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UMM Student Services Committee
Minutes -- 4/15/99

Present: LeAnn Dean, Sandy Olson-Loy, Nancy Mooney, Christy Kolle,
Rita Frahm, Jill Farris, Katherine Benson, Shannon Hodges,
Joe Timmerman, Sara Haugen, Vivian Heltemes

Guests: Ron Kubik, Peter Whelen, Gary McGrath, Mollie Jo Poehlman

I. LeAnn Dean called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. in the Student Activities Conference Room. The first order was to approve 3/4/99 minutes. Hodges moved, Timmerman seconded and was passed by voice vote with no opposition.

II. Ron Kubik reported that the Queer Issues Committee is still functioning although they have not met much his year due to the time Ron has been devoting to union labor negotiations. The committee does have some long terms goals they want to meet.

III. Peter Whelan gave an overview of the Morris Rental Housing Committee. He reported that he had volunteered to serve on this committee after attending several open meetings. The committee members were comprised of 6-8 members with Wally Behm serving as the chair. The charge of the committee he was on was to establish a formal rental housing form that would be used for all rental property. The committee has come up with a document that has been forwarded to the City Council that addresses some common rental concerns. It is their recommendation that the Rental Housing Inspection form be used by an inspector who would go to each rental property. This would give renters the added security that the rental units are up to code. Dean asked if this would be enforced like any other ordinance. Whelan responded that the City Council would need to determine that. Whelan also noted that he is very pleased with the outcome because there is a need to have something like this in place. McGrath asked if this will be in place by the end of the school year. Whelan said the committee he was on was not privy to that information, but that City Council could provide those details. Dean will contact Mayor Carol Wilcox to find out the time frame.

IV. Sandy Olson-Loy handed out a draft of the new student orientation schedule for the fall semester and explained the schedule. She noted that the best time for orientation is right before school begins. This fall orientation will take place from August 26-29. Sunday is a low-key day so people can settle in. She thinks the biggest challenge is that Saturday will be a work day for many people on campus. She asked for suggestions and reactions to the schedule because she would like to have a finalized schedule ready sometime in May.

V. Mollie Jo Poehlman gave a brief update and distributed information outlining the rules and responsibilities for Student Elections. Election day will be held on the seventh Wednesday of spring quarter, which is May

12. Don Kenning will be the election commissioner this year and Mollie will assist him. Benson moved to accept the outline as planned, Heltemes seconded and was passed by voice vote with no opposition.

VI. Katherine Benson made a motion to the committee, with a second by Joe Timmerman. Benson is moving that the Student Services Committee recommend that the Athletics Committee be reestablished as an Adjunct Committee to the Campus Assembly. Benson commented on the importance of athletics to this campus and the need for an ongoing assembly committee which can devote regular attention to issues. The Athletics Task Force will soon have its report and recommendations ready. Regardless of how some of the issues are resolved, there will be a need to follow up and give ongoing attention to athletics to ensure that the implemented solutions are working. McGrath added that he thinks athletics deserves the time and attention of faculty and staff, but he's not sure how the faculty will feel about adding additional committee work. After discussion on how to proceed, Heltemes suggested that the Student Services Committee needs to discuss how the group should be structured before making a recommendation. The motion was tabled until the next meeting. Dean will invite Jenny Nellis, chair of the Athletic Task Force to an upcoming meeting.

Next meeting will be April 30 at 8:00 a.m. in the Behmler Conference Room.

Dean adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

Submitted by Carrie Grussing