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Student Affairs Committee 1/25/18

Present: Ryan Schamp, Dan Demetriou, Steven Tetrick, Kerri Michael, Janine Teske, Sandy Olson-Loy, Dave Israels-Swenson

1. Call to Order

Ryan called the meeting to order at 11 am

2. Old Business

- a. Approval of minutes from 12/8/2017

The minutes had not been distributed to the committee so this issue was tabled until the next meeting

- b. UMM Buildings Values project

3. New Business

- a. Student Behavior Committee membership

TJ Ross the Behavior committee secretary requested that we approve new members for the committee. The recommended new members were:

Faculty - Jess Larson

Students - Two students were proposed, but student names will not be recorded in the minutes to protect their anonymity.

Ryan gave some background on each of the candidates for the committee to consider.

Steven made a motion to approve these three people. Jeanine seconded. The motion passed unanimously

- b. Student engagement in downtown Morris

Dave shared concerns from the Morris Chamber of commerce and anecdotal observations about lowered student engagement with Morris businesses. There is some evidence that could support this but no clear relationship that would define this. Ryan suggested that there could be perhaps a survey of students. Kerri suggested a survey of the local businesses. Ryan summarized the discussion and suggested that the committee could develop a small group including he, Dave and perhaps someone from the Center for Small Towns to develop a survey. Dave suggested that the Morris Chamber be involved as well. Sandy suggested that MCSA and Community Engagement be involved as well. Sandy suggested that perhaps it could even be related to the University's strategic planning process. Janine suggested that there may be a need for some sort of communication and perhaps coupons in the spring.

- c. Future meeting dates and times

Ryan asked everyone to assure that their calendars are up to date and will schedule a meeting time early next week.

- d. Open Items
 - i. Dan asked about the discussion from Fall about questions regarding the bias reporting process. Ryan said he talked with Michelle Page as chair of the Consultative Committee and they were interested in taking up the issue. He will follow up to see if they have made progress.
 - ii. Kerri asked what happened with the smoking issue in the fall. Ryan reported that the committee decided to drop the issue in the Fall. Sandy shared that the Boynton health survey showed that Morris has the lowest amount of tobacco use in the U of M system even though we have the least restrictive policy.
 - iii. Dan was contacted by a student who is facing a legal situation outside of their role with the campus and didn't understand that he would need a lawyer and was wondering what sort of resources the University directs students to. Sandy and Dave shared information on Student Legal aid on the TC campus as well as some other resources that students have been directed to in recent years. There was discussion of developing some sort of handout for the future.
4. Adjourn the meeting was adjourned at 11:47 am.