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**Steering Committee Meeting**  
Tuesday, April 21, 2020  
Members connected remotely via Zoom

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

Absent: Michelle Behr, Sam Rosemark

**Minutes from 4.7.20 Steering Committee were approved as presented.**

**Announcements**

None.

**Discuss and approve 2020-21 Community Hour Calendar**

Ted asked for feedback about the proposed 2020-21 community hour calendar. Jenn noted there are no longer two open Thursdays and a fall committee chairs meeting wasn't scheduled. After some discussion it was decided that the committee chairs meeting would take place on September 10 because there are only two meetings scheduled that day.

**Discuss and approve Scholar of the College Nominees**

There was discussion about the lack of uniformity of the award nominations. Kari noted that the issue is with the submission process. There's already a template that people are supposed to use but many do not follow it. After Steering votes on the nominations, the information will be posted on the Campus Assembly site and will be open for one week for discussion. Ted will draft a message to the division chairs about the uniformity of submissions since they review the nominations and are in the position to work with faculty. Nominations were approved as presented with one opposition and one abstention.

**Constitutional changes. Steering approved constitutional changes for the a) EDA program and b) electronic participation. Procedures for amending the constitution are as follows:**

**Article X. Procedure for Amending the Constitution and By-Laws**

A proposed amendment to the constitution or to the by-laws must first be presented for discussion at a meeting of the Campus Assembly. The proposed amendment, possibly with minor modifications made in response to that discussion, must then be distributed to all assembly members at least two weeks prior to the vote on its adoption.

After the required discussion and waiting period, the assembly may vote to adopt an amendment to this constitution by a two-thirds majority of all votes cast in a confidential ballot. The voting period must remain open 14 calendar days. At the conclusion of the 14 days, the Steering Committee shall review the ballots and announce the results.

The above procedures govern the amendment of the by-laws except that only a simple majority of all votes cast is required for ratification.

Two possible options to consider as we move forward:

Option A: Delay the constitutional changes and extend the EDA pilot program into fall 2020 by  
i) Executive decision of Steering Committee; or  
ii) Electronic Vote of Campus Assembly

Option B: Attempt to change the UMM Constitution this year without meeting as an Assembly. Changes would be presented to Assembly members, open for discussion and then a vote would occur electronically.

After some discussion, Steering agreed to go with Option B and will plan to handle the vote and discussion in the same manner as CSLOs. There will be a presentation from Heather Peters followed by discussion in Canvas. Tim reminded Steering that Constitution and Bylaw changes have to be open 14 days for discussion followed by 14 day voting period so we should move fairly quickly.

### **Strategic Visioning and Planning: Campus Assembly Endorsement**

Tabled until the next meeting.

**Adjourned at 12:25 pm.**