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Steering Committee

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**Steering Committee Minutes**  
Tuesday, September 20, 2022  
(Student Activities Conference Room)

Present: Jon Anderson, Peter Dolan, Janet Ericksen, Tim Lindberg,  
David Israels-Swenson , Shelby Maloney, Gabrielle Holboy , Tera Kleespie

Absent:

Jon called the meeting to order at 11:41 am

All referenced documents are housed in the Shared TeamDrive for Steering Committee.

1. Minute taker: Jon agreed to take minutes.
2. Steering Committee (8.30.2022) Minutes approved
3. Morris 25-26 academic calendar: Changes found: change to 15-19th August and change days Fri - Tues. The labeling should be New Student Welcome Week not Orientation.
4. Academic Year 2025-26 Calendar Schedule comes for information to assembly, check with VCAA.
5. Discussion of Boarding School resolution. We will bring this item for information, simply voting after the meeting.
6. List Curriculum Committee separate items for Sci / Math and philosophy on assembly agenda.
7. Discussed and approved of having one Campus Assembly agenda, but have two different zoom sessions.
8. Discussed having Campus Conversations during Community Hour periods even though some groups will have regular meetings.
  
9. Review charge of committee. [Link](#) - Anderson summarized the charge of the committee from the constitution. There are currently open positions for representation from the faculty and USA.
  
10. Approval of DRAFT [minutes](#) of Campus Assembly (4.26.2022) - Israels-Swenson moved that the minutes be changed to remove the vote percentages and just record the motions we passed. Dolan seconded. The motion passed. Tera will amend the minutes.

11. Approve DRAFT [minutes](#) of Steering Committee (4.19.2022) - Ericksen moved to approve the minutes. Holboy seconded. The motion passed.
12. Discuss meeting modalities (Zoom, in-person, hybrid) for Campus Assembly and Steering Committee - Anderson shared concern from the Dean that steering consider holding meetings over zoom in order to remove concerns about visibility and clarity of materials displayed in conjunction with curricular changes. Ericksen shared that the Assembly will also be asked to discuss changes to the general education requirements and that discussions in person may be more beneficial. Could the Assembly have “overflow” meetings that allow for in person discussions if meetings are over zoom. Anderson clarified the process of bringing motions from committees once for information and then again for action. Lindberg shared that the assembly voted to change the constitution last year but the changes are not reflected in the version currently available online. Kleespie will make the changes and upload the corrected version. Discussion of the process of how voting will be managed for these votes followed.

Holboy moved to make the Sept 27 Campus Assembly meeting over zoom. Maloney seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Anderson raised the issue of meeting modality of this group. The committee has the Student Activities Conference Room reserved for meetings. There was discussion about options. Holboy moved to meet in person in the Student Activities Conference room on October 20 meeting. Ericksen seconded. The motion passed.

13. Discuss Steering Committee Activity For Academic Year
  - a. Careful review of Community Hour (subcommittee)
    - Review performance of (selected?) committees (subcommittee)
  - b. Dolan shared that this seems to make sense in the context of our larger assessment goals.

There was discussion of what sort of data could be used to assess the success of community hour. A question was raised as to whether zoom or in person modalities impacted attendance as well.

There was discussion about how to assess the performance of committees. It was suggested that we begin with review of committee charges. Are these charges clear? Can they be more specific?
  - c. Other topics ?

- i. The issue of administrative support to committees was suggested for a topic for this year.
- ii. The question of creating an archivist position for assembly

14. Discuss Campus Assembly [agenda](#) for 9.27.2022

Email from Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs:

On behalf of the Curriculum Committee, I am requesting that you consider scheduling the following **two items on the September Campus Assembly (CA) Agenda**. If this is not possible, please let me know which campus assembly you are able to include these.

a. **2023-2025 Catalog Changes** from:

- (i) all Science and Math disciplines
- (ii) Philosophy - including three new subplans. (This needs to be approved by CA asap so that it gets submitted to the Provost's Office by October in time for the Nov/Dec Board of regents meeting.)

b. The **Morris Core Curriculum**, attached [here](#).

On August 25, 2022, the Curriculum Committee voted unanimously (10-0-0) to approve the Morris Core Curriculum. This will replace our current General Education Requirements (GER) **beginning in Fall 2025**.

The main reason we are requesting Campus Assembly's endorsement/approval/action now instead of later is because faculty requires a full academic year to revamp or redesign several of their courses with the current GER designators to fulfill the Morris Themes and other requirements in the Morris Core Curriculum. We need CA's approval before we can begin revising these courses.

There was discussion about how best to proceed with both of these issues. There will be further catalog changes throughout the Fall. There is concern that the changes to the Core Curriculum changes should be done as soon as possible to afford faculty time to begin working on course changes to accommodate these requirements For Fall 2025.

15. New/other business? Next meeting 9.20.2022

Israels-Swenson moved to adjourn at 12:38 pm. Holboy seconded. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 12:38pm.

