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**UMM Student Services Committee
Minutes – October 25, 2007**

Present: Dave Swenson, Solomon Gashaw, Tim Grove, Corey Phelps, Sara Haugen, Mary Zosel, Brittany Jablonsky, Ashly Gaschk, Adam Olson, Katie Brokaw, Donavon Cawley

Absent: Carla Riley, Joe Alia, Tracy Otten, Michael Eble

Guests: Sandy Olson-Loy

I. Welcome and Introductions

Solomon Gashaw, Chair, welcomed the 2007-2008 committee members, and then requested members to introduce themselves.

II. Charge to the Committee

Gashaw encouraged the members to read the charge to the committee included with the agenda.

III. Subcommittees

A) Dining Services Advisory Board (DSAB) – Henry Fulda has agreed to chair this committee. The U of M is working on securing a ten-year contract for food service to begin next year. A recommendation should be made by December, with a new contract in place for July 1, 2008. They are hoping for many changes, including physical changes in the food service building.

B) Health Services Committee (HSC) – Bridget Joos has been asked to serve as chair. This committee will be working with programs and offices across campus to integrate efforts for better health and fitness.

C) Queer Issues Committee (QIC)– Lori Koshork and Argie Manois, Co-Chairs
The QIC is sharing a new space with the Commission on Women and Women of Color. This space, called the Resource Center for Gender and Sexuality, is located in the lower level of the Minority Resource Center.

D) Student Employment Committee (SEC) – Chair to be determined.

E) Student Behavior Committee (SBC) – Jon Anderson will serve as chair, and Tim Soderberg will serve as co-chair. Henry Fulda and Julie Phelps will serve as co-secretaries. This committee is responsible for the implementation of the student conduct code. A lot of the work done by this committee is confidential. Names of committee members are not made public. Committee membership is balanced by gender, connection to campus, backgrounds, etc.

F) First Year Experience Dissolving Task Force – Dave Swenson will chair this committee. After the program review conducted in the 2006-2007 academic year, Chancellor Johnson charged this group with a broad and purposeful mission to be accomplished this year. The charge is ambitious and aggressive. The task force has already begun to meet.

The task force will have informal reports to share with committees and departments in mid-November. Feedback from those committees will be used to generate a final report, which will be presented to this committee.

IV. Student Organizations

a) Dave Swenson, Director of Student Activities, walked the committee through the student organization approval process. Swenson noted that there were two constitutions for the committee to approve at this meeting, and a few additional constitutions working their way through the process.

b) UMM Nordic Ski Club

MOTION: (Adam, Mary) To approve the constitution of UMM Nordic Ski Club.

VOTE: Motion approved (8-1-0)

c) Martial Arts & Sporting Sparring Club

MOTION: (Adam, Brittany) To approve the constitution of Martial Arts & Sporting Sparring Club

VOTE: Motion approved (8-0-1)

V. Old Business

a) Bias Incident Response Process

Sandy Olson-Loy mentioned that the review of the Bias Incident Response Process was mixed. This committee felt it might be too detailed and cumbersome. Other groups appreciated all the detail and the documentation of the processes. Olson-Loy wondered if the confusion was related to what was communicated, ie: confusion about what was the communication strategy vs. the process that supports the strategy. Olson-Loy would like representation from this group to work with a working group across campus entities to work on the document. The document is currently being used as a working document, but has not been formally adopted. Ideally, it should go to Campus Assembly this semester for approval.

MOTION: (Adam, LeAnn) To reestablish the First Year Experience Subcommittee.

VOTE: Approved (6-0-0)

VI. New Business

a) Approval of Student Behavior Committee

MOTION: (Adam, Donavon) To approve the membership of the Student Behavior Committee.

VOTE: Approved (9-0-0)

b) Approval of Dining Services Advisory Board

A committee member wondered why there were only three student members on this committee, but five on the Student Behavior Committee. It was explained that, on a small campus the size of UMM, students need to opt out of the SBC panel if they know the individuals involved. The additional two student members allows for more flexibility in each panel's make-up.

MOTION: (Donavon, Adam) To approve the membership of the Dining Services Advisory Board.

VOTE: Approved (9-0-0)

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 A.M.
Submitted Melody Veenendaal