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**UMM Student Services Committee
Minutes – January 31, 2006**

Present: Katie Clark, Adam Yust, Judy Riley, Sara Haugen, Jennifer Herrmann, Michael Eble, Nick Petersen, Nate Hilfiker, Dave Swenson, Carla Riley

Absent: Dave Nelson, Gail Hockert, Julie Pelletier, Joe Alia

Guests: Sandy Olson-Loy, Mark Fohl

I. Minutes

MOTION: (Nate H, Katie) To approve the January 24, 2006 minutes as written.

VOTE: Unanimous.

II. Men's Soccer at UMM

Sandy Olson-Loy and Mark Fohl presented a proposal to add men's soccer to UMM's officially sponsored athletic teams. They had previously presented to CRPC and MCSA. The proposal was endorsed and supported by both groups.

Men's soccer is a required sport in the UMAC constitution. UMM received a waiver to join the conference without men's soccer. The waiver created more of a hardship to other UMAC schools than what was originally foreseen. The men's and women's soccer teams generally travel together and play the host team and a nearby team during the same weekend. When opponents travel to UMM, the men's team is short one opponent to play.

This is the first men's sport added since 1964. Soccer has grown in popularity, especially in the urban schools. Admissions strongly recommends the addition of men's soccer. There are currently over 8,000 boys competing in Minnesota high school soccer teams. UMM already has an excellent collegiate competitive soccer facility. Cost of adding the sport would be more than covered with the tuition received from an additional six student recruits.

Members asked about staffing for the team and finding players for this fall. Fohl said Chris DeVries would oversee the administrative work and continue coaching the women's soccer team. UMM would need to hire a coach for the men's soccer team. Fohl has already been in contact with a number of potential soccer players and was hoping to tap into the men's club soccer team for additional players.

MOTION: (Nate H, Judy R) To support the effort of adding men's soccer at UMM.

VOTE: Unanimous.

III. Old Business

Dave Swenson was asked about the formation of the Student Organization Advisory Board. The creation of the board membership was still in progress.

IV. New Business

Nick Petersen announced that the SSC would begin discussion of revising UMM's posting and distribution policy at the February 7 meeting. Copies of the current policies will be distributed to committee members prior to the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 P.M.

Submitted Melody Veenendaal