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Steering Committee Meeting
April 9, 2013

Present: Jayne Blodgett, Tammy Berberi, Jacquie Johnson, Joey Daniewicz,
Evan Vogel, Dave Swenson, Matt Senger, Jeff Ratliff-Crain, Sheri Breen

The committee met to walk through April 22 Campus Assembly agenda. Parliamentarian Dave Swenson will not be at the meeting. Jeff and Dave will discuss some options.

The following members of the Membership Committee joined the meeting at 8:30 am: Zak Forde, Matt Zaske, Roger Rose to discuss subcommittees, unaffiliated rogue committees and to confirm student voting for next year.

Jeff noted that some of the ongoing subcommittees don't report to a Core Standing committee and are operating outside the Constitutional framework. There are no official subcommittees listed in the Constitution but we are aware of many including Queer Issues Committee, the Student Behavior Committee, and the Dining Services Committee. The Queer Issues Committee believe they report to the Student Affairs Committee.

It was suggested to:

- identify what subcommittees there are
- identify how this might be a problem
- what are some possible solutions
- come up with a list and report back to this committee next fall

Jeff, Sheri and Matt agreed to work on this. The Membership Committee will find two members as well.

Tammy wondered what important work is being done outside of governance? To what extent does the Membership committee pay attention to diversity? Zak reported that gender balance is always top of mind; however, the Constitution mandates some of that. Zak thought it would be helpful to have a policy or best practices established as a start.

MCSA elections for Campus Assembly members will be held before elections for Steering and Membership next year.

A suggestion was made to encourage people to state their name and discipline at Campus Assembly meetings when they are speaking.