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UMM Student Services Committee
Minutes – April 21, 2005

Present: Sara Haugen, Sara Vig, Jason Steinbrenner, Julie Pelletier, Nick Peterson, Carla Riley, Judy Riley, Gail Hockert,

Absent: Kristie Kehrwald, Dave Swenson, Solomon Gashaw, Jennifer Zych, Heather Pennie

Guest: Joseph Basel, *The Counterweight* representative

I. Minutes

The minutes for April 7, 2005 were approved as written.

II. Student Organizations

A) Preprofessional Community Outreach

Motion (Carla, Judy) To approve the constitution with suggested changes and clarifications. Unanimous approval.

B) Discordian Society at UMM

Julie Pelletier reported for Dave Swenson that none of the Student Activities professionals in his listserv reported any experience with this organization on their respective campuses. The committee noted that the national organization does not promote violence on any of their web sites, and that the constitution states the organization agrees to abide by the institution's rules and policies. UMM will hold this organization to the same set of standards and rules to which all other student organizations are held.

The SSC required the organization to eliminate the merit of physical stature as a criterion in selecting an advisor in Article V, Section 2. Article III, Section 2 was corrected to read "following" rather than "follow."

Motion (Gail, Sara V.) To approve the constitution conditional on the removal of aforementioned criterion, and with the additional suggested change. Unanimous approval.

C) The Counterweight

Joseph Basel attended the meeting as a student spokesperson for *The Counterweight*. Basel explained that the urgency of approving the constitution was to allow the organization to set up an account and deposit donations received from the community and possibly from the Leadership Institute. Also, once *The Counterweight* was recognized as a legitimate campus organization, the publication could be made available in the racks at the Student Center and around campus.

Since this constitution was not going through the normal processing procedure, the committee members spent considerable time discussing grammatical and clarification issues. A committee member wondered if the organization intended to seek a faculty advisor for the group, which would perhaps ensure continuity as student members graduate from UMM.

Basel replied that the organization would be interested in an advisor, but only if the advisor didn't attempt to manage the topics or the positions written about in the publication.

Motion (Carla, Judy) To approve the constitution conditional on the acceptance of suggested changes. The committee would like an opportunity to view the constitution once the suggested changes have been made. Unanimous approval.

III. New Business

There was no new business.

IV. Old Business

There was no old business.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 A.M.

Submitted Melody Veenendaal