Student Affairs Committee   Campus Governance

11-28-2001

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Present: Katherine Benson, Ardath Larson, Vivian Heltemes, Sara Haugen, Clare Strand, Rita Lambert, Barbara
                Burke, Mike Benson, Andy Grassmann, Trish Welte, Lori Koshork, Sandy Olson-Loy, Heather Pennie

Absent: Gina Westlund, Matt Johnson

Guests: Matt Beckendorff, Henry Fulda

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 11/09/01

MOTION: (Heltemes, Burke) To approve the minutes as written.

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

II. STUDENT ORGANIZATION ISSUES

The SSC continued the discussion of the previous meeting regarding the petition to require faculty or staff advisors for any student organization that receives funding from student activity fee funds. The petition seemed to indicate a desire for journalistic guidance for some student organizations, and financial accountability for all organizations that receive funding.

MOTION: (Burke, Koshork) Any student organization that receives an
            annual budget allocation through the Activity Fee Review
            Committee (AFRC) must have a UMM employee as an advisor.
            If this poses a hardship, the student organization may appeal to
            the SSC.

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

III. STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE

Lori Koshork, Chair of the Health Services Subcommittee, and Henry Fulda. Director of Student Counseling handed out the Student Health Insurance Coverage Comparison Table, a summary of what peer institutions are doing in regard to student insurance. They noted that within the U of M institution as a whole, Morris is the only campus that does not require a student insurance hard waiver. MNSCU does not require the hard waiver, but it is required at five of eight private Minnesota peer institutions. Koshork and Fulda reported that the Health Services Subcommittee recommended to the SSC that UMM institute a hard waiver to be implemented in Fall 2002.

It is estimated that around 15% of our student body is currently not covered with adequate health insurance coverage. Fulda and Koshork handed out case examples of students' from various Midwest institutions who encountered serious financial hardship because of the lack of health insurance. It was also noted that Stevens County has to cover costs of unpaid medical bills, which cuts into the services the county can provide.

The committee discussed the logistics of showing evidence of insurance coverage. Students would be given until the second week of the semester to indicate that they have insurance coverage. Proof of insurance coverage would be required each semester, before students were allowed to register. Students who needed financial help to cover the cost of the required insurance policy would have the option of renegotiating their financial aid package.

MOTION   (Burke, Benson) The SSC approves the adoption of the Health Services Subcommittee recommendation to institute a student medical insurance hard waiver, to be instituted in Fall 2002.

VOTE   Passed (6-1-0)

Pennie will forward the motions passed by SSC to the Executive Committee for assessment and a decision regarding the need for full Campus Assembly action.

IV. ATHLETIC CONSULTANT
Sandy Olson-Loy announced that Dr. Elizabeth (Betsy) Alden, athletic consultant, would be visiting the Morris campus December 4 and 5, and again on December 18 and 19. Olson-Loy would like Alden to meet with the SSC at one of her future visits.

Meeting adjourned 1:00 p.m.
Submitted by Melody Veenendaal