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## **STUDENT SENATE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (SSCC) MINUTES**

**May 27, 1999**

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**PRESENT:** Ryan Falk (chair), Jesse Berglund, Mike Gerrity, YeeLeng Hang, Jed Ipsen, Reid LeBeau, Martin O'Hely, Jason Reed, Chaz Rice, Aaron Street.

**REGRETS:** Jason Anderson, Deanne Nordberg, Kelli Rusch, Gita Uppal, Mark Uszenski.

**ABSENT:** Brandon Lacy, Kerstin Trimble.

**GUESTS:** Michael Vollmer.

### **1. Approval of the Agenda**

The agenda was approved.

### **2. Approval of the Minutes**

The April 8, 1999 minutes were approved.

### **3. Chair's Report**

Ryan Falk asked that the committee continue with the Student Orientation and start work on a Parking and Transportation Subcommittee. He then reminded students to attend the June 1 committee member reception at Eastcliff. Lastly, he thanked Becky Hippert for her help throughout the year.

### **4. Student Senate Chair's Report**

Jesse Berglund also thanked Becky Hippert for her work as the committee staff person during the last year and wished all new members a productive year.

### **5. Election of 1999-2000 SSCC Chair**

Jason Reed and Jed Ipsen were nominated. After brief speeches, and hearing no questions, a vote was taken. Jason Reed was elected SSCC Chair for 1999-00.

## **6. Other Business**

None

## **7. Discussion of Academic Health Center SCC with Michael Vollmer, AHC SCC Chair**

Michael Vollmer, chair of the Academic Health Center SCC (AHC SCC), said that this committee represents the students of the Academic Health Center, which includes Nursing, Medical School, Pharmacy, Dentistry, Veterinary Medicine, Public Health, and COGS. These schools are unique in that the students attend classes together but do not have much opportunity for interaction. Unlike, other committees, the AHC SCC meets with Senior Vice President Frank Cerra at each meeting. This committee has been very proactive in developing projects, such as the \$2 million classroom renovation effort within the AHC. This year, the committee has focused on a public education program which represents a mini-Medical School. He then opened the floor to questions.

Q: What level of support would you like to see from the SSSC?

A: The AHC SCC has functioned fine on its own and therefore should continue independently.

Q: How are small programs, such as Mortuary Sciences, represented?

A: Physical Therapy, Occupational Medicine, and Mortuary Sciences are represented by the two Medical School members since their student body populations are too small to have elected governments.

Q: The Bylaws call for one undergraduate student member to serve on the committee. Has this happened? What is your opinion regarding this position?

A: There is currently no undergraduate member on the committee. There is always a benefit to be gained from additional viewpoints, but the small size of the groups makes it very manageable. The problem is where to find this member and to make sure that they are in an AHC school.

Ryan Falk provided some background to the new members regarding the Provostal Student Consultative Committees. Since no action could be taken until the next year, he asked that the new members make this a priority in September to draft a bylaws change.

Ryan Falk then thanked all the members for their work this year and wished next year's members a productive year.

Rebecca Hippert  
University Senate