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Student Affairs Committee 4/19/18 Minutes

Present - Ryan Schamp, Dan Demetriou, Steve Carey, Tom (MCSA Student Rep), Vera (student rep)

Holly Rutter - secretary

1. Ryan Schamp called the meeting to order at 11am

2. Old Business
 - a. Approval of minutes from 4/5/18 and 3/22/18. Motion made by Dan, seconded by Tom and approved by all present.
 - b. Election day motion: Discuss possibility of bringing a motion to Campus Assembly to mandate that Election Day (the first Tuesday after November 1) be classless in order to promote voter engagement by UMM students. The dates: Nov. 6, 2018; Nov. 5, 2019; and Nov. 3, 2020.

Discussion included - low chance of this getting approved by campus assembly due to fact that calendars are set years in advance. However, it is felt that it should still be brought up for discussion. There is a set number of days that classes must meet so if one day is taken away it would have to be added somewhere. Further discussion tabled until additional SAC members are present.

- c. Dining over breaks: Discuss proposal/resolution by SAC to add a \$5 fee to all meal plans. This fee would be used to either provide meals over university break or to fight against food insecurity among UMM students year round.

Ryan reported that the Sodexo officer stated that the \$5 fee per contract should cover the cost of dining services being open over break. An alternative option for the \$5 fee would be to place it in a general fund to use for food insecurity issues (food bank, food bags to distribute, etc). Also noted is that the money students pay for a meal plan does not all go to Sodexo. The money is paid to the University which uses a portion for administrative costs, capital improvements, etc and then Sodexo is paid their contract fees. Also noted, several years ago students voted to increase meal plan fees so the Sodexo employees could earn a living wage, which in turn, positively affects the community in increased revenue, taxes, etc.

Discussion included - is this mission creep - addresses food insecurity instead of education? How can students be forced to pay for a charitable cause if they don't participate in it. Consider calling it a Campus Wellness or Campus Nutrition program/contract/fee.

Issue tabled again until additional members are present. Ryan will invite Adrienne back to discuss food insecurity and answer additional questions. Also look into inviting Sodexo contract officer to next meeting .

3. New Business

- a. Tom asked for update on PE Center renaming as he has identified a Dakota word for the proposal. No updates have been received from the PE dept.

4. Adjourn

Steve made a motion to adjourn. Dan seconded and all approved to adjourn meeting.

Next (last) meeting of the year - May 3rd - Moccasin Flower Room