

[In these minutes: Student disability insurance, extra student experiences]

ACADEMIC HEALTH CENTER STUDENT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (AHC SCC) MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2008

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), Megan Witucki (Pharmacy-Twin Cities).

REGRETS: Emily Erickson (Nursing-Rochester), Jennifer Landwehr (Medical School-Duluth), Kimberly Langer (Mortuary Science), Lindsey Lundeen (Pharmacy-Duluth), Karen Myren (Medical School-3rd Year), Sarah Sting (Dental Hygiene), Elizabeth Welle (Occupational Therapy).

GUESTS: Barbara Brandt.

1. DISCUSSION OF STUDENT DISABILITY INSURANCE

David Nelsen said that the Medical School is discussing this option with private brokers, but he would like to know if anything is happening AHC-wide.

Barbara Brandt said that Sue Jackson is getting quotes for this option for students who may be disabled and have student loans to pay back. It is a new concept for students and could be voluntary or mandatory. Input from this committee will be helpful, as well as a sense from the students if there is an interest in this offering.

Members made the following comments:

- A group policy might be cheaper for students
- Some loans are covered by insurance and others are not, so this information would be needed to help students choose.
- Students would need to fit a definition supplied by the insurer
- Undergraduate students would be less interested
- Cost will be a factor
- Debt burden is an AHC student's greatest fear
- Presentations would be needed to each college and program

Q: When could this be offered?

A: It would take two years to offer it to students.

Q: What are the plan details?

A: The cost is still being investigated.

Q: What is needed to implement this option?

A: The recommendation from this committee would go to the Dean's Council and the Associate Deans for discussion and implementation.

David Nelsen asked that Sue Jackson be invited to the next meeting to discuss her research on this topic.

2. DISCUSSION OF EXTRA STUDENT EXPERIENCES

Members discussed the extra student experience options available or those students would like to see in their colleges and programs:

Clinical Lab Sciences – no programs or internships are available so students need to make their own arrangements and are then told that most of their experiences will not translate for credit

Medical School – International Medical Education and Research Office is available but could be expanded for the AHC and include interdisciplinary experiences

Nursing – a basic language course in a few common languages would be helpful; students will not be proficient after a class but could at least make common addresses to patients in their own language and know a few key medical terms

Pharmacy – an internship to Mexico is offered but participants need to speak almost fluent Spanish to go so many take language classes first

Public Health – internships are available, some of which have a clinical aspect. Should this aspect be required?

Veterinary Medicine – a half credit Spanish language class was offered to learn veterinary terminology and the enrollment needed to be capped because of the interest

Members then made the following general comments:

- Language classes could be offered to all AHC students, but because of the different campuses and class times, night classes might be best
- Language classes could be required; cultural topics could also be covered
- CHIP offered a language class at night for two years but student interest comes and goes
- All schools should require an off-campus experience
- If the University has affiliations with international sites in some programs, they might be able to offer experiences for other programs at these same sites
- How are affiliations created?
- If these elements are required by a program, then a student can use Stafford loans to pay

Barbara Brandt suggested that the committee make a list of requirements that should be available in all programs and ways to better utilize current services.

David Nelsen said that this would be the main topic for the March meeting.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

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

Becky Hippert
University Senate