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STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (SCSA)

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2000

2:30 - 4:00

300 MORRILL HALL

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PRESENT: Jesse Berglund (chair), Percy Chaby, David Lenander, Cory Stingl, Jason Stingl.

REGRETS: Sabeen Altaf, Deborah Bang, Jane Canney, Jeremy Dressen, Ted Labuza, Mark McCrory, John Romano.

ABSENT: Terry Hietpas, Shane Naslund, Diane Wartchow, Donna Whitney.

GUESTS: Edward Ehlinger, Tina Falkner.

1. CAMPUS LIGHTING UPDATE

Percy Chaby reported that he and Cory Stingl met with the Campus Safety Committee at which time a history of the light boxes, problems with installation, and their management were discussed. From that meeting, it was determined that no one on campus is in charge of lighting and that blue lights can be expensive and sometimes impossible to install depending on where the wiring comes from. It was decided that the Campus Safety Committee would do some research this summer and bring information back in Fall for feedback. It was also asked if students can be added to the composition of the Campus Safety Committee since currently only faculty and administrators serve.

2. COMMITTEE BUSINESS FOR 2000-01

Jesse Berglund announced that Percy Chaby will be chair of the committee for 2000-01. The committee then made a list of potential agenda items:

- Campus lighting
- Parking, transportation, and U-Pass
- Campus development in terms of meetings the needs of students, faculty, and staff
- PeopleSoft and web registration
- Tuition

- Athletic ticket prices and event promotion
- Mental health report and comparison between years
- Dining service changes and contract renegotiations with Aramark
- CIC student organization policies
- OSD restructuring and ex officio representation on the committee

3. OSD UPDATE

OSD Restructuring

Ed Ehlinger reported that Jane Canney could not be at the SCSA meeting because of a restructuring meeting at the same time. There have been discussions that housing and food services might not be removed from OSD, but nothing has been finalized yet. A decision is expected soon.

U-Pass

The timeline is that U-Pass and Metro Pass would be in place for Fall Semester, no later than the first day of class. Students will pay a mandatory \$5 transportation fee per semester and then the U-Pass itself would cost an additional \$50 per semester. For faculty and staff, the Metro Pass would be available for \$35 per month, which would be roughly \$25 per month after the pre-tax deduction.

Tina Falkner said that the Office of the Registrar will need to look at how the fee is assessed so that students studying off-campus do not pay the mandatory fee.

Public Health Issues

Hepatitis - Ed Ehlinger reported that the Hogsbreath bar and restaurant in White Bear Lake had an outbreak of Hepatitis A last week. Ramsey and Hennepin counties provided free immunoglobulin for people who ate or drank at the restaurant. The University also provided shots for students. After one day though, the counties stopped immunizing people, so those people, who were not students, came to the University looking for immunization. One problem with this is that the counties were providing free immunizations and therefore people expected the same from the University. The situation raised the question of the University's relationship to other health departments and its role in providing help to a larger community.

Both Hepatitis A and B are easy to immunize against, yet Hepatitis A was only recently mandated for entry into elementary school. The federal government is working on a joint Hepatitis A and B shot that would then be more broadly available.

Q: Is there also a Hepatitis C?

A: There is, but the disease has just been discovered since it has such a long incubation period. Unlike Hepatitis A, Hepatitis C is a blood born disease and until recently the only cure was a liver transplant. Some drugs are now being tested.

Q: How can the county said that it will no longer immunize people?

A: They should not be able to but there are problems in Ramsey's Public Health department. Since the University has a traveling clinic equipped with the immunoglobulin, people contacted the University.

Q: Does the state mandate immunization?

A: Yes but at different levels.

Tuberculosis - TB screening is done for all international students to reduce the risk to all other students. To not show prejudice towards any country, all international students are tested, even those from Canada. Since regulations vary across the state, a TB screening task force has been established to standardize in-state testing.

Mental Health - Collected data will be analyzed this summer and then a report will be produced, which can be shared with the committee in the Fall.

Tobacco - The University will host a Tobacco Summit in October 10 to discuss use among college students.

Alcohol - Several problems were reported after Spring Jam, such as sexual assault and minor injuries, which have been attributed to alcohol.

Task Force to Review Fees Process

During the lawsuit, the University looked at ways to make its process better. Now that the lawsuit has been dropped, the University feels that it should take a proactive step to make changes. A committee will be appointed in May and will work until November. A recommendation will then be sent to the Vice President. Percy Chaby will be one member on that committee.

4. CAMPUS UPDATES

MSA - Percy Chaby said that MSA is restructuring to provide more cohesion in the organization. A resolution from SHAC to provide better access for buildings and parking ramps and the 2000-01 budget were passed at the last meeting

Jesse Berglund then thanked all members for their service this year and adjourned the meeting at 3:11 p.m. Committee members also congratulated Jesse on his year as chair of the committee.

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