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**UMM Student Services Committee
Minutes – November 11, 2005**

Present: Dave Nelson, Nick Peterson, Judy Riley, Dave Swenson, Joe Alia, Gail Hockert,
Nate Hilfiker

Absent: Carla Riley, Michael Eble, Sara Haugen, Jennifer Herrmann, Julie Pelletier,
Heather Pennie, Katie Clark, Adam Yust

I. Student Organization Constitution

a. H.E.A.T. (Hate Education and Awareness Team)

A member suggested changing the constitution to reflect a consistency in using either fractions or percentages.

MOTION: (Nate, Judy) To approve the constitution with suggested change.

VOTE: Unanimous.

II. Strategic Positioning (Cont.)

The committee reviewed the strategic positioning discussion from the November 4 meeting. Members discussed campus communication through various publications, both hard copies and electronic versions. This topic will be addressed in upcoming meetings of the External Relations department.

Discussion continued regarding the problem of what seemed to be excessive numbers of student organizations on campus. It was mentioned that advisors needed to be educated about this problem; perhaps they could encourage student interest groups to work within an overhead organization as a task force or subset. The interest group could then share limited funds, publicity tasks, and programming efforts. The committee recognized that this reform needed to occur from within. It didn't seem feasible that this was something that could be mandated.

Dave Swenson suggested that perhaps it was time to look at the entire student organization process. Perhaps the process was outdated. Maybe interest groups could form for up to three years without a constitution. If the group still exists and has a minimum number of active participants, the group could then formalize and create a constitution. Privileges could be set so they are gained or lost in the process. Swenson recognized that changes of this magnitude would take a lot of discussion, but perhaps this would be a good time for those discussions to begin.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 A.M.
Submitted Melody Veenendaal