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Student Affairs Committee Minutes 4/18/2023 -Via Zoom

Present: Viktor Berberi, Y. Andrew Hao, Holly Rutter, Hal Johnson, Sandy Olson - Loy, Simon Franco, Matt Hoekstra

Absent: Nani Mahkuk-Guaman, Jay Allard, Siobhan Bremer

In these minutes: Final wrap up of year

Meeting was called to order at 11:40am

The meeting minutes from 3/21/23 were reviewed and motioned to approve by Andrew Hao and seconded by Viktor Berberi. All other members approved, no abstentions.

Viktor Berberi is scheduling a meeting with Peh Ng, Acting Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Dean, to present this committee's recommendation on the CANVAS default times as stated in the last minutes.

Viktor announced that Y. Andrew Hao will take over as Chair of the committee next year.

The committee reviewed the charge of the Student Affairs Committee and brainstormed ideas for next year. With so many departments under the SAC it was discussed to have “themed” meetings or look at different departments throughout the year.

Simon Franco presented data from research of Morris student engagement in relation to retention. Engagement creates a sense of belonging and community. There is a strong correlation with student involvement in organizations and a higher GPA. The committee discussed ways we can support student engagement. Current activities that help students become aware of organizations on campus include the Welcome Week Activities Fair, spring Open House in Student Activities office, Welcome Group Leaders conversations with new first year students, and tour guide conversations.

Sandy Olson-Loy shared the following article on [Student Engagement](#) through the pandemic. The committee discussed the idea that creating events and activities for students to engage with is only one part of the puzzle. We also need to help them build social skills and make connections at whatever level they are at. And finally exploring student work/school balance. There is not an enforced number of hours that students can/cannot work on campus jobs, however students and supervisors need to remain aware of keeping a good balance for successful completion of school.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:30pm

Submitted by: Holly Rutter

Date submitted to Digital Well: ___8/29/23___