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University of Minnesota, Morris
Scholastic Committee
Minutes #11, February 22, 2007

The Scholastic Committee met at 12:00 P.M. on Feb. 22, 2007 in Imholte 217.

Members Present: J. Anderson, J. Deane, D. De Jager (Ex. Assistant), K. Gonier-Klopfliesch, S. Haugen, J. Larson, B. McQuarrie, N. McPhee (Chair), L. Meek (Secretary), J. Schryver.

Guest: B. Boever (Interim Director of Advising)

1. The minutes from Feb. 15th were approved.

2. -The discussion of creating an advising mentoring program and 'super advisors' (advisors who could be 'on call' for their divisions continued from the previous week. For the advising mentoring program suggestions were:

- new advisors would be paired with experienced advisors in a mentoring relationship. This experience would also be open to those advisors who wished to increase their skills, even if they had been advising for a while.
- new advisors would be paired with someone in their discipline.
- a faculty discussion table could be created at TMC so that advisors could meet and discuss issues.
- specific case studies could be presented at meetings to illustrate how to solve problems.

The group approved the motion that Boever would draw up a proposal for the advising mentoring program that the committee could then discuss.

The group then talked about the 'super advisor' program. It was suggested that there be criteria that faculty must fulfill before being designated a 'super advisor', such as having experience with internships, study abroad, petitions to the Scholastic Committee, areas of concentration and emphasis, honors classes, serving on the Scholastic Committee, Curriculum Committee or Academic Alert. Super advisors can then be self selected, in that if they fulfill some list of criteria and desire to be super advisors, they may. It was suggested that a more formal, dignified name be given to this program, and that these advisors would have a sign outside their doors identifying them.

Finally, in discussing how faculty might be rewarded for being successful advisors, it was suggested that the Interim Asst. Dean and the Interim Director of Advising discuss the issue with division chairs and that a proposal could begin to be developed that eventually could be taken to Assembly. It was recognized that such a proposal would take some time to develop and would need to have the support of the incoming Dean.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be March 8th.