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Student Affairs Committee Minutes 11/15/2022 -Via Zoom

Present: Viktor Berberi, Y. Andrew Hao, Holly Rutter, Hal Johnson, Sandy Olson - Loy, Dave Israel Swenson, Jay Allard, Nani Mahkuk-Guaman
Absent: Siobhan Bremer, Matt Hoekstra, Vanessa Mora

In these minutes: Spring semester topic ideas

Meeting was called to order at 11:42am

Viktor Berberi introduced Holly Rutter as the new USA representative on the committee.

Jay Allard made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 11, 2022 meeting. All other members approved.

Viktor Berberi provided an update on the campus community initiative of the “fun gap/engagement of spaces on campus” being discussed by the Planning committee. That committee has decided to table this discussion and focus on other topics. One idea that came from this discussion was building a fire pit on campus for students, faculty and staff to use for programs, cultural events, relaxation, etc. Further discussions with appropriate campus parties will be needed.

This committee brainstormed other ideas to focus on for spring semester (this is not an exhaustive nor finalized list).

- changing the default “assignment due time” in Canvas from midnight to earlier in the day. The University MPact 2025 will be working on this topic system wide.

- student mental health services - currently the counseling center is booked out several weeks. Dave Israel Swenson reported that they are adding an additional part time counselor for remote sessions as well as increasing education around the Let’s Talk program model. The counseling center has seen an increase in the number of students utilizing the Let’s Talk sessions..

- Morris core curriculum - linking to life after UMM (college to career).

Sandy Olson Loy provided an update on an NASNTI grant which provides funding to create information sheets on each of our academic programs including student organizations, study abroad opportunities, and teaching assistant positions that are connected to these areas.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20pm

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

January 24, 2023

February 14, 2023

March 21, 2023

April 18, 2023

Submitted by: Holly Rutter

Date submitted to Digital Well: _____