

ACADEMIC HEALTH CENTER STUDENT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (AHC SCC) MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2002

5:00 - 6:00

488 CHILD REHAB CENTER

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PRESENT: Yogi Samant (Public Health), Doug Streifel (Pharmacy), Jessica Stamschror (Veterinary Medicine).

ABSENT:

Andy Grande (Medical School), Michael Hawley (Dentistry), Melissa Highman (Nursing), Mark Weisbrod (Medical School), Mark Wiisanen (UMD School of Medicine).

GUESTS: Barbara Brandt.

Barbara Brandt began the meeting by providing the committee with some information about changes in the AHC:

- Student are being asked for guidance on space programming, such as if more computer labs or classroom space is needed
- Pre-health science advising office being established where the current bookstore is; are current AHC students are also interested in career service information?
- Refurbishing of classrooms is being planned
- Technology portal being developed; 14 student groups were consulted for input

1. AHC WEB PORTAL

Barbara Brandt said that the AHC Web Portal was started when this committee talked to Dr. Cerra about providing online access to a number of cross-discipline services. The initiative was student-focused with an ability for students to customize their portal.

Focus groups were held with 14 groups to determine what students wanted. Items mentioned included: external news access, grades, financial aid, and a calendar program. The list of items was prioritized with basic functionality being the first consideration.

Access is based on a student's x.500 account. A soft roll-out is planned for the end of March to a select group of students. This group will work with the portal and determine what bugs exist and what parts of the portal need further development. Enhancements will be completed before access is granted to all students in the Fall.

From the focus groups, students were concerned with the poor communication that currently exists within and across colleges and the lack of consistency in online course materials.

Committee members then discussed:

- Problems that exist with opening attachments within the University's current web mail program
- Each class having an e-mail list for daily or weekly messages
- AHC Web Portal being the default homepage on all computers in the AHC
- Portfolio use needs to be required more by faculty so students have a reason to use it
- Speed of the portal when off campus: portal was designed for a 56K modem
- If students are supposed to check their portal page everyday for information, then more public on-campus computers need to be provided in some colleges
- Would the University subsidize students to purchase laptops? University already receives vendor discounts on some brands
- If laptops are recommended, then more etherjacks are needed in the AHC

2. BLOOD-BORNE PATHOGEN POLICIES

Barbara Brandt said that blood-borne pathogen policies are being implemented for the AHC schools except for Veterinary Medicine. The policies would require all students to have certain immunizations according to OSHA requirements. Boynton would provide the registry for these immunizations and would provide further immunizations for all students on clinic rotations whose health is compromised through accidental exposure.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Becky Hippert
University Senate