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**UMM Student Services Committee  
Minutes – April 7, 2005**

Present: Nick Peterson, Carla Riley, Julie Pelletier, Sara Haugen, Gail Hockert, Jason Steinbrenner, Kristie Kehrwald, Dave Swenson,

Absent: Judy Riley, Solomon Gashaw, Sara Vig, Jennifer Zych, Heather Pennie

**I. Minutes**

The minutes for February 10, 2005 were approved as written.

**II. Student Organizations**

A) Morris College Bowl

Dave Swenson, director of Student Activities, presented a constitution that included revision suggestions from committee members. The constitution was approved unanimously.

B) Discordian Society at UMM

SSC members wondered about approving a constitution for a group whose motto is to create discord and disharmony, but others stated that UMM should not limit freedom of speech. Since the group would be responsible to abide by the Student Code of Conduct just as any other groups on campus, most felt it should be allowed to exist.

The document was tabled to allow Swenson to ask his peers on a listserv if other institutions have had experience with this national organization and what the experiences were.

C) Students for Choice

Swenson presented the constitution reflecting proposed changes suggested by committee members. The constitution was approved unanimously

**III. Student Employment Subcommittee**

Pam Engebretson, director of Financial Aid, was unable to attend a scheduled SSC meeting this semester, so she requested that Julie Pelletier report on the status of the subcommittee's work. The subcommittee reviewed proposed financial aid policy changes after a lengthy, comprehensive review by Financial Aid staff. Engebretson mentioned the Financial Aid staff's appreciation of the subcommittee's detailed attention to the proposed financial aid policies. The subcommittee's suggestions for elimination of jargon and lingo known only by financial aid professionals were helpful to the staff.

The Financial Aid office has incorporated all suggested changes to the policies. In addition, all the year designators have been eliminated since many of the policies don't change on an annual basis. The policies will be monitored and changed as needed.

**IV. New Business**

There was no new business.

## **V. Old Business**

Nick Peterson handed out copies of the Twin Cities campus policy for naming student organizations. The TC Campus policy includes a system of organization classifications based primarily on the oversight or accountability of the group.

The SSC requested that Dave Swenson consult with U General Counsel regarding the possibility of UMM clubs and organizations putting the U of M and/or UMM at liability risk by having UMM attached to the group's name.

Peterson gave a wrap up of MCSA Student Services current work and goals for the next year. He said they plan to invite Mark Karon, U of M Legal Services, to offer services at UMM from three to four times next year. Details were still being worked out. The Soup and Substance program was a success. The program will be repeated on April 20, at 12 Noon in the Alumni Room. MCSA was attempting to secure funding to offer the program on a consistent basis, hopefully once each month.

MCSA was discussing a desire to enforce the smoking policy at UMM, especially around residence halls. Students are not to smoke within a certain number of feet of a doorway. The policy is currently ignored. There were a number of other ORL issues that may need to be addressed by this committee in the fall.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 A.M.  
Submitted Melody Veenendaal