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Student Affairs Committee
11/12/2019 11:40am- 12:40pm
Prairie Lounge

Members present: Co-chair - Autumn Johnson, Student & Viktor Berberi, Faculty

Faculty: Carrie Jepma, Bryan Nell

P&A: Mitch Primus

USA: None currently assigned

Students: Maddie Kornely, Sydney Loechler, Cole Maxwell

Non-Voting: David Israels-Swenson, Sandy Olson- Loy

In these minutes: Endorsement of Partisan Student Group Funding Policies, Proposed Campus Inclusivity Initiatives and Student Behavior Committee

A. Meeting was called to order at 11:40am and minutes from meeting on 10/8/19 were approved by Max Colewell and seconded by Sydney Loechler. All approved

B. Old Business:

- a. TJ Ross, Secretary of Student Behavior Committee, as well as Sandy Olson Loy presented on the charge of the SBC and gave a brief overview of how the SBC process works. TJ Ross presented a list of proposed members for 2019-2020 including students, faculty, and staff.

C. New Business

- a. Partisan Student Group Funding - committee reviewed the current Student Activities administrative policy for funding for partisan student groups. David Israels Swenson reported that the Morris practice was based on the thought that all system campuses were following the same policy. This was that partisan groups may be funded for non partisan activities. After additional research, review of current best practices; which have changed based on new court cases, and broader campus discussions, it was found that Morris is not in compliance with other campuses. SAC committee approved to endorse this policy update.

New policy now reads “Partisan political student groups are not eligible to apply for and/or receive general student services fees. “Partisan political student groups” are organizations affiliated with and in support of a registered political party or candidates for election. Such groups may seek funding for their nonpartisan political activities (e.g. candidate forums available to all qualified candidates, nonpartisan education programs, etc.) through other University grant and student funding programs.

No registered student group may use University funds for partisan activity (defined as any activity in support of a registered political party) or on behalf of a candidate for public office in a political campaign .

b. [Proposed Campus Inclusivity Initiatives](#)

<https://policy.umn.edu/operations/publicationsbanners-appg>

- i. Proposal created by MCSA and MoQSIE Executive Committee on Campus Inclusivity. These groups are looking for feedback on the ideas presented. The Commission on Women and Gender Equity are also working on new initiatives. Discussion regarding freedom of speech, reviewing the system wide policy and individual campus policies. The Student Activities office is working on compiling an inventory of all public spaces for posters.

- c. Meeting was adjourned at 12:40pm

Submitted by: Holly Rutter

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