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**Scholastic Committee
2016-17 Academic Year
3 p.m., Tuesday, November 29, 2016, Moccasin Flower
Meeting Eleven**

Present: Roland Guyotte (Chair), Merc Chasman, Joe Beaver, Leslie Meek, Elsie Wilson, Dan Magner, Brenda Boever, Steve Gross, Ray Schultz, Colin Wray, Emma Kloos and Jennifer Goodnough

Absent: Ruby DeBellis and Michelle Brownlee

1. **Approve minutes of November 15, 2016, meeting.**
Minutes approved
Minutes of November 8, 2016 pending Chancellor review.

2. **Chair Report**
Next week is the last meeting of the semester.

3. **SCEP Report**
No report

4. **Petition #1256**
Request to waive IC requirement based on meeting spirit of the requirement through Associate of Applied Science educational experiences.
Approved

5. **Petition #1257**
Request to substitute ENGL 2031: Gender in Literature and Culture for IC course. Student began Morris career during spring semester when no IC courses were offered.
Approved

Chair, Roland Guyotte left the meeting.

6. **Brief preferred name update by Judy Korn**
Korn said the University of Minnesota led the way lobbying PeopleSoft for preferred name in the student record system. Preferred name, out of the box, was used in the class roster and the advising roster. As we began using preferred name it became apparent there were issues, for example, a professor would get to know a student by their preferred name on the class roster but other reports such as the Academic Progress Audit System (APAS) were not able to use the preferred name. The data warehouse did not have a table for preferred name. This came to light last fall. The Morris campus is working effectively so our communications with students are clear. A new Morris website indicates where preferred name will appear. There is some concern that now we are moving into an extended way of using preferred name and that the whole campus

may not be up to speed on how we are using preferred or primary name. Systemwide the University is moving at a snail's pace. Right now Morris is the only campus that has a preferred name website. Korn asked members if they would think how we can move this forward from an academic perspective. The University policy library has syllabus requirements. Korn asked if a suggestion to include preferred name be added to the syllabus requirement. Korn wondered if we could use this committee to move the conversation forward so that a University systemwide committee might take up this conversation.

Goodnough said the syllabus policy is what came to mind because this is a place where both faculty and students are obtaining information that affects academics in the classroom. The syllabus is where faculty will become aware of preferred name. Putting preferred name in the syllabus would highlight to students this is the place where preferred name will be.

Members asked how the syllabus statement would look? Goodnough responded there is a statement on the preferred name web page. This is where Scholastic Committee (SC) would hammer out the working statement with a link to the SC webpage.

Who decides what has to go into University syllabi? Goodnough said SCEP and the contacts at the bottom of the syllabus policy page. This would not have to go to the University Senate.

Can the Dean, Bart Finzel, make the decision? Goodnough responded yes.

Korn was asked to explain how the University not being ready ties into this. Korn responded this was not an easy process. Morris is more nimble than the Twin Cities campus. There is the software piece and student affairs piece. Boever via the Advising Office brought this to our attention that something was not right. Using the syllabus for preferred name is a way to educate faculty and students. The ulterior motive is for the University systemwide to pick up on what Morris is doing and make decisions. The University of Iowa and University of Wisconsin have it all mapped out. Pharos does not pick up on preferred name but if our alert system moves to APLUS, we will be in great shape.

How much of this great work will be lost if the University makes changes systemwide? Korn said a lot of this is happening systemwide and doesn't believe our work will be lost.

Members asked if there is any opposition in the Twin Cities to this? Korn has heard that someone went to Title IX and they were not willing to take on the work.

One member commented they are not thrilled about adding more things to the syllabus, but it seems like the best way to get this message across.

Goodnough suggested inviting Bart Finzel to talk about this.

Korn asked members if anyone is uncomfortable about putting this in the syllabus. What would SC like her to do next? Would members like to look at the syllabus statement and then go to the Dean?

Members asked if there is a title IX person to whom we should talk and also asked Korn for examples. Korn said she will do some research. Goodnough feels there is no rush. SC can look at this in January or February and work out the details.

Korn pointed out a moodle concern. She is also very concerned if a student does not understand their preferred name will appear on the dean's list, which is public.

Will everything update except moodle? Students can change moodle for each class. Could we say on the website that changing preferred name is retroactive? If a student's information is loaded into Campus Connection (student activity software), it won't prevent the preferred name update.

Goodnough said she will let SCEP know Morris is talking about this at the next meeting.

Vice Chair, Meek thanked Korn for her work. Korn will gather more information, perhaps have a conversation with the Dean, will see if others are using the syllabus and SC will take a look at this next semester.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Kill
Office of the Registrar