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Planning Committee
November 15, 2022 11:40 a.m.
Meeting Number ?
Zoom

Members present: Mark Collier (chair), Stacey Aronson, Amalia Galvan, Bryan Herrmann, Elliot James, Daleney Teske, Shae Lindholm, James Wojtaszek, Keni Zenner, Bill Zimmerman
Members absent: 0
Guests: 0

Spooner Hall Naming Question

Joan Gabel sent an email (dated August 17, 2022) in which she indicated that buildings named 75 years ago would be reevaluated. Spooner Hall was named 75 years ago, so the All-University Honors committee will be charged with reviewing and deciding whether to keep or change the name. The recommendation dossier will be due on November 11, 2022.

The Planning Committee recognizes that the procedures adopted on the TC campus for naming buildings was ill-conceived and neglected to include the opinions of other campus. It also acknowledges that there is some disagreement as to whether the Planning Committee is the proper place to begin this conversation. However, motivated by the desire to adhere to campus governance structures and after a spirited conversation, the Planning Committee concurred that we, using the nomination summary, will ask Campus Assembly if it believes that we should retain the name Spooner and if WCSA is essential to our mission at UMN and, a point of debate that should produce an interesting conversation. Depending on the nature of the conversation, the Chancellor may or may not decide to revoke the dossier she submitted on UMN Morris's behalf in order to keep the name Spooner from disappearing. If the name disappears, the All-University Honors committee will be charged with reviewing and deciding whether to keep or change the name. We will encourage the All-University Honors Committee to consider the campus naming procedures document James Wojtaszek created last year. Admittedly, we need to forward it to Campus Assembly for approval, but before doing so, perhaps we need to include the renaming piece as well.

We will consult with the Steering Committee about how best to introduce the topic before Campus Assembly so that we can have a productive meeting. Perhaps the Steering Committee can add a discussion board with questions prompts to the Campus Assembly Canvas site so that people can comment. Then it can organize an advisory vote at Campus Assembly about whether or not to keep the name (indefinite retention). If we decide to keep the name, that decision does not preclude us from changing it in the future.

Date of next meeting (if known)

Adjournment time 12:43 p.m.

Submitted by Stacey Parker Aronson

Date submitted to Digital Well ??

Date: November 16, 2022

