

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

BOARD OF REGENTS

Faculty, Staff and Student Affairs Committee

May 9, 2002

A meeting of the Faculty, Staff and Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Regents was held on Thursday, May 9, 2002 at 2:15 p.m. in the West Committee Room, 600 McNamara Alumni Center.

Regents present: David Metzen, presiding; Dallas Bohnsack, William Hogan, Robert McNamara, and Maureen Reed.

Staff present: Chancellor Donald Sargeant; Vice Presidents Tonya Moten Brown, Carol Carrier, Sandra Gardebring, Robert Jones, and Charles Muscoplat; Executive Director Ann Cieslak; Interim Associate Vice President Kathryn Brown.

Student Representatives present: Gretta Hanson and Allison Rhody.

CONSENT REPORT

A motion was made and seconded and the Committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of the Consent Report, which included the following:

Granting of faculty emeritus status to Janet Ahern,

Assistant Professor, University of Minnesota Morris.

BEVERAGE SERVICE ON THE MINNESOTA

CENTENNIAL SHOWBOAT: RESOLUTION

Vice President Gardebring presented a resolution that would exempt the Minnesota Centennial Showboat from the Board of Regents Policy: *Alcoholic Beverages on Campus* and permit the sale of alcoholic beverages at public and private entertainment events (pursuant to the receipt of a valid liquor license). The resolution would prohibit the sale of alcohol at events that are arranged by, or marketed principally to, students or student groups.

Dean Steven Rosenstone discussed the rationale for the resolution and the agreement between the University and the Padelford Packet Boat Company regarding the construction, operation, maintenance, and use of the new Showboat.

A motion was made and seconded and the Committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of the Resolution Related to Beverage Service on the Minnesota Centennial Showboat, as provided in the docket materials.

PUBLIC SAFETY ORGANIZATION REPORT, TWIN CITIES CAMPUS

Vice President Carrier stated that subsequent to the events of September 11, 2001, President Yudof requested a review of security practices at the University. Following that review the President created the Office of Public Safety and named University Police Chief George Aylward as the Interim Assistant Vice President for Public Safety.

Carrier introduced Aylward who provided an update on the activities of this new office. He noted that the University's public safety approach has three components: the Department of Central Security (DCS), the University of Minnesota Police Department (UMPD), and the Department of Emergency Management. Currently, responsibility for security functions is divided among many departments. Beginning July 1, 2002 the newly created DCS will have responsibility for designing, installing, maintaining, and monitoring security systems and thus provide an integrated approach to security and enhanced police response.

In order to improve emergency management at the University, additional police officers are being assigned to athletics events and a request for proposals is being developed to provide defibrillators in various campus locations. The UMPD is exploring the use of canine units and a 'neighborhood watch' program is being established in the research community and on the St. Paul campus.

STUDENT DIVERSITY REPORT

Vice President Carrier noted that beginning with this report, an annual student diversity report will be presented to this committee during even numbered years, with a written information report provided in odd numbered years. Interim Associate Vice President Brown presented the report, noting the Office of Multicultural and Academic Affairs' approach to diversity, support for students, and efforts to transform the University so that the entire institution welcomes and supports diversity. The presentation included demographic information for students of color at the University and in Minnesota high schools, graduation and retention data for University students of color, and a list of diversity support services and programs offered throughout the University system. A copy of the presentation is on file in the Board Office.

Brown highlighted the following during the presentation:

K-12 enrollment for students of color in Minnesota has increased steadily since 1992. High school dropout rates for African Americans, American Indians, and Chicano/Latinos are above 30 percent.

On the Twin Cities campus almost 17 percent of undergraduates admitted for 2002 are students of color and 65 percent are from the Twin Cities area.

The University is ranked 6th among Big Ten institutions with regard to its percentage of undergraduate students of color.

Graduation rates for undergraduate students of color lag behind the rates for white students. There is evidence that work demands and academic preparation prior to attending the University are factors in these lower graduation rates.

In response to a question from Regent Reed, Brown noted that access is a key policy that the University needs to address given the potential disparate impact of tuition increases on students of color.

The committee discussed University efforts to increase the number of students of color graduating from Minnesota high schools and the role of various factors in recruiting and retaining students of color. These factors include the availability and awareness of financial aid and the presence of a diverse faculty at the University.

Regent Hogan suggested that the University should examine the methods used to recruit students of color. Perhaps recruitment should focus on the University as a caring, supportive community, rather than on the presence of students, faculty and staff of color.

RECREATIONAL AND CLUB SPORTS: TWIN CITIES

Vice President Carrier explained that this topic was placed on the committee workplan to provide a more complete picture of student involvement in athletics on the Twin Cities campus. She introduced presenters Vice President Jones and Associate Vice Provost and Director of Recreational Sports James Turman. Jones commented on the relationship between a world class education and recreational sports activities, and the significance of recreational sports facilities to students during their college search. He added that the University's efforts to develop a new health and wellness program for faculty and staff, coupled with high demand among students for recreational sports activities, may result in the need for additional recreational sports facilities.

Turman discussed the history and mission of recreational sports at the University, provided an overview of the various programs within the Department of Recreational Sports and presented statistics regarding recent trends in sports participation. A copy of the presentation is on file in the Board Office.

Turman reported on the economic impact of the Aquatic Center on the local economy and the high student, staff, and faculty participation rate in various recreational sports programs and activities. He indicated that sport clubs, some of which compete against club and varsity teams at other schools, raise approximately \$250,000 in addition to funding they receive through student services fees.

The committee discussed the University's need for additional indoor and outdoor facilities as capacity has been reached at many recreational sports facilities. It was noted that the University compares poorly to peers with regard to benchmarks for outdoor and indoor facilities. A master planning process for sports facilities is nearing completion and will be presented to the Board at a future meeting. Jones reported that the idea of sharing athletic and recreational sports facilities is being examined in consultation with Vice President Moten Brown.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

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