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## **ACADEMIC HEALTH CENTER STUDENT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (AHC SCC) MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2005**

**5:00 - 6:00 p.m.**

**488 CHILD REHAB CENTER**

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**PRESENT:** Mark Wiisanen, Chair (Medical School – 4<sup>th</sup> Year), Anna Abt (Public Health), Stephanie Hvinden (Nursing), Alisa Madson (Dentistry), Jeff Pinnow (Duluth School of Medicine), Wendy Ruffedt (Occupational Therapy), Sarah Walker (Physical Therapy), Amy Walsh (Medical Technology).

### **REGRETS:**

Paul Behrens (Pharmacy), Rebecca Floyd (Dental Hygiene), Beth Hagen (Duluth Pharmacy), Jennifer Marr (Nursing – Rochester), Julie Nitz (Mortuary Science), Jeremy Olsen (Medical School – 3<sup>rd</sup> Year), Katherine Peterson (Veterinary Medicine), Kristen Thorstenson (Medical School – 2<sup>nd</sup> Year).

**GUESTS:** Barbara Brandt.

### **1. 2005-06 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

Matt Wiisanen asked the current members who would be returning next year. Those who would not be returning, noted whom in their program or college to talk to about next year's members.

### **2. 2004-05 COMMITTEE WRAP-UP**

**AHC LOBBY DAY** – There were only a handful of students present, which was disappointing, but they were able to speak to legislators. There were also few faculty present. The timing of the event was poor but the overall experience was good. The committee should be more involved next year.

**APRIL 12 SESSION** – While there were great speakers, only 10 students attended. The session was not taped, so committee members should help disseminate information. Part of the session addressed the ABC's of advocacy and how to get involved, which would be helpful to students. Students were told that they can have more influence with legislators than lobbyists, but the question still remains, how to get students to contact their legislators without it being a requirement of the program?

**INSURANCE** – The proposal will be instituted for fall semester.

**WEB PORTAL** – Progress is being made. The portal will start with the Medical School and Nursing before spreading AHC-wide.

**SPRING SEMESTER ISSUES** – Issues relating to the early start of spring semester, parking and student loans, was discussed at the student directors meeting. Relating to students loans, schools have not informed the Office of Registrar that their students start early, so they have been using the same start date for all programs. A letter is being drafted to ask that the computer program be changed to generate AHC student loan checks earlier. Parking will be discussed in the future, as part of the larger transportation issue.

### **3. OTHER BUSINESS**

With no other business, Matthew Wiisanen thanked the members for their service this year and adjourned the meeting.

Becky Hippert  
University Senate

