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**Scholastic Committee  
2019-20 Academic Year  
September 12, 2019  
Meeting Two Minutes Approved**

**Present:** Merc Chasman (chair), Brenda Boever, Michelle Schamp, Jason Ramey, Joe Beaver, MacKenzie Marquette, Alyssa Pirinelli, Jennifer Goodnough

**Absent:** Heather Pennie, Emma Kloos, Dennis Stewart, Lily Pope

**1. Introductions**

**2. Approve minutes from September 5, 2019**

Minutes approved.

**3. Chair's report**

Merc Chasman, chair, was in communication with Dean Ericksen and had a meeting with her after the Scholastic Committee (SC) meeting.

**4. SCEP report**

Jennifer Goodnough is the 2019-20 Senate Committee on Education Policy (SCEP) chair and serves as Morris's SCEP representative. Goodnough noted that SCEP met yesterday and the meeting mostly pertained to agenda setting. There was not much discussed that applied to the SC.

**5. Scholastic Committee responsibilities review**

[Handout from New Adviser Meeting](#)

The Scholastic Committee develops, reviews, and recommends policies affecting the quality of education. It is concerned with such matters as admissions, academic progress, academic advising, student academic honesty, scholarship, and graduation. It has the power to grant exceptions to academic regulations when the spirit of such regulations has been satisfied. The committee admits students and evaluates transfer credit in accordance with standards established by the campus assembly.

—from the [UMM Constitution and By-Laws](#)

Brenda Boever provided a brief review of the presentation provided to new advisers regarding Scholastic Committee (SC) responsibilities.

## **6. Annual review and approval of delegated petitions**

### **SC Delegated Petitions**

The committee reviewed the list of petitions delegated to the Registrar and Scholastic Committee Coordinator. It was noted that WLA petitions are the purview of the English discipline as per Campus Assembly when the Gen Ed was created.

The committee considered which delegations should continue, and which petitions SC should resume hearing. It was observed that due to the delegation, SC does not see delegated petitions unless they are appealed.

The committee decided not to make any final conclusions without the input of Angie Senger, Transfer Specialist. Angie has been acting on the delegated petitions this year, and is most likely the one who would continue to act on the delegated petitions for the time being. The committee noted it does not want to make more work for Angie with delegated petitions.

It was observed that some petitions, such as those pertaining to course repeats or Peoplesoft errors, are very black-and-white and it would likely be more work for the Transfer Coordinator or other OTR staff to bring them to the committee.

Jennifer Goodnough, SCEP rep, gave historical background on petitions and the delegation of certain petitions. Delegated petitions previously went to Registrars, who have historically been people with decades of institutional/historical knowledge. Jenn also pointed out that the petition delegation specifically delegates some petitions to the “Registrar” and some “Scholastic Committee Coordinator.” In recent years, Judy Korn was the Registrar and acted on both sets of petitions.

The question was raised as to who is currently the SC Coordinator. The Registrar is typically the SC Coordinator, however, there is not currently a Registrar or Director of the Office of the Registrar, and the Interim DOTR has not and is not currently scheduled to attend SC meetings.

The committee expressed concern over the title difference between Director of the Office of the Registrar and Registrar. Traditionally the Registrar is a powerful position - a force to be reckoned with. They have historically been strong defenders of student records and FERPA. The Registrar historically serves as a liaison between SC and Curriculum Committee, as they sit on both committees.

There was discussion of Curriculum Committee’s current review and revisions for General Education Requirements. Members felt that SC needs to be aware of intended spirit of requirements, and hope to meet with CC sometime in the future. A mention was made of transfer

and exemption credit for FL and how SC knowledge informed a revision of proposed changes to foreign language.

Merc promised to discuss SC and CC joint meetings with Janet.

Other questions raised but not answered: When do the delegations expire? Are the delegated registrar's petitions invalid if not done by registrar?

The committee discussed meeting Friday, Sept 20 (before the next scheduled Thursday meeting). After conversation it was decided that a meeting on that day was not really needed, and deferred to Merc (chair). It was decided the Friday meeting should not happen unless something comes up in Merc's meeting with Janet Erikson (Dean) .

The delegated petitions vote is tabled until the next Thursday meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Zaske  
Office of the Registrar