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Student Activities (A10)

"The Office of Student Activities coordinates and implements a comprehensive cultural, educational, recreational and social co-curricular program that contributes to the University's primary mission of undergraduate liberal arts education." More specifically, it assists on the planning and support of student-initiated co-curricular activities, works with students in the development of "interpersonal and leadership skills," supports the Campus Activities Council in the planning and administering of campus events, provides budgetary and programing support for student organizations, works with Activities Fee Review Committee and provides that group with "guidance, assistance and administrative support," plans and coordinates orientation activities for incoming students and their parents, and in general furthers the development of student-center-related activities. The director of the office reports to the Vice-Chancellor for Student Affairs. The office has played a vital role throughout the history of the campus in supporting student organizations and assisting in the planning, financing and administering of student social and cultural activities. Of special significance was the role the office played in the late 1980s and early 1990s in the construction of the new Student Center on campus.

During the first years of college study Student Activities was casually organized. The Annual Report from 1964-65 lists D.L. Hegle as a "Senior Student Personnel Worker" who was apparently in charge of the office. Its purpose was "to advise Morris Campus Student Association..., to work with the MCSA (Morris Campus Student Association" in preparing budgets and in conducting leadership seminars, "to advise and consult with the Student Union and other campus organizations on scheduling social, cultural and recreational programs...", to maintain a list of student organizations and oversee their finances...." The Student Union Board, the parent of the current Campus Activities Council, seems to have been casually organized and labored under a "poorly understood charge," and it gave way in the spring of 1966 to a newly formed Morris Campus Union Board. The logic of the reorganization was to create a "total campus union." The new organization included members of the faculty and administration, however, it was stipulated that a student would remain as chair and that students would continue to constitute the majority of the board. MCUB was restructured again in the 1967-68 school year. In the middle 1980s the Morris Campus Union Board was again reorganized and became the Campus Activities Council (CAC).

The Student Activities Office was in the first decades of the campus connected to Student Affairs Committee, and it provided administrative support to the committee and assisted in collecting data and implementing policies. With the revision of the Campus Assembly Constitution in 1983 the Student Affairs Committee gave way to the Student Services Committee.

In 1968-69 Gary McGrath became the "Director of Student Activities" (before this John Blasingame was listed as "Senior Student: Personnel Worker.") Stephen Granger took over for McGrath in '72-'73. In '73-'74 Douglas F. Smith replaced Granger and was named director. Smith resigned in May 1975 and was replaced by Robert G. Rodda. Mary Hicks replaced Rodda in '78-'79. Hicks left in December '81 and in April '82 was replaced by Tom Wojciechowski. He left in November '85 and was replaced by existing staff for the remainder of the academic year. The administration decided the following year to merge Student Activities into Student Life. Dave Aronson was in charge of student life and Sandy Olson-Loy was "Assistant Director for Student Activities." This arrangement ended after the 1992-93 academic year. Olson-Loy then became the "Director of Student Activities." In 1999-00 Olson-Loy became Interim Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs (October 1999). Haugen became acting Director of Student Activities, although she devoted 1/3 of her time to the Commission on Women. David Swenson was hired in 2004-5.

The record group, Student Activities, is divided into two discrete series. The first, "General Files," consists of administrative records of the Student Activities Office. These materials are reflective of student life on campus: clubs, fraternities, other student organizations, as well as the history of concerts, films, convocations and other sorts of cultural activities. These records, in addition, speak to campus governance and especially to the role of students in governance. The files for the Activities Fee Review Committee document the workings of that committee and its predecessor from the late 1960s until the early 2000s.

Activities Fee Review Committee (AFRC) (A10-B)

"The Activity Fee Review Committee (AFRC) is a special committee of the Chancellor comprised of nine students, two faculty members, one staff representative, and the Director of Student Activities. The Committee is charged with making funding recommendations for UMM Student Services Fees and overseeing the allocation of funds to student organizations to be used for campus and community events, activities, and other initiatives." The archives holds records from AFRC from the early 1970s, as part of the Student Activities Record Group.

The archives contains records related to the Activities Fee Review Committee dating back to the late 1960s. Although the records are not totally clear on this point, it appears that UMM students paid an "Incidental Fee" for much of the early period. All fees, those dedicated to student health, as well as those to fund student organizations and activities, were considered incidental fees. By the 1973-74 school year the Health Services fee was separated out for accounting purposes, and fees paid by students to fund organizations and activities were now subsumed under the heading of "Activity Fee." A committee structure was already in existence to determine and manage these monies; the committee, in turn, was restructured in the middle of the decade.

Materials include: agendas, budget proposals, business and financial forms, correspondence, example budget proposals, memoranda, minutes, news clippings (scattered) and reports.

Campus Organizations included: Asian Student Association, Assistance to Student Groups, Black Student Union, Business/Econ Club, Campus Activities Council, Circle of Nations, Cheerleaders, Concert Choir, Dance Ensemble, Debate/Forensics Edson Hall Improvement Fund, E-Quality, E.T.H.N.I.C., Gallery, Gospel Choir, Imani, Intercollegiate Athletics, International Students, International Relations Club, Intramurals, Jazz Ensemble, KUMM, MCUB, MCUB Concert/Dance, MCUB Films, MCUB Special Events, MCUB Coffehouse, MCUB Convocations, MCUB Performing Arts, MCUB Non-Alcoholic Bar, Meiningens, Men's Athletics, Minority Emphasis Program, Minority Student Program, MO-MISA, Mock Trial, Morris Campus Student Association, Morris Weekly, Native American Students, NASA, Office of Residential Life, Student Activities, Student Center Building Fund, UMM Band, UMM Choir, United Latinos, Women of Color Association, Women's Athletics, Women's Resource Center, Yearbook.

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