

SENATE COMMITTEE ON STUDENT AFFAIRS
MINUTES OF MEETING
April 24, 2013

[In these minutes: Student Affairs updates; Agenda items for next year.]

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PRESENT: Joyce Holl (co-chair), Brandee Polson (co-chair), Lauren Beach, Thomas Bilder, Marcus Guith, Katie Roehl, Meghan Sable

GUESTS: Lisa Erwin, Sandra Olson-Loy, Peter Phaiah, Amelious Whyte

REGRETS: Peter Haeg, Sam Ketchum, Carlos Torelli, Kendre Turonie

ABSENT: Michael Stebleton, Michael Vargas

WELCOME

Joyce Holl and Brandee Polson, co-chairs, called the meeting to order and welcomed those present.

STUDENT AFFAIRS UPDATES

Ms. Holl explained that since this is the last meeting of the academic year, the committee would hear from the following representatives of Student Affairs:

- Sandra Olson-Loy, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Morris
- Peter Phaiah, Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Crookston
- Lisa Erwin, Vice Chancellor for Student Life, Duluth
- Amelious Whyte, assistant dean, Office for Student Affairs, Twin Cities

Sandra Olson-Loy, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Morris, provided a handout to supplement her presentation and it outlined the following topics:

- Our Mission
 - Student Affairs creates and implements student programs and services that develop student potential and extend UMM's liberal arts mission beyond the classroom.
- Highlights of the 2012-2013 Academic Year (including issues of interest to the UMM Student Affairs Committee)
 - Enhancing the residential life facilities to provide a contemporary living and learning environment to meet student needs.

- Green Prairie Living and Learning Community is a new residential life facility housing 72 first year and upper class students in 4-person suites and will open in August 2013.
 - They are gathering information and developing recommendations regarding how many upper class students would like to live on campus.
- Increasing support for student health, wellness and wellbeing.
 - A new mental health website, modeled after the Twin Cities' website, was launched.
 - UMM had its' first Mental Health Awareness Week.
 - They are exploring the tobacco use policy proposed by their health Services Subcommittee for possible action in Fall 2013. It was noted that tobacco-free might not be appropriate because of the traditional, cultural, and ceremonial uses of the Native American population. There are also concerns surrounding enforcement of the policy if it were implemented.
- Building a diverse, inclusive community.
 - Tri-lingual room signage in key buildings in English, Anishinaabeg, and Dakota languages.
- Building strong NCAA Division III intercollegiate athletics, intramural and club sports programs.

Peter Phaiah, Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Crookston, provided a handout to supplement his presentation and it outlined the following topics:

- UMC Student Affairs Department – Organizational Chart
 - He noted that the Department of Student Affairs now reports to the new UMC Chancellor, Dr. Fred Wood. Chancellor Wood was just inaugurated last week.
 - The Vice Chancellor is retiring this spring and the decision was made to reduce the portfolio of that office. Further reorganization will take place once this role is filled.
- Student Fee Committee
 - This year there was a net \$4 decrease per student for student fees.
 - A spreadsheet was included that displayed the fees. The Hockey Club was discontinued and they had previously received \$7. Students voted to increase the Recreation Center fee by \$5 to illustrate their dedication.
 - The Wellness Center is a priority for the future because the current facility is inadequate.
- New Residence Hall
 - On January 10, 2013 UMC officially opened Heritage Hall to accommodate up to 145 freshmen and sophomore residents. This residence hall has 35 two-bedroom suites for 4 students. The hall has many amenities that will aid in recruitment and help students persist

with a quality student experience. This building also has a new 110-seat classroom/multi-purpose room that will handle large freshmen/sophomore level classes.

- Free Local Bus Services
 - The UMC campus is currently working with the local Tri-Valley Co-op to provide free student transportation within Crookston. This service will eventually need Student Fees to continue.
- Alcohol Awareness Initiatives
 - Safe Ride Home
 - Be Wise and Breathalyze
 - Breathalyzers can be rented from the Crookston Student Association and used at student parties. It has been checked out approximately 12 times in the past year.
- Career and Advising Handbooks
- Office of Community Engagement
- Community Collaboration
- Food Service
 - Starting next fall, UMC will require all students living on-campus in non-apartment units to be on a meal plan. In the past, only freshmen and first semester International students had a mandated meal plan. An additional meal plan option was made available to upperclassmen and there will be no increase in the cost of meal plans next year.
- Council for the Advancement of Standards in Higher Education
- Online Student Services/Support

Lisa Erwin, Vice Chancellor for Student Life, Duluth, provided a PowerPoint to supplement her presentation and it outlined the following topics:

- Division of Student Life Strategic Planning
 - A slide listed the divisions of Student Life and she noted that it has been interesting to bring a student perspective to Parking Services.
 - Lists of Student Life values and their vision were developed last year.
 - This year the divisional goals have been separated into two areas: engaging students and excelling in performance.
 - Next year they will create an annual report format for assessment plans.
- Areas of improvement
 - Philosophy of Student Conduct
 - Parking Services
 - Students have consistently provided feedback regarding the price and lack of parking. A review was conducted and a proposal was accepted to create a less expensive student-parking permit. There will also be incentives offered to those that car pool.
 - Dining Services

- The dining center and menu options have been improved.
 - Facilities
 - Phase I of renovation of the Kirby Student Center starts at the end of Spring 2013.
 - Housing and residence life - \$2.2 million in improvement projects for this summer.
 - A wellness facility is being discussed to assess the needs of students, staff, and faculty.
- Assessment
- Student Affairs Committee of the UMD Campus Assembly
 - A new student organization was formed as a result of derogatory chants that were occurring in the student section at hockey games. They will work to improve campus climate.

Amelious Whyte, Assistant Dean, Office of Student Affairs, Twin Cities, pointed out that each campus is dealing with similar issues like smoking, wellness, and alcohol. He provided a handout to supplement his presentation and he outlined the following topics:

- Online Risk Reduction Education
 - The following companies are the chosen providers of the online courses:
 - Everfi – AlcoholEdu
 - Haven – Sexual Assault
 - Buttonwood – Financial Literacy
 - The courses will be piloted this summer as an implied mandate and the results will be assessed to determine the future implementation. The sexual assault module is being redesigned, so this will not be used this summer.
- Smoke Free/ Tobacco Free Campus Initiative
 - The topic will be raised at the University Senate meeting on May 2nd.
- Strengths
 - Ms. Roehl commented that it is difficult to access the results after the quiz is taken and students have trouble remembering their strengths.
- Student Services Fees
 - There will be a 9.7% increase in fees, driven by administrative requests such as the new Rec Center.
 - Next year's process will have a change in the division of fee request reviews because they are steadily increasing.
- Coffman Union Second Floor Renovation
 - Additional space will be created for student groups and the renovation is projected to be finished by fall 2013.
- Greek Community Strategic Task Force
 - There is a renewed commitment to increase the size of the Greek Community and collaborate to solve Greek Housing issues.

- Off-Campus Housing Outreach
 - The University is communicating with off-campus housing providers to collaborate on common student issues.
- Rec Sports Improvements
 - The Rec Center will open this summer and will hire 300 new student employees.
- Religious Life on Campus
 - Potentially list local churches and organizations on the website.
- Step Up Bystander Initiative
 - A program to provide training to remove ambiguity in difficult and potentially dangerous situations involving sexual assault or mental health.
- Student Mental Health
 - Boynton Health Service is exploring counseling via text messages.
- Student Tailgate Lot
 - There is currently no student tailgate lot. A lot will be created in an effort to increase student attendance. It has not yet been decided if alcohol will be permitted.

Mr. Whyte informed members that the search committee has met with candidates for the Vice provost for Student Affairs and he expects to hear results soon. If a candidate has not been chosen from this group the search will continue.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT YEAR

Members discussed possible topics for the 2013-2014 academic year:

- Tobacco Free Initiative Update
- Student Conduct Code Revisions
- Student Service Fees
- System-wide review of mental health and tobacco free initiatives
- Hear from Vice Provost for Student Affairs
- Off-Campus Housing Outreach Update

Hearing no further business, Ms. Holl and Ms. Polson adjourned the meeting.

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