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STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (SCSA)

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 2001

2:30 - 4:00

140 NOLTE CENTER

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PRESENT: Percy Chaby (chair), Deb Cran, Tina Falkner, Darwin Hendel, Yasemin Kaygisiz, David Lenander, Brittney Barnes McCarthy, Sara Nagel, Ryan Nagle, Hoang Uyen Nguyen, Gerald Rinehart, Janet Schottel, Jason Stingl,.

REGRETS: Edward Ehlinger, Cheryl Meyers.

ABSENT: Bryan Donaldson, Terry Hietpas, Patrick Pederson, Cory Stingl.

GUESTS: Paul Enever, Bill Stallman, Jim Turman.

1. UPDATES

OFFICE FOR STUDENT DEVELOPMENT

Jim Turman provided the OSD update regarding Coffman. The University will be employing a design-build to bring the project back in budget. The budget will be on the May Regents' docket for approval, after which time construction can start. The building will open in Fall 2002 with phased-in occupancy. The Bookstore will be one of the first occupants.

Q: Has the Bookstore issue been resolved?

A: The Bookstore will increase from 8,000 to 40,000 square feet to become the central bookstore. All branches will be closed except for St. Paul.

Q: What space will be lost by the Bookstore increasing?

A: Student Legal Services and the Studio will be relocated, but no front-line services will be lost. Robert Jones will be working with other campus departments to make sure that student services not located in Coffman are clustered somewhere else on campus, perhaps in Williamson Hall.

Jim Turman then turned to discussing Recreational Sports. He commented that in 1972 the University maintained 28 fields, now there are only 8. The fields have been displaced due to campus expansion. The University has made a commitment to replacing these lost fields on the

St. Paul campus, but nothing will be done until the campus master plan is completed. Putting a stadium in campus also creates more land use issues since the only feasible location is in the Huron parking lots. There are also plans for a new baseball stadium which would require additional space. While a new indoor tennis facility is being built, all the outdoor courts have been removed, so there are no free courts for student use. The Rec Center is overcrowded now and additional space is needed to accommodate all the students, faculty, and staff on campus.

Q: Are joint use facilities between Rec Sports and Athletics a possibility?

A: Since land is an issue, joint use would be the best option. Although for this to happen, time in each space needs to be committed. Many times this is not possible since coaches ask players to stay late and practice during times that would normally be used for Rec Sports.

OSD's strategic planning process has started, with much work being done centrally first to determine goals and outcomes. Six areas are being looked at: links to research reviews, links to academics, resolving internal issues, developing ties with other campus administrative offices, and working with students on their issues. Reports should be issued by mid-June with changes in place for Fall. The broad goal of the strategic planning process is to provide seamless student support and connect with academic programming.

Q: Where will OSD be housed?

A: The central office will remain in Morrill Hall with many other services in Coffman once renovations are completed.

Q: Has a student survey been completed?

A: Different surveys from the past have been used. The committees will also gather materials and identify themes from the materials.

A committee member noted that a survey should be completed of students who have left the University as to why they did.

UPASS

Sales figures are lower for Spring than Fall, although lower admissions could account for the decrease. For those who no longer subscribe, the University is considering a survey to ask why people did not purchase again. Marketing efforts will also be increased.

Q: Will UPass be available over the summer?

A: Enrolled students can purchase the pass for \$50 for the entire summer.

Q: What will happen when the federal grant ends next year?

A: The University and Parking Services are working to find funds, perhaps through a transportation fee for all students. The University also hosted a state-wide transportation conference for all Minnesota colleges. If all the colleges band together, they could lobby the

federal government more effectively for on-going funding.

Q: What has been the ridership on UPass?

A: There was a 35% increase Fall Semester and a 20% increase Spring Semester for an overall increase of 25%

Q: How many riders use Metropass?

A: 1182 passes were sold Fall Semester and 1383 were sold Spring Semester.

Jim Turman then mentioned that the Washington Avenue Circulator has been changed due to the bridge work. The route now stops at Willey Hall on the West Bank and then crosses the 19th Avenue bridge back to East Bank, with stops along University Avenue. This change was necessitated by the bridge work to relieve congestion, increase safety, and serves more of campus. \$25,000 is also being saved by not running the 10th avenue circulator.

Q: Will this change be permanent?

A: No decision has been made, but it might depend on how many complaints are received.

2. SCSA BYLAW CHANGE

Paul Enever, Chair of the Student Service Fees Task Force, said that his committee had looked at the issue of student service fees being viewpoint neutral. This committee was necessitated from the Wisconsin lawsuit and the Supreme Court decision.

The task force also looked at a history of concerns and revision from across the campuses. It was noted that task force are formed at least every five years to deal with issues, and these ad hoc bodies are not as efficient as an established body.

The task force determined that a standing body was the best option, and that this body should be within the Senate structure. The reasons for this is that the Senate is system-wide, has both student and faculty members, and staff support is provided for institutional memory.

The task force recommendation is then to establish a subcommittee of SCSA to deal with student service fees. The subcommittee's membership would be system-wide, either provided by SCSA or the Senate Consultative Committee (SCC). Voting ex officio members from each campus would provide needed information. The subcommittee's charge would be to review feedback from each campus and increase communication between the campuses.

The Bylaws change was approved last week, although Duluth expressed concern that the change will increase work without providing any more benefits.

A committee member noted that there is also work being done on waiving student fees. The charge should be reworded so that any reports relating to student fees be forwarded to the

subcommittee.

With no further comments, a vote was taken and the Bylaw change was approved.

3. AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Since the ad hoc subcommittees had not met prior to this meeting, the rest of the time was allotted for them to meet and discuss their topics.

With no further business, Percy Chaby thanked the members for attending and adjourned the meeting.

Rebecca Hippert
University Senate