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ACADEMIC HEALTH CENTER STUDENT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (AHC SCC) MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2007

5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

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PRESENT: David Nelsen, Chair (Medical School-3rd Year), Mary Avriette (Veterinary Medicine), Amenah Babar (Public Health), Elizabeth Bassett (Nursing-Twin Cities), Bradley Johnson (Clinical Lab Sciences), Jerod Klava (Dentistry), Jessica Kream (Physical Therapy), Kimberly Langer (Mortuary Science), Lindsey Lundeen (Pharmacy-Duluth), Karen Myren (Medical School-3rd Year), Megan Witucki (Pharmacy-Twin Cities).

REGRETS:

Emily Erickson (Nursing-Rochester), Jennifer Landwehr (Medical School-Duluth), Sarah Sting (Dental Hygiene), Elizabeth Welle (Occupational Therapy).

GUESTS: Barbara Brandt.

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

David Nelsen welcomed members to the first meeting of the year. Members then introduced themselves.

2. REVIEW OF 2006-07 COMMITTEE BUSINESS

David Nelsen reviewed the following list of items that the committee worked on last year:

- Dental Insurance – committee received results of a survey done by a Medical School student last year detailing the lack of preventive dental insurance available to students
 - Barbara Brandt reported that dental insurance is included in the AHC student insurance offered this year. Preventive care is covered at Boynton and private dentists. More details are available on the web. She said that she and Boynton could arrange a trip to Duluth to talk to all AHC students about health and dental insurance.
 - Question: Duluth students pay for insurance, but can they only access dental services in the Twin Cities?
 - Answer: Dental insurance covers visits to private dentists both in the Twin Cities and Duluth.
 - Question: Why are prescription coverage co-pays different in Duluth?
 - Answer: The AHC health insurance is meant to provide coverage to students at both campuses, however there are fewer services available at Duluth, so the student service fee paid by Duluth students is less. Co-pay amounts then vary between the campuses.
- Immunization compliance, the differing rates between programs, and how to let all students know that they need a Mantoux test each year.
- AHC Professional Code of Conduct – the Associate Deans from all the colleges worked on a code that would cover professionals among the colleges
- Interprofessional Education was discussed in terms of what access students have to Interprofessional courses and opportunities during their programs. Students are in favor of more interprofessional experiences
 - Barbara Brandt noted that the Center for Interprofessional Education has been established to work on this issue
- Student Well-Being Survey – the committee reviewed the survey questions that were being

proposed for a few colleges and encouraged similar surveys to be used in the other colleges and programs

He then noted that issues from previous years have included the current AHC health insurance, revision of bus schedules, early financial aid disbursement, and the AHC portal.

3. DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE 2007-08 AGENDA ITEMS

Members suggested inviting speakers on the following topics:

- Sue Jackson, from Boynton, to speak about student insurance, including the dental benefits
- Gwen Halaas, Director of the new Center for Interprofessional Education, to talk about the Center
- Marilyn Becker to discuss the results of the Student Well-Being Survey
- Bill Fricke to discuss the Rural Physician Associate Program (RPAP), which places third-year Medical School students in rural hospitals for a 9-month rotation
- Faculty leadership on rural health (Ron Carter, Pat Solberg)
- Gina Kundan, from CHIP, to discuss their available funding for overseas rotations
- Larissa Minicucci who teaches an international travel class in the College of Veterinary Medicine

Q: Is a rural or abroad rotation/experience available in all colleges and programs?

A: Some colleges and programs do offer these experiences, but students should push for it to be available in all colleges and programs. There are also ways to get a global experience while remaining in the state if a student chooses to study in an area with a high minority population, such as Willmar.

Members then discussed experiences that they are aware of in their programs, noting that funding is always an issue for students, but there is usually a receptive audience willing to help overseas. Some international students would also appreciate the opportunity to do a rotation in their own country.

Barbara Brandt said that risk management is always a concern for the AHC since it does not want to place its students in some areas where help is needed, but where a student's safety cannot be guaranteed.

4. ELECTION OF 2007-08 CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

David Nelsen was elected Chair and Amenah Babar was elected Vice Chair.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

Members discussed the campus strike and the impact it is having on education. Some students are being asked to do work outside the curriculum when the students are paying large amounts to be educated. In other areas the case load has been reduced so much that learning is not taking place since patients are not available.

Barbara Brandt said that she was appreciative of all the work that the students are doing throughout the strike. She noted that not all students are being affected, but the two areas with the highest percentage of striking workers is the dental and veterinary clinics.

With no other business, David Nelsen thanked the members for attending and adjourned the meeting.

Becky Hippert
University Senate