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Student Affairs Committee

Campus Governance

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Members present: P&A: Ryan Schamp – Chair, Faculty: Carrie Jepma, USA: Jenna Ray, Kerry Michael, Students: Ramona Bias, Kari Gillette, Autumn Johnson, Non-Voting: David Israels Swenson, Sandy Olson-Loy.

Members absent: Stepen Carey, Tom Brisbois-Haubrich

In these minutes: Approval of Student Behavior Committee members and Discussion of Campus Over-Programming

Ryan Schamp welcomed all present and reported that he did not get the minutes from the previous meeting shared in a timely manner so they could be reviewed. A new Team Drive has been created and all members were given access for future agendas and minutes. Carrie Jepma made a motion to move the approval of the 9/25/18 minutes to the next meeting. Jenna Ray seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed

Old Business:
1) Approve Student Behavior Committee Members - Ryan Schamp reported on a change to the Student Behavior Committee members - there was one new student added. Autumn Johnson made a motion to approve SBC members with a second by Kari Gillette. All approved. Motion passed.

New Business
1) Campus Over-Programing
Dave Israels Swenson began a discussion about events and programs on campus and if we are "over - programming," making it too difficult for students/faculty/staff to attend events. This year there have been at least 2 programs each week since classes began. A few of the questions raised were; Is this causing audience fatigue? Can the campus meet the growing demand for programs? Is there a more centralized or efficient way to manage the programs? Does it naturally ebb and flow every few years and thus a solution not needed?

One of the student members discussed the idea that having a lot of programs makes it easier for one to fit into their schedule. Many professors require or offer extra credit to students who attend programming. Is it possible to create a non

programmed evening hour (similar to the new Community Hour) to help students have some time that is completely free?

It has also become harder to get student volunteers as they are stretched between many different events and programs.

Dave reported that he is currently looking to obtain data specific to UMM as well as best practices across other campuses. One particular school (Claremont McKenna College in California) created a new program and built a seperate building with a dining hall. All events occured at this location, with dinner, on the same night each week. Money was taken from each department for this program, an administrator was hired, and all programming was scheduled through this process. This allowed for easier scheduling, higher attendance, and more efficient ways to promote/market events on campus and in the community.

Since 2007, Student Activities has conducted a student survey on # of events students attend, best time for events, type of events they want to see (small and specific to a group or large scale and broader topics), and a variety of other questions. This committee will review the survey in the upcoming meetings and provide feedback to try obtain more data points for this over-programming topic.

The general practice at UMM is for campus to host one significant event every 4 years. Are students and/or faculty/staff willing to pay more for a ticket to see a bigger name group and would this help to bring larger groups to campus more often? Are there additional funding streams available for these events?

Motion to Adjourn by Ramona Bias and seconded by Kari Gillette. All approved

Adjournment time: 12:40pm
Submitted by: Holly Rutter
Date submitted to Digital Well: 11/16/18