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**UMM Student Services Committee
Minutes – May 5, 2005**

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

Absent: Solomon Gashaw, Sara Vig, Heather Pennie

Guests: Tim Lindberg, Dan Antony, Lowell Rasmussen

I. Minutes

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

II. Student Organizations

A) University Register

Tim Lindberg and Dan Antony presented copies of the revised constitution for The University Register. Their goal with the revision was to stress the journalistic aspect of the organization. They are not a student organization that produces a newspaper, but a journalistic organization funded and organized by students at the University of Minnesota, Morris to produce a publication.

A suggestion was made that the constitution include a statement about journalistic integrity in a prominent location so members would be well aware of the organization's intent. Lindberg and Antony noted that journalistic integrity was addressed in Article IV, Section 1A, but would discuss including this issue in a more prominent location.

Committee members suggested some changes:

- Eliminate the preamble
- Add a statement of purpose as Article II
- Add the EOA statement to what would now be Article III, Section 1
- Inclusion of template language that references an organizations responsibility to abide by UMM policies.
- Strong committee recommendation to seek an advisor
- Consistency in use of the noun "staff" vs. "member"
- Define staff – everyone participating, voting and nonvoting
 - Voting staff – contributing
 - Elected staff – University Register Board
- Article VIII, Section 1B – add "with voting eligibility"
- Article X, Section 1a – clarify pay as commission vs. stipend

MOTION: (Jason, Judy) To accept the revised constitution pending changes. The SSC should view the changed constitution for final approval.

VOTE: Unanimous approval of motion.

B) Collegians for a Constructive Tomorrow at the University of Minnesota, Morris

The organization's abbreviation was recorded in the constitution as CFACT-UMM, C-FACT, and CFACT. Committee members approved the constitution with the recommendation that all abbreviations be

MOTION: (Nick, Judy) To accept the revised constitution pending change to a consistent use of the organization's abbreviation.

VOTE: Unanimous approval of motion.

III. Subcommittee Reports

A) Student Behavior Committee

Julie Pelletier read the SBC report as submitted by Jon Anderson, Chair. The committee worked with six cases that involved charges of Student Conduct Code violations, with sanctions imposed. No cases required a hearing before the SBC and none of the involved students appealed the recommended sanctions at a SBC hearing.

In connection with the UMM Violence Prevention Program, the SBC received campus judicial response training for stalking, domestic violence, sexual assault, and rape cases.

B) Health Services Subcommittee

Judy Riley submitted a report of the Health Services Subcommittee activities for 2004-2005. Listed below are some of the issues addressed.

- The committee voted unanimously to approve the Health Service Fee for 2005-06.
- RFP process to contract with a health care service provider for UMM students.
- Student concerns regarding receiving birth control from Health Services and the wait for pregnancy test results.
- Health Service class excuses for illness.

[In the interest of assuring time for Lowell Rasmussen's report on residence hall maintenance issues, the SSC agreed to review the Dining Services Subcommittee and Queer Issues Subcommittee reports electronically.]

IV. New Business

A) Maintenance Issues in Residence Halls

Students had expressed concerns about the promptness of Plant Services staff in responding to fixes, the lack of long-term fixes, and plumbing issues in basement apartments. Lowell Rasmussen, Associate Vice Chancellor for Physical Plant and Master Planning, was present to address those concerns.

Rasmussen said Plant Services was a service organization and ORL was their biggest and best customer. Plant Services wanted to make their customer happy. He agreed that timely repairs had recently been a problem with the retirement two years ago of maintenance plumber, required by the severe budget cuts. This has resulted in a disaster with repairs backlogged and prevention maintenance not kept up.

The apartments have presented an extra challenge, with a design flaw that has created chronic problems due to pipe systems not large enough to handle the population of the

buildings. A water conservation program that restricts water flow aggravates this problem. Plant Services will use more water if that alleviates the problem. There is no quick fix to the poor design problem.

Plant Services is in the process of creating an electronic work order system to replace the current paper system. The paper system caused confusion, with duplicate requests and lost work orders. The new system will be tested this summer and will become campus-wide in the near future. With this system, each work order request will be confirmed and approved electronically. The record will be retained in a searchable database. Plant Services will have a permanent record of chronic problem areas and more information for tracking service.

SSC appreciated Rasmussen's information and requested an update midway through fall semester of how the new work order system is working.

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