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Consultative Committee Minutes

October 17, 2008

Present: Jon Anderson, Nancy Carpenter (XO), Pam Gades, Judy Korn, Maggie Larson
Alex Murphy, Lynn Schulz, Jennifer Zych Herrmann (Chair)

Absent: Brad Deane, Len Keeler (new member and wasn't informed of meeting), Adam
Olson

Minutes Approval: No minutes from 9.18.08 meeting

New Member: Len Keeler, replacing Jeff Ratliff-Crain

Election of Chair: Jennifer Zych Herrmann was nominated by Judy Korn and seconded
by Maggie Larson. Nomination was accepted and Jennifer Zych Herrmann was voted in
by a 5-0-1 vote.

Questions on Confidentiality of Meetings and Reporting on Consultative Committee

Meeting minutes: A question arose regarding whether or not our committee's meetings
were open to the general campus public. It was acknowledged that we have minutes that
allow for confidentiality but provide sufficient information on our committee's work.

Jennifer

will look into the guidelines regarding open Consultative Committee meetings, although
the general thought was that they were not open.

Communication on Campus: There was a discussion regarding communication on
campus and a concern that the internal campus community is not being sufficiently
informed. Questions were raised regarding the role of the Chancellor in facilitating
communication and our expectations, progress that has been made and plans for the
future, and ways to bring in the internal campus audience so that we can have a clear
message to our external audiences. Some specific concerns were raised regarding
administrative review and clarity on the new finance position, namely the long term plan
for the finance unit and how this new position fits in with other related positions. Jacquie
Johnson, Chancellor, will join us during the latter part of our October 31st meeting to
address this issue.

Enrollment: Concern was raised regarding the differences between projected enrollment
numbers and the actual, final fall 2008 enrollment statistics. James Morales, Associate
Vice-Chancellor for Enrollment and Jacquie Johnson, Chancellor, will join us during the
first part of our October 31st meeting to talk about campus enrollment and changes in our
student reporting data that will help clarify this for future terms.

Future Meeting with the Dean: Dean Cheryl Contant will be our guest at our November
7th meeting. The goal of this meeting is to meet and welcome our new Vice-Chancellor
for Academic Affairs and Dean and to gain insight on her vision and priorities.

Labor Management Team: Concern was raised regarding this group and whether or not it is meeting its intended purpose. Many of our members were not familiar with this group and wanted to know more about it so that we can have a more informed discussion in the future. Maggie Larson will send out the Labor Management Team's bylaws for our information.

Suggestion: Nancy Carpenter is a member of the Twin Cities Campus Faculty Consultative Committee (FCC). She suggested that the Morris Campus Consultative Committee take on a similar operating structure, namely a standing meeting with the Chancellor and Dean each semester and possibly informal lunches with deans, department heads, etc. so that there is a greater awareness of campus issues and stronger campus communication. Jennifer will talk to the Chancellor and Dean regarding their thoughts on a standing meeting with our group and we can discuss lunches/meetings at a future meeting.

Submitted by Jennifer Zych Herrmann