

SENATE COMMITTEE ON STUDENT AFFAIRS
MINUTES OF MEETING
OCTOBER 6, 2004

[In these minutes: Housing, U-ternship, Agenda Items for 2004 - 2005]

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PRESENT: Kristen Denzer, chair, Jennifer Wagner, Gerald Rinehart, Jean-Marie Del-Santo, Yasemin Kaygisiz, Carolyn Nayematsu, Christine Ascherman, Divya Raman

REGRETS: Christina Trok, Kendre Turonie, Iraj Bashiri, Kim Roufs, Janet Schottel, Matt Painschab, Tina Falkner

ABSENT: Shannon Carry

OTHER(S): Gabriele Schmiegel, Luis Garcia

I). Kristen Denzer called the meeting to order.

II). Kristen Denzer asked members how they wanted to proceed with the housing issue, a topic which the Committee spent a significant amount of time on last year. A member recalled that the Committee wanted to draft a statement recommending more low-cost, co-op type housing be made available to students.

Kristen Denzer reported that neither Kendre Turonie or Janet Schottel, members of the housing subcommittee, were able to attend today's meeting. They will, however, at the November meeting share with the Committee additional information they collected on this topic.

III). Associate Vice Provost for Student Affairs Jerry Rinehart updated the Committee on the U-ternship program. U-ternship matches

undergraduate students with administrators throughout the University. The program is designed to give students an opportunity to see how decisions are made at the University, and to give them a chance to learn more about personal responsibility and accountability in the work place, etc. The program also provides administrators that are oftentimes isolated from students with an opportunity to interact with a student and to get a student¹'s perspective on a variety of issues. Currently, eight administrators have agreed to participate in the program and Vice Provost Rinehart is in the process of finding students interested in participating. He called on SCSA members to help identify students for this program. Vice Provost Rinehart will forward the U-ternship application to Renee Dempsey, Senate staff, for distribution to the Committee.

IV). The Committee continued its brainstorming from last spring on possible agenda items for the 2004 - 2005. The following items were identified:

- Receive periodic CEU-ternship¹ updates.
- Invite Laurie McLaughlin of HRL and Mark Karon of University Student Legal Services (USLS) to provide an update on HRL¹'s plan to CEdelist¹ properties when a landlord had 3 or more unresolved tenant complaints filed with the University Student Legal Services (USLS) and/or when a property received 3 or more inspection orders with municipal code violations in a 12 month period.
- Invite Steve Cawley from OIT to report on the implications of downloading copyrighted material and receive an update on students being sued for copyright infringement by the RIAA (Recording Industry Association of America). Also, receive an update on Rhapsody.
- International Student Services update.
- Invite Dr. Edward Ellinger to provide a Boynton Health Service update. Concerns have been heard around students¹ lack of choice in terms of care delivery, quality of care, and cost issues. Also, ask Dr. Ellinger to comment on the proposed AHC expansion and rumors that the AHC may take over Boynton Health Service.
- Learn more about student fees and how they are appropriated. Should students have a choice where their fees go? Should student fees be used to fund a new stadium?
- Receive a report on the results of the Campus Life Benchmarking Project (brief report in November and full report in December).

- Receive reports from the various advisory groups of units that are largely funded by student fees e.g. Recreational Sports Advisory Board, Twin Cities Student Unions Board of Governors, etc. to learn about issues they are concerned about.
- Invite Disability Services to share information on the cost of testing students for learning or psychological disabilities. This issue is a growing concern for this population of students.

IV). Hearing no further business, Kristen Denzer adjourned the meeting.

Renee Dempsey
University Senate