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**UMM Student Services Committee  
Minutes – 12/08/04**

Present: Julie Pelletier, Solomon Gashaw, Jason Steinbrenner, Nick Peterson, Judy Riley, Gail Hockert, Kristie Kehrwald, Dave Swenson

Absent: Heather Pennie, Sara Haugen, Carla Riley, Sara Vig, Jennifer Zych

Guest: Joseph Basel

**I. New Business**

**A. UMM Academic Calendar**

Dave Swenson, director of Student Activities, presented a proposed change to fall schedules. The proposed change would return the proposed calendar to that used pre-semester, with orientation scheduled from Sunday through Tuesday.

In the current schedule that runs Thursday through Sunday, Thursday is filled with move-in and welcome activities. Book buying, registration, computing services introductions, tours, etc, all need to be crammed into Friday. The proposed schedule change would allow for two full days of regular office hours to accomplish these tasks. Swenson had presented the proposed schedule change to various groups and committees, including the CLT and division meetings.

Judy Riley noted that a Sunday move-in might be an impediment to the Business Expo, since business owners in the community might find it difficult to staff a booth on a Sunday. The Business Expo is a popular event for incoming students and their parents, and is an important event for University/community relations.

Kristi Kehrwald noted that orientation was a good experience, but became long. Students began to drop out of the sessions as the weekend progressed. She wondered if a shorter orientation program would sustain student involvement. Kehrwald also noted that parents wouldn't need to take time off work for a Sunday move-in day.

Jason Steinbrenner suggested a Saturday move-in with the Business Expo scheduled that day, culminating in a community-oriented picnic. Orientation could run from Sunday through Tuesday, with classes beginning on Wednesday. Overall, the committee agreed the proposal had merit and deserved further consideration.

**B. Snowboard and Ski Club at the University of Minnesota, Morris**

The SSC agreed that the constitution needed some clarification and revision regarding dues and due payment. There were also some suggested grammatical changes. Swenson will work with the committee to make the suggested changes.

MOTION: (Nick P, Gail H) To recommend approval of the Snowboard and Ski Club at the University of Minnesota, Morris with suggested changes.

VOTE: Unanimous approval

C. Health Services Subcommittee Chair

Chair Pelletier announced that Heather Pennie had resigned as Chair of Health Services Subcommittee. It was hoped that a replacement would be named within a week.

[Approval was granted to add an item to the agenda, the UMM College Republicans constitution. Joseph Basel, UMM College Republicans Chair, presented the proposed constitution.]

D. UMM College Republicans

Joseph Basel, Chair of the organization, stated that the original constitution contained numerous grammatical errors and outdated language. Also, certain issues came up during the current election that did not impart a positive reflection on the club or on the institution. The organization members decided it was time to revise the constitution to address the aforementioned issues.

Basel commented that the group would probably be willing to change the name of the organization to College Republicans at UMM. Dave Swenson suggested that members take time to read the constitution and email him with any further concerns or suggestions. He would discuss the suggested changes with Basel, and then send out the revised copy of the constitution for a vote.

**II. Old Business**

- A. Dave Swenson announced that he had talked to leaders of UMM Campus Pro-Life Organization about changing their names to “at UMM.” The organization agreed to the suggested name change and to the suggested grammatical changes.

MOTION: (Nick P, Jason S) To recommend approval of the revised  
Campus Pro-Life Organization at UMM constitution.

VOTE: Unanimous approval

- B. Swenson had also met with the UMM College Libertarians about the same issues. This organization also accepted the recommended changes.

MOTION: (Nick P, Kristi) To recommend approval of the revised College  
Libertarians at UMM constitution.

VOTE: Unanimous approval

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 A.M.  
Submitted Melody Veenendaal