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**UMM Student Services Committee
Minutes – April 27, 2006**

Present: Adam Yust, Jennifer Herrmann, Sara Haugen, Judy Riley, Gail Hockert,
Nate Hilfiker, Carla Riley, Michael Eble, Joe Alia

Absent: Katie Clark, Dave Swenson, Nick Petersen, Carla Riley, Dave Nelson, Julie Pelletier

Guest: Sandy Olson-Loy

I. Disruptive Student Behavior Policy

Background:

Sandy Olson-Loy attended the meeting to discuss the campus policy on handling disruptive student behavior in academic settings. Faculty and staff must ensure that order and a positive learning environment are maintained in campus classrooms, offices, and public meeting spaces. When rare incidents arise on campus there are often varied reactions on how to deal with disturbances in an appropriate manner. Although disruptive situations are infrequent, there seems to be a few more each year. The update and disbursement of this policy is meant to be a proactive rather than reactive response.

The policy has links to the Student Conduct Code, using the College of Liberal Arts' document as a foundation. Henry Fulda, Sandy Olson-Loy, and Leslie Meek have taken the action to readdress our current policy.

Changes to Document:

The following minor changes were suggested:

Spell out "Assistant" consistently throughout document

On page 3, section 2, sentence 1, add "Campus Police at" before the phone number

On page 4, section 3, sentence 2, add "cell phones" to list

Move section 3 on page 4 from threatening behavior to the non-threatening behavior section

Spell out all acronyms

(The more substantial rewording changes were captured by Sandy Olson-Loy.)

Rollout of the Policy:

The policy will be available online, hopefully as part of a comprehensive online policy site that contains other relevant campus policy. Gary Strei, Nancy Helsper and Sarah Mattson are looking into this. The Disruptive Student Conduct policy will also be disseminated at meetings at the beginning of the school year and available for addition to syllabi.

Concerns:

The question was raised as to the process of student recourse if they feel that they are unfairly accused of disruptive behavior. This is outlined in the submitted policy which indicates that the student may be present, along with another representative, in all meetings regarding the behavior in question

Closing:

Sandy noted that the Scholastic Committee will be discussing this policy on Monday, May 1. By granting committee approval we will help move this process forward. She noted that the

intent of the policy is not to kick people out of campus environments, but rather to support those that are victims of disruptive behavior.

MOTION: (Nate H., Judy R.) To approve the process of implementing the Disruptive Student Conduct policy.

VOTE: Motion passed, (7-0-0).

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 P.M.
Submitted Jennifer Zych Herrmann