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**Scholastic Committee  
2013-14 Academic Year  
October 9, 2013  
Meeting Five Minutes Approved**

**Present:** Jennifer Goodnough, chair, Brenda Boever, Chad Braegelmann, Jennifer Herrmann, Peter Wyckoff, Steve Gross, Roland Goyotte, Judy Korn, Hilda Ladner, student MCSA nominee Marcy Prince

**Absent:** Nic McPhee, Saesun Kim, Jess Larson, Clare Dingley, Latham Hetland, Tyler Strowbridge

**Introductions**

Committee members introduced themselves to nominee Marcy Prince.

**Remembering Steve Granger**

The Scholastic Committee recognized the contributions of the late Steve Granger to the University of Minnesota, Morris with a moment of silence. Granger was a founding member of the Morris administration and faculty, and he served more than 30 years as SC secretary. His impact on the campus as a student advocate continues to resonate today and will be experienced long into the future.

**1. October 2 minutes approved with one spelling correction.**

**2. No Chair's Report**

**3. No SCEP Report**

**4. Leave of Absence and Readmission policy final discussion and action**

The SC continued discussion regarding the Leave of Absence and Readmission policy. A detailed procedure will be arranged if the SC's recommendation is approved by the Campus Assembly. If approved, the process and procedure must be clear that the Leave of Absence is being offered in the students' best interests. The "good citizen" piece of the procedure must be discussed with the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. The process must be clear for the students, the Dean's designee, the Dean, and advisers. The Dean or Dean's designee will present an annual report to the SC. It is assumed the Dean's designee will be the retention coordinator who will executively handle process and procedure.

A motion was made and seconded to change Morris's two semesters of nonenrollment before deactivation to one semester, which will be the same as other University of Minnesota colleges and campuses. If students are in good academic/behavioral standing, they may apply for a leave of absence that will allow them to return to Morris between two to four semesters before deactivation without reapplying for admission.

If the campus assembly approves the SC's recommendation, the Morris changes will be effective when the new Universitywide policy is implemented.

The motion was unanimously approved.

**5. Next steps: Writing for the Liberal Arts (WLA) general education requirement**

The SC reviewed general information about transfer credits and courses including rights as a transfer student and a glossary of transfer terms.

The Chair offered a motion, which was seconded, to guide the discussion.

"The Scholastic Committee will begin evaluation of all student transfer courses for possible meeting of the Writing for the Liberal Arts general education requirement. The evaluation will be based on the general education proposal approved by Campus Assembly, transfer course catalog descriptions plus stated goals/objectives. The evaluation

will be informed by previous Campus Assembly discussion and previously approved courses by the writing coordinator.”

Rationale: Students have the right to transfer course evaluation per the UMM catalog, and Scholastic Committee is expected to do that transfer course evaluation per the UMM Constitution.

If the motion fails, would we go to Campus Assembly for a change in a student’s right to an evaluation?

The following discussion revolved around several key perspectives.

- the SC’s responsibility for overseeing transfer credit
- the importance of the Writing for the Liberal Arts (WLA) gen ed requirement for campuswide writing improvement
- the difference between ENGL 1601 and the WLA gen ed
- the status of courses reviewed or in the process of review by the writing coordinator
- the SC’s responsibility for evaluating courses for gen ed requirements

Action on the motion was tabled as the Chair had concerns about whether all members felt fully informed on the issue. The committee would like to meet with Dean Finzel.

**6. Discussion and action on two transfer evaluation coordinator WLA recommendations tabled**

**7. Summer Appeals Recap and IB tally review comments and questions tabled**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Judy R. Korn**  
**Scholastic Committee Executive Staff**