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University of Minnesota, Morris
Scholastic Committee
Minutes #2, September 17, 2007

The Scholastic Committee met on September 17, 2007, in IH 217. Members present: S. Boyd, D. DeJager (Ex. Asst and USA E.O.), K. Gonier-Klopfleisch, S. Haugen (C.W. E.O.), L. Hedquist, B. Janzen, J. Jost, D. Magner, B. McQuarrie (Chr), L. Meek (Secy), J. Pelletier, J. Schryver, T. Soderberg

Guest: J. Morales, Associate V.C. of Enrollment

1. Minutes from September 10 were approved.
2. The Chair gave a history and context to petitions. There are three reasons the committee grants petitions: 1) meeting the spirit of the requirement, 2) institutional responsibility and 3) hardship. The Chair gave examples of each.
3. Petition #1174-- Waive the 15-credit campus residency requirement based on institutional responsibility. **Approved.**
4. Further discussion of data on freshmen success and retention occurred. The document to be sent to Assembly was refined and edited. There was discussion of what the intent of sending such a document was. The reply was that this was information the campus needed to know about the success of freshmen, and the hope was that the campus would have suggestions to offer about how to improve freshmen success and retention. Some suggestions made by the committee were:
 1. Better placement tests.
 2. Freeze freshmen registration.
 3. Investigate the skills needed for freshmen to pass the classes that are most difficult for them
 4. Peer assisted learning/recitation sessions.
 5. Offer a career course
 6. Use Alerts
 7. Better use of advisors.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is on September 24, IH 217.