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## Steering Committee Minutes

Tuesday, December 7, 2021

Via Zoom

Present: Janet Schrunk Ericksen, Ed Brands, Jon Anderson, Kari Adams, Julia Scovil, Rebecca Dean, Cal Mergendahl

Absent: David Israels-Swenson, Tim Lindberg

Guest: Jasmine Dailey

In these minutes: Scovil resignation, plan for spring semester 2022 agenda-general education, Covid developments, building renovations, Fire Drill!

1. Minute taker: Ed Brands
2. Announcements
  - a. Julia Scovil will resign as MCSA president prior to the spring semester in order to pursue other opportunities. There will be an election to determine the replacement on the Steering Committee--the likely outcome is that the current vice president will become the new Steering representative.
3. Approve DRAFT [minutes](#) of Steering Committee (11-23-2021)
  - a. Minutes were approved unanimously following brief discussion of minor clarifications.
4. Plan for spring semester 2022
  - a. General Education
    - i. Feb 3-campus wide discussion of proposals to change aspects of general education including 1) first-year course or courses, 2) experiential learning (high impact practices), 3) thematic labels for general education categories;
    - ii. The plan (from Curriculum Committee) is for final (refined) proposals (some or all of 1-3 above) to be discussed and voted on in Campus Assembly by the end of Spring semester 2022
  - b. Other major items or issues on the horizon?
    - i. Update on Covid-related developments for first Campus Assembly meeting (2/1)
    - ii. Possible discussion of how parliamentarian is selected (appointed vs. elected, due to consistently low numbers of candidates) and arranging for backup/training of more people who could assume this role in the future

- iii. Update on residence hall (and other campus buildings) renovation progress (via use of HEAPR funds)--this would be a topic for Q/A in Campus Assembly with Bryan Herrmann
- iv. Additional Q/A sessions in Campus Assembly for spring 2022 with both Janet (e.g. update on progress toward visioning and planning goals) and Peh (e.g. general education)

5. New/other business?

- a. Fire Drill! It has been years since the last fire drill on our campus. An emergency management group met to discuss the need for such a drill and arrived at timing it during community hour. The committee discussed potential dates and pointed to two Thursdays after spring break being likely candidates as there are fewer governance committee meetings on those days and weather would likely be more hospitable than before spring break.
  
- a. Meeting adjourned 12:21 pm.