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Student Affairs Committee Minutes 8/30//2022 -Via Zoom

Present: Viktor Berberi, Y. Andrew Hao, Matt Hoekstra, Hal Johnson, siobhan Bremer, Sandy Olson - Loy

Absent: Vanessa Mora, Simon Franco

In these minutes: Welcome, Introductions, and Committee Charge

Meeting was called to order at 11:42am

In this first meeting of the year with some new members, all committee members introduced themselves and their on campus role. Viktor Berberi then reviewed the Student Affairs 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.” This committee provides a vital consultation service to listen and give feedback to a variety of groups.

Viktor also summarized the work of the Committee in 2021-2022 which included the following items:

- Approved the constitutions of new student organizations and along with revisions to the constitutions of existing organizations.
- Reviewed draft and passed in Campus Assembly the new process for [Creation and Classification of Student Organizations on the Morris Campus](#).
- Approved members for the Student Behavior Committee.
- Chose the recipient of the Allen W. Edson Award.
- Discussed Gen Ed proposal, with a focus on Experiential Learning
- Received the following updates:
  - liz thomson and Rob Velde on the Public Safety Advisory and Dialogue Committee
  - Simon Franco on a Student Engagement study conducted by the Student Activities office
  - on the discontinuation of COVID-related academic policies
  - TJ Ross on [revisions to the University Code of Conduct](#)

The floor was opened to discuss possible agenda items for the year some of which included the following:

- a. Sandy Olson Loy gave an update on the system wide MPACT2025 Wellness Workgroup. They have proposed changes to Canvas's default assignment deadlines as a part of Student Health and Wellbeing data and priorities. Changing the assignment deadlines to support good sleep and mental health. For example, a default deadline of midnight has seen results of students staying up late and turning in assignments right before the deadline.
- b. From MCSA: Student mental health – awareness of breadth of campus resources for student mental health (vs. just stress mgmt) / gaps for specialized support (e.g. schizophrenia spectrum disorders, eating disorders, addictions). Is there a gap in the knowledge of what services are available on campus?
- c. Connecting SAC work to UMN Morris [Strategic Visioning and Plan](#)
- d. Work with Planning on what Mark is calling the “fun gap” / Student engagement and activities survey data. Helping students to become more engaged on campus
- e. Student employment – maximizing opportunities for students, offices, and programs. With the new increase in minimum wage to \$15/hour the Federal Work study funding may not carry a student through the year at 10 hours a week. Thinking of creative ways to stretch the funds or increase the number of student job in a department.
- f. Student Behavior Committee members for 2022-23 / Student Conduct Code updates adopted by the UMN Board of Regents in June 2022
- g. Spaces available to students on campus - various lounges, study areas in buildings around campus not utilized to fullest potential.

Meeting adjourned at 12:41pm

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

September 20, 2022

October 11, 2022

November 15, 2022

January 24, 2023

February 14, 2023

March 21, 2023

April 18, 2023

Submitted by: Holly Rutter

Date submitted to Digital Well: \_\_\_\_\_

