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**Minutes of the Consultative Committee**  
**October 5, 2010 – Tuesday**  
**IH 218**

*Present: Mark Privratsky, Manjari Govada, Bradley Deane, Paula O'Loughlin, Nic McPhee, Jane Kill, Zak Forde, Sharon Van Eps, Laura Thielke, James Barbour, Jen Zych Herrmann.*

*Guests:*

*Matt Johnson, Kevin Stefanek, Mark Fohl, Gwen Rudney*

*RE: Proposed UMM Sport Management Major*

*Eric Gorecki.*

*RE: Music Discipline Concerns*

I. Presentation on proposed Sport Management Major at UMM. Because Sport Management has been a very popular area of concentration for over 10 years, and over 60 students have graduated from UMM with this area of concentrated study since the 1997-98 academic year, an average of 10 students per year have graduated in the past five years. While this major will not be accredited because of the cost factor, it is a rigorous academic Bachelor of Arts program intended to be 8 semesters long (56 credits).

Consultative Committee members questioned the group after their presentation.

- How is this consistent with Liberal Arts?
- If this takes hold with students, is UMM willing to take faculty away from their programs to give to Sports Management?
- Is this a departure from our core mission at a time when we don't have the dollars?
- Do we have the staff as well as others in other colleges so that we are "just as good as others?" In other words, can we offer it well?
- What about the job market for majors?
- Too many credits for student athletes already involved in a sport?
- Senior Seminar? Gwen noted there would be research & internship.
- Noted that there are no similar majors in the Morris 14 colleges, and only one found in all the COPLAC institutions. Need to be careful not to weaken our Liberal Arts brand.

Rudney noted this is an Interdisciplinary major and that is the Liberal Arts experience. Designed to increase critical thinking, capstone experience, multi-cultural, and already has the students. It is an applied major, but good for UMM, with qualified faculty.

Committee thanked guests for coming. Advised this group to present at the Curriculum committee, and Campus Assembly.

II. Next Guest, Eric Gorecki. Eric's comments were intended for the Consultative committee's opinions and were asked to be confidential. Committee will consider his comments and make recommendations at a later date.

III. The committee then reviewed the following solicited campus concerns:

1. Departmental review: This is the second year in a 2-year 'trial' period for asst Dean position overseeing Academic Advising, ACE, Career Center, Disability Services, Academic Assistance & Retention. Should this position continue or be revised?

The committee will ask Jeff Ratliff-Crane to be a guest and hear his review.

2. UMM's Web page concerns.

The committee will ask Christine Mahoney, U Relations, and James Hall, Computing Services for an update. The Consultative Committee would like to move this forward.

3. Concern about the reorganization on campus and if it is working, is it effective, how are staff concerns being met, is the work needed getting done for the students?

The committee will consider this concern.

4. Salaries, sabbaticals and program budgets for faculty and staff.

The committee will respond to this request. The appropriate committee to talk to for Salaries and Budgets is CRPC. Questions on sabbaticals should be directed to the Faculty Affairs Committee & the Dean.

5. Library hours.

Talk to the Library Director, LeAnn Dean.

6. Computer lab printers don't work.

Talk to Academic Support Services and/or James Hall, Computing Services.

7. Academic Calendar changes.

All University Senate.

8. Hot tub in residence halls.

Refer to hall government.