are suggested outside of MCSA then there wasn't a direct link to MCSA. Students also might be uncomfortable being on the same committee as their nominator. Ted explained there would be no disclosure of who nominated them. Some students didn't feel faculty and staff could appropriately suggest students for governance committees. MCSA rejected the proposal and suggested the following counter proposal.

MCSA proposes that if it finds that it cannot fill all Campus Assembly Committees under current practices, then it will work with Membership to call for nominations through a Google Form sent to UMMOFFICIAL. Nominations will be reviewed by MCSA and Membership with MCSA putting forward a slate of candidates to be approved by Membership.

Once approved, students who are not already members of MCSA will become "MCSA Representatives" and gain membership with voting power in the MCSA Forum.

The position of MCSA Representative will be given to any student appointed/recommended by MCSA to serve on a committee, task force, workgroup, or any other campus governance related group.

MCSA Representatives must follow the MCSA attendance policy as stated in the MCSA Bylaws. MCSA Representatives must attend the bi-weekly MCSA Forum meetings and the meetings of the committee, task force, workgroup, or any other campus governance related group they were appointed/recommended to. Failure to attend a meeting without notifying MCSA through ummmcsa@morris.umn.edu and the leader of the group will result in an unexcused absence.

The MCSA attendance policy states that 3 unexcused absences to Forum results in removal from MCSA and that 2 unexcused absences to an assigned Campus Assembly Committee results in removal from MCSA. Students must email MCSA or the assigned committee's chair within 24 hrs with a reason.

Jenn noted the Constitution allows for four first year representatives and ideally those would be filled before the end of the semester. She would also like to hear from the Membership Committee about the proposal as it is their responsibility to recommend membership for committees. LeAnn believes this is an opportunity for students who are interested in specific aspects of campus—a way for students to be involved and could broaden student government.

Proposed revisions to the UMM Constitution

Merc Chasman, Chair of Scholastic, shared proposed revisions with me regarding language related to the registrar in the UMM Constitutions. Since the same language is also part of the Curriculum Committee description, I propose those be changed as well. Click [HERE](#) for a link to the draft changes.

Ted wondered how to handle single suggestions. Tim said we could introduce the changes at a Campus Assembly meeting, wait the required time period and then have an electronic vote. He added that we have a precedent for trying to bundle proposed changes to the Constitution.

Michelle pointed out that saying the registrar sits on any committee is incorrect because UMM does not have a registrar – we have a director of the office of the registrar. Tim suggested either using the word “designee” or make it clear in the Constitution that the use of the word “registrar” refers to the director of the office of the registrar.

LeAnn noted there might be additional language modifications about committee responsibilities. Kari suggested including the USA change that clarifies how USA members are elected. Ted will put out a call for a list of potential Constitutional changes for the spring semester.