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**Steering Committee Meeting**  
Tuesday, March 10, 2020  
Student Activities Conference Room, Student Center

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

Guests: Heather Peters

**Discuss proposed changes to the UMM Constitution related to the Equity and Diversity Advocate (EDA) program.**

Heather reported that two years ago Campus Assembly approved the EDA pilot project and we are at the point now where it is coming up for a vote this spring. As requested, she submitted proposed language for the Constitution changes.

Feedback/thoughts:

- the changes should be referred to as Bylaw changes not Constitutional changes;
- the Coordinator for the Commission on Women has been removed several times--all of the numbers of committee members need to be changed as well;
- can we aim for much tighter language, seems long and repetitive;
- Include language to the EDC Bylaw responsibilities: the committee is responsible for coordinating the EDA program.
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Heather will send final version of language to Ted. Steering will plan to discuss at the next meeting. Heather/Jennifer should plan on a five-minute presentation at April Campus Assembly meeting.

**LeAnn: Report from EDA training re: mics and projecting presentations. (Please note that after the last Assembly, both Kari and I received concerns about passing around mics and attendance sheets in light COVID-19 concerns).**

LeAnn said there were general questions about Campus Assembly and the need to make a case that campus governance is important. There should be an opportunity for all to hear. There were varying opinions on the number of microphones. Some like the stationery microphones and some think we should increase the number of roving mics to four. There should also be an opportunity for all to see and there were comments about the inability to read what is projected. There should be clear expectations and protocols for those making presentations at Assembly meetings. A suggestion was to send out presentations with the agenda or before the meeting. Could we develop a template so presenters could enter information with a standard font size? Could Campus Assembly meetings be held in a different location? There was also a suggestion to have some kind of electronic form of check in for Campus Assembly.

Jenn noted that SCEP puts presentations into a shared Google drive. Ted said we could provide slides in advance of the meeting with a link to the shared Google drive. The “Best Practices” document could also be in the Google drive.

Jenn received feedback that people like the roving microphones and it seems to make people more willing to speak. We should make it clear that anyone who speaks has to use a microphone.

**Minutes of 2.25.20 Steering Committee were approved as presented with one abstention.**

**Announcements.**

None.

**Continue discussion of the committee recommendations from Ad Hoc Committee on Committee Reallocations.**

Which body will oversee the SOC criteria and guidelines? Tim noted that under the current Constitution and Bylaws, the Consultative Committee makes the most sense. What happens if there’s a new award? Will Consultative hear concerns and make recommendations? Perhaps Steering could get a list of awards that would fit into this category.

**Adjourned at 12:40 pm.**