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Student Affairs Committee Meeting, 9/8/2020 (via Zoom)

Members present: Viktor Berber (chair, faculty); Bryan Nell (faculty), Carrie Jepma (faculty), Mitch Primus (P&A), Sydney Loechler (student), Dylan Young (student), David Israels-Swenson (Director of Student Affairs), Sandy Olson-Loy (Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs)

A) Introductions

B) Review of committee charge, membership, and meeting schedule

- a. Committee Charge: The Student Affairs Committee develops, reviews, and recommends policy for student activities and services, such as housing, health, food, athletics, financial aid, campus events, and student behavior. It has the power to grant recognition to student organizations and to approve their constitutions and by-laws, as well as to review and approve subsequent amendments. It provides for the enforcement of procedures and regulations to maintain appropriate standards of conduct within the student community. It develops and monitors compliance with rules and procedures for all campus-wide student elections.

- b. Committee Members:

Chair: Viktor Berber, Faculty

P&A: Mitch Primus

Faculty: Carrie Jepma, Bryan Nell, Viktor Berber

USA: TBD

Students: Sydney Loechler, Dylan Young, TBD, TBD

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

- c. Fall Meeting Schedule

All meetings will be during the Community Hour on Tuesdays at 11:40 a.m. to 12:40 p.m. on Zoom.

September 8, 2020

September 22, 2020

October 6, 2020

November 10, 2020

November 24, 2020

December 8, 2020

January 26, 2021

February 9, 2021

February 23, 2021

March 9, 2021

March 23, 2021

April 6, 2021
April 20, 2021
May 5, 2021

C) Review of 2019-2020 Committee Work

Summary of Activities:

- Approved the constitutions of several new student organizations and along with revisions to the constitutions of existing organizations.
- Discussed revision of the Student Organization Classification Policy for the Morris campus.
- Endorsed revisions to the policy for Partisan Student Group Funding. 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.
- Approved members for Student Behavior Committee.
- Reviewed and gave feedback on the Proposed Campus Inclusivity Initiatives.
- Produced a draft revision to the campus-specific Posting Policies. Considered feedback from various bodies, including: Consultative Committee, Equity and Diversity Committee, MCSA, COWGE, and MaryElizabeth Bezanson and 4th-year Political Science student James Sukanen.
- Chose the recipient of the Allen W. Edson Award.

D) Discussion of possible agenda Items for the semester / year

- a. Continuing to work on food insecurity
- b. We may want to get involved with the Morris Mission
- c. Posting policy: revisiting draft and soliciting feedback soon, before taking it to Campus Assembly
- d. Student organizations classification: We tabled this last semester but should take it up again.
- e. Helping students build community during time of social distancing

- E) Proposed membership for Student Behavior Committee from TJ Ross will come for approval at a future meeting
- F) New student organizations and/or revised constitutions: possible proposal for Native American student org, which may overlap with CNIA; look for proposal for STEM LBGTQIA2S+ org
- G) We will plan on taking up the Posting Policy draft document at our next meeting

Submitted by: Holly Rutter

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